

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, 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; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Donna Wise, Court Reporter; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Capt. Zipperer; Mark Crawford, Press; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections and Terry Brown, County Attorney.

(See Supplement File No. 10-16-08 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 6:30 p.m.

UPDATE ON SANTA FE ENDOWMENT CORPORATION – CHUCK CLEMMONS AND/OR TERRY VAUGHAN:

Mr. Vaughan said that one sure way to improve the economy is to invest in education and giving the young people of our community an avenue to better their lives and further their education. Tomorrow morning there is a breakfast at Madison Street Baptist Church. The proceeds will go toward the Becky Reddish Scholarship Fund. There are a lot more scholarship opportunities available in the future.

Ms. Cheryl Canova, representing the Santa Fe Endowment, n/k/a Santa Fe Foundation, addressed the Commission. She invited the Commission to attend a luncheon on November 21st at the Public Library, provided by the Endowment. Ms. Canova gave a brief overview of the Dollars for Scholars and various other scholarship programs available. They will be going into more detail about the programs at the November 21st luncheon.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. 06-3 (PATERSON/BUFKIN) – 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 TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 06-3, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) 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.”

Mr. Brown said that based on the proposed [recommended order](#) from the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission has three options:

1. Adopt the recommended order, and then adopt the ordinance as read.
2. Reject the recommended order.
3. Modify the recommended order.

Mr. Brown [instructed](#) the Commission on the limitations placed on the discretion of the Board to either modify or reject the recommended order.

Commissioner Lewis said that the recommended order is to approve the rezoning request.

Commissioner Cooper said that he has reviewed the Administrative Law Judge’s Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and sees no errors. However, should this piece of property be rezoned to Commercial Intensive, there are certain uses under the LDR that are allowed as a matter of right and there are certain uses that require a special exception. There are allowances in the LDR that require a special exception that in his opinion are absolutely inappropriate for the location and should be fought at all levels, at all times, not just by this Board, but by the citizens in the area. Hopefully, the developer will do something that will enhance the area that is less than one-quarter of a mile away from one of the County’s nicest fishing lakes.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted 3-1 to adopt the recommended order as the final order, with Commissioner Hersey dissenting.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted 3-1 to adopt the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 06-3, with Commissioner Hersey dissenting. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 08-34.](#))

RESOLUTIONS

--FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS AND SERVICES – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS AND SERVICES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

There was brief discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-27.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. AGREEMENT FOR HAULING LIMEROCK**
- B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2008 EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH**

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the unanimously approved payment of the bills as reviewed. (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:

--Based on critical and immediate need, the Road Department is requesting approval for the emergency purchase of a used two-blade grader and used backhoe from a sole source. Two old graders and one old backhoe will be traded in. The net cost will be no more than \$43,000.00, which has been identified in the budget. The old equipment needs to be surplus: 1968 grader, 1969 backhoe and a 1985 grader.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure of up to \$43,000.00 and to surplus the three pieces of old equipment. Expenditure of the funds is contingent upon a Road Department employee's inspection of the new equipment.

--Requested and received a consensus to authorize Mr. Brown to review the County's purchasing procedures and to bring recommended changes, if any, back to the Board for consideration.

--Recommended approval of a Second Memorandum of Agreement: Revenue Distribution Approach for RACEC Catalyst Project for Economic Development – North Central Florida RACEC (Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern). The agreement does not obligate the County for any cost; it is simply a formula for revenue distribution. It will also benefit the County by the development of a website that will advertise and encourage economic development in the area.

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the Second Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--Rep. Janet Atkins has plans to attend and address the Board at the December 1 meeting.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

--The Economic Development Board has suggested that one of the Commissioners attend their meetings to stay informed. They are getting ready to start a Visioning for an Economic Development Plan and the goal is to bring everyone to the table to help identify needs. He will continue to attend a few more meetings and it would be good if some of the other Board members could attend.

They have expressed concern about the fact that the investor at the airpark has invested \$1 million and they would like the County to get started on the roads. He has relayed to them that the Commission has agreed in principal and that when everything legally is settled, the County would try to get that work done.

Commissioner Lewis inquired about the "Children at Play" sign on Pine Street. Chairman Chandler said that it is a City issue and the City does have its own Sign Shop. However, he is sure it would not be a problem if they need the County's assistance.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk