

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Cooper, and Commissioner Lewis.

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Phalbe Henriksen, Library Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Angela Macey, Community Development Director.

(See Supplement File No. 06-19-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hersey offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 08-2 (KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AS AGENT FOR THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson requested a continuance to July 17, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved to continue the public hearing to July 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 08-3 (HOMAYOUN RAFATI)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 08-3, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Ms. Thompson advised that the staff recommendation from the Regional Planning Council states that the proposed amendment is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the guidelines outlined in the Land Development Regulations. Therefore, the Planning Council recommends approval of the application

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 08-3. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-19.](#))

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 08-4 (STARKE FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 08-4, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (RSF-1) TO RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME01 (RSF/MH-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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Ms. Thompson advised that the Planning Council finds the proposed amendment to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations, and recommends approval.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 08-4. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-20.](#))

--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S 080404A (NEW RIVER LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC.)—NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson requested a continuance to July 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lewis asked for an explanation for the continuance. Ms. Thompson advised that she received a letter from the applicant requesting the continuance.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved to continue the public hearing to July 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

--AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 14-282 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE—ANGELA MACEY:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 14-282 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; CREATING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING F FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mr. Brown advised that the proposed ordinance brings the County into compliance with changes in state statute.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-21.](#))

RESOLUTIONS

--APPOINTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE—ANGELA MACEY:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-09.](#))

--CONFIRMING OPEN FIRE BURN BAN—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Carter read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ACTION BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR IMPOSING AN OPEN FIRE BURN BAN AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 26-8(h) OF THE COUNTY CODE:

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-10.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES FROM WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2008
- B. S.H.I.P. PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS
- C. S.H.I.P. HOME REPAIR LOANS
- D. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FROM REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CDBG F/Y 2008
- E. I.G.C.F. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM QUOTE \$48,316.20

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.

EMERGENCY HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS TO REPLACE VERY OLD MOBILE HOME NOT TO EXCEED THE REMAINING BALANCE IN HHR GRANT FUND—ANGELA MACEY:

Ms. Macey said that there is a remaining balance of \$36,500.00 (plus account interest not posted) available in the HHR grant fund. This is not enough to do complete demolition rebuild. She would like permission to use the funds to purchase a mobile home to replace an older mobile home. Long-term mortgages were done on the prior site-built homes. However, this would be handled as a grant.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved [the request](#) as presented.

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PURCHASE OF BACK-UP PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) EQUIPMENT FROM STATE 9-1-1 GRANT—NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green presented a request to purchase a back-up Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) at the cost of \$35,514.00, to be paid out of grant funds.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved [the purchase](#) as requested.

PAYMENT OF BILLS—CHAIRMAN CHANDLER:

Chairman Chandler said that he reviewed the bills and recommends payment.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills.

(A list of the bills is located in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

--DOT has requested a brief workshop prior to the July 8 regular meeting, to discuss the proposed HWY 301 bypass.

There being a consensus for the workshop, Mr. Carter advised that he will contact DOT.

--Mr. Tony Todd, who handles the brush removal by contract, has requested an increase from 35 to \$45 a ton due to fuel costs. This is an annual increase of approximately \$9,000.00.

Commissioner Cooper expressed concern about an increase being allowable under the terms of the existing contract without re-bidding.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized the increase, pending review by Counsel to confirm compliance with the contract.

--In reviewing the minutes from the recent workshop concerning the impact fees, it is his understanding that the Board's intent is to leave the total impact fee at \$550.00. The law enforcement and fire protection categories to remain at current rates, all other categories are to be reduced to 0.00 and those amounts to be rolled into the road category.

After confirming the Board's intent, Mr. Brown advised he would draft the ordinances for advertisement and public hearing.

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CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:

Clerk Norman said that he needs guidance from the Commission regarding changes to the Value Adjustment Board.

Commissioner Cooper explained the changes to the laws concerning the VAB, which was not limited to but included the makeup of the VAB, the training requirement and special magistrates versus private counsel. He recommended that the Board move forward with appointing its members and provide citizen's names to the County Manager's Office and authorize the Chairman to appoint the citizen member.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously declared an emergency.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously appointed Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Hersey to serve on the 2008 VAB. (Commissioner Cooper is to be an alternate.)

Chairman Chandler asked each Commissioner to submit a citizen name to the County Manager's Office for the citizen appointment.

There was brief discussion concerning the process for hiring private counsel for the VAB.

Mr. Brown advised that the ultimate appointment of the citizen member should come back to the Commission for ratification. Chairman Chandler asked that the ratification of the citizen member be placed on the July 8 agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--He inquired about the possibility of solar panels on the courthouse.

Mr. Carter said that he would check into it.

At this time, Chairman Chandler read the following announcement:

"In this first official act of the newly elected Chairperson of the Small County Coalition, Dixie County Commissioner Buddy Lamb created a special recognition and appointed Bradford County Commissioner John Cooper as Chairperson Emeritus of the Small County Coalition. Cooper has served the past two years as the Chair of the Small County Coalition, a powerful lobbying organization for small rural communities in Tallahassee. In announcing Cooper's appointment, Lamb stated that during Cooper's leadership as Chair of the Coalition, there had been tremendous progress on behalf of small counties in Tallahassee. Lamb outlined the impacts of Cooper's leadership. Under John Cooper's leadership, the rural initial was put into place out of the Governor's Office. A financially constrained county revenue sharing program was created and funded. Most of Florida's poorest counties were given special treatment with a 3% budget rollback rather than as much as a 9% during the special session (b) in 2007. Special language was secured in special session (d) in 2007 protecting small counties from being devastated by the revenue reduction resulting from the passage of Amendment I and \$10 million in new funding was secured to help small, poorer counties while the state budgets was being reduced. Lamb further stated Commissioner Cooper has set the bar for the Chair of

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the Coalition.” The Chairperson Emeritus appointment grants Commissioner Cooper the authority to attend all meetings that are held by the coalition. Commissioner Cooper was presented with a plaque.

Chairman Chandler expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Cooper for his hard work with the Coalition.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Concurred with Commissioner Lewis concerning the solar panels for the courthouse.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--He asked Facility Maintenance Director D.Z. Griffis to report on the library utility bills.

Mr. Griffis said that a few items were omitted during the construction process, probably due to budget constraints. A proposal is being drafted to see what can be done to correct some shortfalls in efficiency. There is a possible savings of about \$3,000.00 per month.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--He has received a request from R.E. Environmentals for a waiver to dump trash at New River. They sponsored a roll-off container for the Bike Fest. This is not something he wants the Commission to start getting involved with.

There was consensus to deny the request for a waiver.

--He reminded the Commission that he and Mr. Carter are planning a meeting with the City of Starke. They will be reporting on the outcome.

Commissioner Cooper suggesting asking the City of Starke for a governmental rate for utility bills.

--Terry Vaughan has requested permission to hold early voting in the Commission Meeting room.

There was a consensus to grant the request.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS