

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, November 20, 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 Sellars, 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; Lieut. Gail Russell; Linda Carpenter, V.A. Officer; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Allen Parrish, EMS Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Sheriff Milner; Mark Crawford, Press; Jim DeValerio; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Capt. Starling, Jail Administrator; and Robert Perone, Library Director.

(See Supplement File No. 11-20-08 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sandra Harrell offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS – HONORABLE JOHNNY R. HOBBS:

Honorable Johnny R. Hobbs performed the swearing in ceremony of Commissioner Ross Chandler, Commissioner Eddie J. Lewis and Commissioner Lila Sellars.

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BOARD REORGANIZATION

A. ELECT CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Lewis MOVED that Commissioner Thomas serve as 08-09 Chairman. Commissioner Hersey SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Commissioner Chandler turned the gavel over to Commissioner Thomas.

B. ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Chandler MOVED that Commissioner Hersey serve as 08-09 Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Lewis SECONDED the MOTION and the MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

**--LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S080813A (GUIDE METAL RECYCLING, INC.) --
NORA THOMPSON:** Ms. Thompson read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S080813A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES) TO INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Ordinance approving Land Use Amendment Application No. S080813A. (The [Ordinance](#) was assigned No. 08-35.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2009**
- B. SCHEDULE OF BOCC MEETINGS FOR 2009**
- C. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008, PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE**
- D. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**
- E. MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2008**
- F. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2008 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET**
- G. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2008**
- H. REAPPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD**

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

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BUDGET AMENDMENTS – JIM FARRELL:

Mr. Farrell presented 07-08 year-end budget amendments. The proposed amendments move line items within a department and/or from one department to another, but within the same fund.

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

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – JIM FARRELL

--GENERAL FUND - \$12,500.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$12,500.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-29.](#))

--TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET - \$47,000.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$47,000.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET.”

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-30.](#))

--FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND -- \$200,000.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$200,000.00 INCREASE IN THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-31.](#))

--FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND -- \$60,000.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$60,000.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-32.](#))

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--EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND -- \$42,774.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$42,774.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-33.](#))

--EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND -- \$133,325.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$133,325.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-34.](#))

--HURRICANE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND -- \$11,893.00

Mr. Farrell read the title into the record:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A \$11,893.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE HURRICANE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND.”

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-35.](#))

APPROVE IGCF EXPENDITURES – LT. GAIL RUSSELL:

Lieut. Russell presented a request for approval of IGCF expenditures. IGCF has reviewed and approved the following expenditures: \$30,545.21 and \$520.80 for annual software maintenance agreement and upgrades. Funding is in the budget.

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

REPORT ON BRADFORD COUNTY VETERANS’ BENEFITS 2007-2008—LINDA CARPENTER:

Ms. Carpenter presented the [Veterans Service Officer Report](#) of Activity for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Cooper --

--Mr. Cooper said that it was an honor and a pleasure to serve with the Commission for the last eight years. He expressed his appreciation to the Clerk's Office, Sheriff Milner, Mr. Carter, Mr. Brown and former commissioners Joe Riddick and Herman Johnson. He congratulated Commissioner Sellars for a successful campaign. There are approximately 20 million people who live in Florida and less than 400 county commissioners. Commissioners are a special group of people who have the ability to do great good. He encouraged Ms. Sellars to work with the Board and continue to do good things for Bradford County. He thanked the citizens of District III for giving him the opportunity to serve two terms; he has enjoyed every second of it.

Mr. Cooper reminded the Board that times are tough across the state. In the next couple of years the state legislature will attempt to shift costs to counties in order to balance their budget. He encouraged the Commission to be vigilant and resist that at all cost. As far as the local budget, "If it ain't in the budget, you ought not buy it." Use the budget as a control mechanism and as long as the Commission does their job with the budget, the County will remain solvent and do a good job.

Each Commissioner expressed their gratitude to Mr. Cooper for his service to the County.

Mr. James Buehne of 1586 NE 153rd Street – County Owned Vehicles

--Mr. Buehne asked how many vehicles the County owns and how many are driven home each night by employees who are not on 24-hour service.

Chairman Thomas told Mr. Buehne that the information would be provided to him.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown reported on the following:

- There is a need to fill a vacancy in District III and two alternate positions on the Code Enforcement Board in order to have a quorum to conduct business. Commissioner Sellars said she has submitted a couple of names to Mr. Tyre.
- Requested permission to proceed to enforce a code enforcement lien filed against Jonathan Trainor.

There was consensus to proceed.

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- His office has been in negotiation and discussion with the City of Keystone as well as Commissioner Chandler and Mr. Carter concerning the Interlocal agreement relating to land use and zoning issues within the airpark. They have reached an understanding as follows:
 - ❑ Any property at the Airpark owned by the City of Keystone that would be directly affected by any rezoning, Bradford County would agree not to try to rezone unless the City of Keystone requests to do so. This is consistent with past practice. If the County limits their approval to the property owned by them, it is an acceptable request.

He will incorporate the new language and bring it back to the Board for review and approval.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

Mr. Carter reported on the following:

- Recognized Mr. Benny Jackson who has worked over 10 years in the Road Department as a motor grader operator and runs the Mosquito Control Department. Mr. Jackson has successfully passed the Florida Division of Agriculture Director's Certification exam for mosquito control. He is now certified to serve as Bradford County's Director of Mosquito Control. Having a certified director who is an employee of the County is required by the Department in order to receive funding to support mosquito control. Mr. Jackson is just one example of many hard-working, dedicated employees in Bradford County.

A. ROAD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Mr. Carter said that as directed by the Commission, he has revisited the purchase of equipment for the Road Department. With the trade-in of three pieces of old equipment, the total purchase price of both pieces of equipment is \$75,000: \$53,500 for a side-blade grader and \$21,500 for a loader back hoe. Although revenues are down and it is going to be a tough year, this equipment is badly needed and is being offered at a good deal. Funds to purchase the equipment have been identified between a lease category line item and a portion of a contingency line item within the Road Department budget.

Discussed ensued.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of the equipment for a total of \$75,000.00, as presented.

- Emergency request to purchase four ventilators for Emergency Medical Services through a budgeted 75/25 grant of \$36,000.00

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously declared this an emergency item.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved to purchase four ventilators for EMS as presented.

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- Suwannee River Water Management District has scheduled a public hearing regarding Sampson Lake Flood Gates, known as Three Pipes, for Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center.

Commissioner Chandler requested an update on the timeline of the dredging of Rowell Lake. Mr. Carter deferred to Mr. Johns.

Mr. Johns said that it was taken out of the state's budget, but put back in as an emergency item. However, there is still no timeline.

B. INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT - KEYSTONE AIRPARK

(This item was already covered by Mr. Brown under County Attorney Reports.)

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--The City of Starke has requested a meeting with the Board. Mr. Carter is working on the scheduling.

--The Economic Development Council's Visioning meeting scheduled for December 3rd is an important meeting and a Board representative should attend. He attended the last one and will be glad to attend the next one. However, it would be a good idea to rotate attendance so all Board members stay familiar with the plans and activities.

--The County has done an excellent job maintaining roads. Although each Commissioner serves his or her respective districts, each Commissioner serves every citizen of the County, and every citizen should be treated fairly and equitably. Although there has been an improvement, this has not always been done in the past. He would like every Commissioner to work toward making sure all citizens receive the same services.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

--Expressed her appreciation to the citizens of District III for giving her the opportunity to serve District III, as well as the other citizens. She realizes it will be a hard chair to fill after Mr. Cooper, but she will do her best. It is an honor to serve with the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Welcomed Commissioner Sellars, it will be an honor to serve with her.

--Asked for additional information concerning the meeting the City of Starke has requested.

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Commissioner Chandler said that the City asked to meet with the entire Board. Mr. Carter can find out if it is something that the County Manager and Chairman can take care of. If they do want a meeting with the entire Board, he would like to know in advance what is going to be discussed so the Commission can be prepared.

--At Commissioner Lewis' request, Mr. Funderburk gave an update on the chip seal project roads.

Commissioner Hersey commented on the following:

--Welcomed Commissioner Sellars and congratulated Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Lewis on their re-elections.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS -- DOYLE THOMAS

--Welcomed Commissioner Sellars and thanked the Commission for the honor to serve as Chairman.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk