

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Chandler, Chairman Thomas, Commissioner Sellars and Commissioner Lewis.

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Robert Perone, Library Director; Tim Wilson, CED; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Sheriff Smith; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; and Capt. Starling, Jail Administrator.

(See Supplement File No. 01-05-09 for a copy of documentation presented at this meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Thomason offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2008**
- B. S.H.I.P. PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS**
- C. ACCEPT BRADFORD COUNTY MITIGATION MEMBERS LIST, MITIGATION MEMBERS WORKGROUPS, AND LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PRIORITY LIST AS AMENDED**

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

PRESENTATION OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – STEVENS DICKS:

Mr. Steven Dicks, Area Specialist, reviewed some of the many different programs available through USDA Rural Development, outlined in the [handout](#) provided to the Commission. He asked the Board to review the handout and let them know if they can assist the County in any way. They would be glad to come back and speak to the Commission in greater detail.

Chairman Thomas said that he would like to schedule a workshop to get more detailed information on the programs.

There was brief discussion.

SITE PLAN FOR SMITH BROTHERS – NORA THOMPSON:

Ms. Thompson presented a site plan for a new building at Smith Brothers Body Shop. The County Engineer has approved and signed the site plan.

On Motion of Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the site plan as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER HERSEY:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN (JONATHAN TRAINOR)

Mr. Brown requested permission to proceed with enforcement of a code enforcement lien on non-homestead property.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously approved the request to proceed with enforcement of the lien.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

- Mr. Carter asked Brian Johns to address the Commission.

The VFD has made the first cut for a \$250,000.00 grant to purchase a tanker truck for the south end of the County. There is a 5% County match for that grant. He requested permission to sign the grant agreement stating that the County will pay the \$12,500.00 match. He is reviewing the fire budget to see how much of the match it can absorb. It may be possible to get a tanker for less than the \$250,000.00.

With that, there is a need to have a building to house the new truck. Last year the Commission discussed setting aside some leftover FEMA reimbursement funds to put a metal building at the Sampson City VFD. He requested permission to proceed with getting bids for a metal building to house the truck and possibly house EMS and an ambulance.

There was brief discussion.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously granted permission to pursue the grant with the \$12,500.00 maximum County match, to purchase a tanker fire truck.

There was brief discussion regarding the metal building and site prep. Mr. Johns said that he would get two prices: one to just house the fire truck and one to house the fire truck and an ambulance crew and ambulance. He will bring both prices back to the Commission. To cut down on cost, they will do as much of the site prep in-house with the Road Department's help and inmate labor.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously granted permission to pursue prices for a metal building to house a fire truck and the option of housing an ambulance, as requested.

- Mr. Carter recommended approval of a [letter](#) drafted to Representative Adkins in response to her request relative to hopeful incentive funds from the federal government for infrastructure needs. The letter contains a list of roads as infrastructure priorities. The list is not to be confused with the County's Road Paving and Resurfacing Plan. Mr. Carter suggested waiting to see what the result of this request is and then come back and compose the Road Paving and Resurfacing Plan priority list at a later date.

There was consensus to submit the letter as requested.

- Mr. Carter asked permission to re-advertise for conventional paving of SW 161st. Street, NW 180th Street and NE 185th Street. They have received information that conventional paving may now be more affordable than it previously was and the County wants to be sure it is getting the best product at the best price for the taxpayers.

Commissioner Chandler said that he does not have a problem with the request as long as it is not legally challenged. He does not want the County involved in a lawsuit.

Commissioner Sellars said that the Board should take action under the direction of the County Attorney. He could advise if there are any legal issues, and the matter could be dropped and not pushed forward, based on that advice.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously authorized the re-advertisement for conventional paving as requested.

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CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: Clerk Norman said that he looks forward to another good and positive year for the County.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Commended the Emergency Medical Services and the Volunteer Fire Department for their performance at a bad accident in the Brooker area this weekend.
- In light of the economic situation and to help encourage construction, he asked the Commission to consider putting a moratorium on impact fees for six months and encourage the City of Starke to follow suit.

This spurred extensive discussion.

Mr. Brown said that he would prepare something in draft form for the Commission’s review and consideration.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – DOYLE THOMAS: None.

Sheriff Smith invited everyone to attend the swearing in services tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the Charley E. Johns Conference Center.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS