

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008
9:30 AM.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2008, at 9:30 a.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; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Nelson Green, Emergency Services Director; D.Z. Griffis; Facility Maintenance Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, CED; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Sheriff Milner; Capt. Starling; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Jim Farrell, Finance Director.

(See Supplement File No. 08-04-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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RESOLUTIONS

--RECOGNIZING THE FORESTRY COMMUNITY—BRAD CARTER

Mr. Carter read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO RECOGNIZE THE FORESTRY COMMUNITY FOR THEIR STRONG COMMITMENT TO PROTECT FLORIDA’S WETLANDS AND WATER RESOURCES.”

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-16.](#))

--REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FDOT FOR RESURFACING OF SE 8TH AVENUE—BRAD CARTER:

Mr. Carter read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A [REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COST OF RESURFACING SE 8TH AVENUE FROM SR 100 TO SR 21 IN BRADFORD COUNTY.](#)”

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-17.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

A. SHIP HOME REPAIR AND PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS

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

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON NOTICE OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION – MARTHA ORTHOEFER

Ms. Orthoefer, with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announced that this is the first of two public hearings for the Fiscal-Year 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program. A Power-Point presentation was used to review the grant program. Bradford County is eligible to apply for \$750,000.00 for housing, neighborhood revitalization and commercial revitalization and \$750,000.00 for economic development.

There was brief discussion concerning the economic development portion of the grant program.

Ms. Orthoefer said that with Commission approval, she will be returning with a prepared grant application and a short Fair Housing Presentation at a later meeting.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously authorized the Council to work with County staff to prepare the application.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND JONES EDMUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – WORK ORDER NO. 2 – DONNY WISE:

Mr. Wise presented the agreement to the Commission. The agreement is a renewal of the existing contract and authorizes compensation for services rendered of \$53,200.00 for the year. Mr. Wise recommended approval of the agreement.

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

SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR DAVIS EXPRESS ADDITION – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson presented the site plan to the Commission for review.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Site Plan as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER COOPER:

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills as reviewed. (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Joyce Mitchell and Mr. Silas Clark of Hampton – Water lines in the City of Hampton:

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Clark said that although they live in the County, the City of Hampton supplies their residences with water. The pipes are about 50 years old and are in dire need of replacement. The City of Hampton is applying for a grant for new pipes. However, they have been told that they will not be included in the project.

Chairman Chandler asked Commissioner Hersey to investigate and report to the Commission.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown reported on the following:

--He is in the process of working out an interlocal agreement with the City of Keystone and should have it ready for the Commission at the next meeting.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

Mr. Carter reported on the following:

--For discussion purposes, Mr. Carter advised that the City of Starke has requested the Board to consider compensating the City for their fire trucks accompanying County rescue units.

Chairman Chandler said that he and Mr. Carter have met with the City on two occasions. The summation of their discussion is that the City feels the County should compensate them for assisting on runs to the tune of about \$50,000.00 per year.

Mr. Green advised that the City of Starke reports that they responded to about 900 EMS related calls last year, which they feel this is an exorbitant number.

This spurred extensive discussion.

Commissioner Cooper said Mr. Green has advised that he estimates 90% of the calls that the City of Starke is asking reimbursement for are calls within the city limits. Therefore, it is inappropriate that the County is being asked to contribute these monies. The City pays additional property taxes for a heightened level of service.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously denied the City of Starke's request to contribute the \$50,000.00; and if the City of Starke expresses an interest, to pursue consolidation of the two services.

--Mr. Carter requested approval to advertise a Request for Bids for lime rock and hauling lime rock.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to advertise an RFB for lime rock and lime rock hauling.

--Communities in Schools Transportation Operation (CISTO) has applied for two federal grants for transportation to purchase two new vans and to provide operational monies to expand their services.

Chairman Chandler said that this is an excellent opportunity to provide transportation within the city to those who do not have transportation. The majority of the people that utilize these services are people who do not drive or who are unable to own a vehicle. The County has no other transportation except for one cab service.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the [grant project](#).

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Inquired about the status of the Deerwood Subdivision land use change amendment application. Ms. Thompson advised that it has been re-advertised for the August 21st meeting.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--If at all possible, he would like to hire someone part-time to help keep up with cutting the grass on County roads.

This spurred brief discussion, which included the possibility of using inmate labor.

--He and Mr. Funderburk traveled to Marion County to look at their chip seal roads. It is an excellent product. They looked at some roads that were 13 years old and they were in great shape. He is in favor of using it on the County's roads.

Incited by a question posed by Commissioner Lewis, Clerk Norman advised that funds are included in the proposed 08-09 budget, which begins October 1, 2008.

After brief discussion, there was a consensus to begin the process so construction can begin on October 1.

There was brief discussion regarding a contractor doing the work at approximately \$110,000.00 per mile and a unit price contract for one year with the County doing the sub-work.

--He and Mr. Funderburk met with the City of Lawtey and they are getting ready to re-advertise the engineering for the sewer system and it should be awarded within the next few months. They are interested in piggy-backing off the County's contract for the chip seal to do their roads

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY**

ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk