

(10-06-08 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Robert Perone, Library Director; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Milner, Ron Lilly, CEO Chamber of Commerce; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Steve Kirker, Building Department; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Tim Wilson, CED; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director and Jim Farrell, Finance Director.

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(See Supplement File No. 10-06-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

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**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Chandler offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES**

**--ADOPTING THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Terry Brown read the title into the record.

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 36 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING THE FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE; PROVIDING FILING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

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

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Cooper, Mr. Brown advised that the ordinance adopts the State code and is no more stringent than the State already requires. Ms. Thompson said that the ordinance requires the County to provide fire inspection services for the County only.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-33.](#))*

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. SHIP PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS**
- B. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**

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

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## **TDC FUNDING REQUEST – RON LILLY:**

Mr. Lilly presented a [\\$2,000.00 funding request](#) for the Keystone Airpark for the European Rally School four-day event. The Tourist Development Council has approved the request.

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the funding request as presented.*

Mr. Lilly then introduced the Mayor of Keystone, Mary Lou Hildreth.

Mayor Hildreth expressed her appreciation to the Commission for its continued support of the Airpark. The Airpark is a hidden gem and holds potential for economic development. Mayor Hildreth said she looks forward to working together on common goals for the area.

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## **FDOT PRESENTATION FOR SE 144<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PROJECT – DAVID ANDERSON:**

Mr. Anderson invited the Commission to attend a public hearing scheduled for October 13 at the Bradford County Library where the findings of the Project Development and Environmental Study will be presented. Doors will be opened to the public at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Anderson utilized a Power-Point presentation to review the proposed project, timeline and funding mechanisms for the paving of SE 144<sup>th</sup> Street.

Extensive discussion ensued. The Commission expressed great concern about the proposed plan as it relates to the “right turn only” exit onto HWY 301.

The Commission will attend the public hearing on October 13 to express their concerns.

**RC&D PRESENTATION – TOM CUNILIO:**

Mr. Cunilio, the Coordinator for Florida Renewable RC&D Council, addressed the Commission. They were awarded a \$230,000.00 grant appropriation to get the Raiford wood-fired power plant back in operation, but the governor vetoed that legislation back in 2005 for unknown reasons. The Natural Resource Conservation Service requires the Council to have water, land and renewable energy projects, including community development. Ms. Salatheia Jenkins Brown, Bradford County’s representative on the Council, and Mr. Watson, the Mayor of Lawtey, have identified a potential interesting community development project in Lawtey. The Council has plans to move forward to see if they can assist Lawtey in developing their community center. With this project in the works, they will look much better to the USDA, if they find money and want to fund a good Council in Florida.

Last year he came before the Commission and requested a letter of support for their application to the USDA. He thanked the Commission for the letter. The letter was delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture this past summer. The application was delivered to the state offices in Gainesville. The application includes a five-year plan, which identifies four projects they voted to accept. Mr. Cunilio gave a brief overview of the four projects.

Mr. Harry Kegelmann, CEO of Advanced Solar Technologies, addressed the Commission. He has been appointed by the Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to serve on their Energy Advisory Committee/Commission. With energy cost constantly on the rise, there needs to be more emphasis on solar energy, alternative energy sources and becoming energy independent. The RC&D Council could be a resource for Bradford County on its path to energy independence.

Chairman Chandler instructed Mr. Carter to send a letter to Ms. Salatheia Jenkins Brown, thanking her for representing Bradford County on the RC&D Council.

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**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER LEWIS:**

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, 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.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:**

--The Commission has been provided with a [revised proposed five-year road priority](#) list for paving (2009-2014). The last item has been added at the request of the Community Traffic Safety Team. The new list will be submitted to D.O.T.

--The Community Traffic Safety Team is requesting the Commission to proclaim October 10, 2008, as “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®”.

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the [Proclamation](#) as presented.*

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**CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:**

Clerk Norman reminded the Commissioners serving on the VAB of the hearings scheduled for Thursday, October 9, at 9:30 a.m.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:**

--Representative Janet Atkins is requesting office space for one person for three full days a week. She would prefer a space that can be locked, with phone and Internet. If need be, the state will furnish the computers and furniture. She would need a letter from the Commission so she in turn can submit a request to the state to set up an office.

Mr. Carter advised that the office space that was utilized by the County Planner is available.

There was brief discussion.

Clerk Norman said that there is a possibility that the County may be able to request reimbursement from the state, if need be.

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved to provide the space as requested, as long as the County's costs are kept to a minimum.*

Chairman Chandler said that if the office were opened, after six months he would like to evaluate the traffic volume and the expense to the County.

Commissioner Cooper said that he would like to extend an invitation to Rep. Atkins to attend the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Chandler instructed Mr. Carter to prepare the letter and contact Rep. Atkins to invite her to attend the next meeting.

**Commissioner Cooper commented on the following:**

--In his opinion, the Commission needs to send F.D.O.T. a strongly worded letter that the SE 144<sup>th</sup> proposal will not work. The proposal is defeating the purpose of the project.

This incited discussion.

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to sign a letter to F.D.O.T. opposing any design of SE 144<sup>th</sup> that does not include southbound flow on US 301.*

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

--Expressed his appreciation to all the department heads and asked for Mr. Wises' help on an illegal dumping issue.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:**

--It is more critical now than ever that Bradford County have an Economic Development Plan to encourage good, clean industry to come to our community.

--The County needs to work with Suwannee River Water Management to develop a plan to improve the method of cleaning out the County's outfall ditches.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Carter said that they would put together a formal plan and bring it to the Commission.

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Mr. Tom Tomlinson asked if it would be appropriate to ask the City of Starke to join in on the opposing position on the SE 144<sup>th</sup> right turn only issue.

Chairman Chandler said that would be very appropriate and asked Mr. Carter to make sure that gets done and to include the Starke Police Department.

Sheriff Milner said that he too would be preparing a letter.

Commissioner Cooper said that F.D.O.T. has been a good group of people to work with on this project and he appreciates their willingness to hear input from people and government boards. He is confident that F.D.O.T. will hear the objections and deal with them.

Mr. Anderson advised that he would be making the same presentation at the Starke City Commission meeting tomorrow night. F.D.O.T. holds public hearings because they want everyone's input. If the Commission presents them with a letter at the public hearing, it will be included in the permanent record as part of the file.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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**ROSS CHANDLER, CHANDLER**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford