

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, November 3, 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; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Angela Macey; Community Development Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Lieut. Gayle Russell; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, CED; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Sheriff Milner; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Mark Crawford; Press; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; and Capt. Carol Starling, Jail Administrator.

(See Supplement File No. 11-03-08 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 9:35 a.m.

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RESOLUTIONS:

--FULL FUNDING OF AMENDMENT I --

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING FULL FUNDING OF AMENDMENT I FOR FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES.”

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. ([The Resolution was assigned No. 08-28.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2008**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**
- C. SECURITY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TUTELA, INC. AND BRADFORD COUNTY**

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

(As this was Commissioner Coopers' last meeting, Chairman Chandler relinquished the gavel to Commissioner Cooper to Chair the remainder of the meeting.)

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – CHAIRMAN CHANDLER:

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills. (A list of the bills is located in the Finance Office.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

--Supervisor of Elections Terry Vaughan reported on early voting stats and expressed his appreciation to the Board for the use of the Commission Meeting room.

--Ms. Esther Kelley, President of Retired Educators, announced that Governor Crist has declared November 16, 2008 as Retired Educators Day. Ms. Kelley expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for their continued support of educators.

--Health Department Director Winifred Holland acknowledged Mr. Vaughan's partnership with the Health Department for the "Vote and Vaccinate" program being held tomorrow in Keystone Heights where flu shots will be provided.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT KEYSTONE AIRPARK

Mr. Brown presented the [proposed Interlocal Agreement](#) (as amended) with the City of Keystone Heights regarding land use and zoning for the Keystone Airpark.

The Commission was not in favor of any proposed amendments to the County's Comp. Plan, LDR or Zoning Code directly or indirectly affecting the land use, zoning and development activities within the geographical boundaries of the Airpark located in Bradford County having to be approved by the Keystone Heights City Council prior to consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Cooper said that the agreement could require applicants to notify the City of Keystone of any public hearings. The City can attend the hearings and express their objections and make recommendations.

Mr. Brown advised that the language would be amended and presented to the City Council.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS -- BRAD CARTER:

- Mr. Carter reopened the issue of the equipment purchase for the Road Department approved at the last meeting. The Commission approved the purchase up to \$43,000.00. After further review, the equipment cost is anticipated at \$75,000.00.

Commissioner Thomas explained that when he met with Mr. Farrell and Mr. Carter to locate funds in the budget, there was an apparent misunderstanding. He was under the impression that there was \$30,000.00 available in the budget and \$43,000.00 would come out of reserve, for a total of \$73,000.00.

Mr. Farrell advised that he and Mr. Carter understood that the total was \$43,000.00, not 73,000.00.

Discussion ensued.

Clerk Norman advised that there is only \$30,000.00 in the 08-09 budget to purchase new equipment. He cautioned the Board about staying within the budget.

Commissioner Cooper suggested authorizing Mr. Carter and Commissioner Thomas to negotiate a deal with the vendor, either to purchase or possibly finance the equipment. The Board has approved \$43,000.00: \$30,000.00 from new equipment and \$13,000.00 from reserve. If a deal can be negotiated within that amount, fine, if not, then bring a firm proposal back to the Commission for approval.

Chairman Chandler asked Clerk Norman to look at financing options without jeopardizing the budget.

- The Commission has before them a [proposed agreement with Florida Highway Products, Inc.](#), to apply the double chip seal process to Rising Road, Wiley Kelly Road and the unpaved portion of Marklee Starling Road. The agreement is a piggyback of an existing contract with St. John's

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County. The Road Department will construct the base and construction could begin right away. The proposal does not cover the cost of base work or culverts.

The total amount for the three roads, including lime rock and culverts is \$740,443.96. This is about a 37% savings over the traditional asphalt approach. There is approximately \$500,000.00 in road projects and the remainder will come from fiscally constrained funds.

Clerk Norman confirmed the funding sources presented by Mr. Cater and advised that the funds are available for the three roads.

Mr. Carter recommended approval of the agreement.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the agreement as presented by Mr. Carter.

- Recommending EMS Director Allen Parrish's request to establish an additional full-time paramedic position on Medic 4 for transport purposes. This should reduce overtime hours. Mr. Parrish will monitor it very closely to insure that his projections are accurate. The employee will be hired with the understanding that continued employment will be contingent on the projections.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the request.

- Requested the Commission to authorize Mr. Brown to revise Resolution #96-10, which addresses charge off of EMS accounts. Once revised, it will be brought to the Commission for approval.
- Recommended approval of Emergency Management Director Johns' request to surplus an old fire truck.

Mr. Johns asked the Commission to surplus a 1978 Ford 8000 fire truck, VIN#...5624. He has received an offer for the truck of \$1,800.00 from the Lofton School in Gainesville. The offer is more than reasonable.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved to surplus the fire truck.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously approved to sell the fire truck to Lofton School in Gainesville for \$1,800.00.

At Mr. Carter's request, Mr. Johns updated the Commission on the recovery process from Tropical Storm Faye. The County has submitted bills for a little over \$125,000.00. FEMA pays at 75%, which is \$100,847.66. Typically, the State will also match 12.5% when everything is finalized, which is an additional \$12,500.00. In addition, there was about \$7,500.00 of debris removal expenses, which the County will get back at 100%.

At Mr. Carter's request, Ms. Macey addressed the Board.

Ms. Macey requested [a Partial Release of Mortgage](#) for SHIP applicant Pauline Grant.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously authorized a Partial Release of Mortgage as to certain property as described.

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- The Bradford County Development Authority will be hosting a Visioning Project relative to economic growth on Wednesday, December 3rd at 3:30 p.m. at the Conference Center.
- With the Board's approval and to comply with personnel regulations, he would like to advertise internally the Library Director position. Robert Perone has been acting in that position for several months.

There was Board consensus to advertise as requested.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN:

Ms. Anita Bowles asked him to extend a special invitation the Commissioners to attend lunch this Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the Ag Department.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis and Chairman Chandler both expressed their appreciation to the Board for working toward the paving of Wiley Kelly and Marklee Starling Roads.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--If the Road Department is given a good piece of equipment to work with then they are going to do a good job. Some of the equipment they have is antiquated, which warrants the purchase of newer equipment. To make sure he understands the Board's intent concerning the equipment, it is his understanding that whatever he and Mr. Carter can work out that is within reason and within available funding is acceptable to the Board for the two pieces of equipment, and if not, for the one piece definitely.

--Commissioner Thomas said that it has been a pleasure serving with Commissioner Cooper and thanked him for what he has contributed to the Board.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--With the combined effort of all the Commissioners, numerous good things have been done throughout the County.

--Wished Commissioner Cooper well and expressed his gratitude to him for his very positive service to the County throughout his term.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – ROSS CHANDLER:

Commissioner Cooper said that he would like to reserve some of his comments until the next Commission meeting where he intends to address the Board under public comments so that nothing he says can be imputed to the Board.

Commissioner Cooper expressed his appreciation to all the County Department Heads for the work they do. The department heads are oftentimes criticized, especially by those who have nothing better to do than to write letters to the editor and use the term “bureaucrat”. He does not look at a single department head as a bureaucrat; he looks at them as hard working public servants who are generally under paid for the work and service they provide to the County. He will always defend the County’s employees and department heads; they are who make this County and the County government what it is, because they are the people that are on the ground day-to-day making things work.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Chandler presented Commissioner Cooper with a plaque that read as follows:

“From the Bradford County Commission, November 2000 through November 2008,
To the Honorable John S. Cooper for eight years of devoted, loyal dedicated service to
the citizens of Bradford County.”

Commissioner Chandler said that he greatly appreciates Commissioner Cooper’s work with the Florida Association of Counties and with the Small County Coalition. Commissioner Cooper was the catalyst that helped Bradford County keep some things that otherwise would have been lost. Anyone who spent any time at the state level knew how hard Commissioner Cooper worked to defend the fiscally constrained counties. He understands and appreciates the value of those efforts. He hopes that someone will “grab the mantle” and continue to advocate for Bradford County, as well as other small counties within the state.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford