

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
WORKSHOP FOLLOWING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, April 6, 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, CED; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Wilson Whidden, Building Code Administrator; Mark Crawford, Press; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Linda Carpenter, V.A. Officer; Sheriff Smith, Capt. Boatwright, Capt. Carol Starling; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; and Robert Perone, Library Director.

(See Supplement File No. 04-06-09 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

Commissioner Hersey offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Thomas asked Mr. Pruitt, with Universal Engineering to report on their findings concerning NW 180TH Street.

Mr. Pruitt reported that from the [20 core borings](#) taken, there was an average of .58 inches of chip seal and 6.15 inches of limerock. Although there are some areas that seem to be performing fairly well, there is significant rutting and raffling at both ends of the road where it connects with CR225 and CR229 and at some of the driveways, and rutting along the roadway itself that will require continued maintenance. As they were performing the core borings, the chip seal was actually lifting up away from the limerock. This means the chip seal is not bonding well to the base. There is no way to repair the bonding issue without redoing the road.

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Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the terms of the contract, preparation of the road bed base, and the performance of chip seal.

Chairman Thomas said that he does not want a patch job on a new road. He would like the road fixed correctly. Mr. Carter, with the assistance of Counsel, is to stay in contact with the contractor, in an attempt to reach an agreement.

Mr. Kelley pointed out that the average thickness of the chip seal was less than the minimum application rate called for in the contract. It would be helpful to determine if the application rate of the liquid portion of the chip seal was met.

Mr. Pruitt said that could be checked. However, it appears that the contractor had some problems with the equipment in some areas where the AC was very thick.

Mr. Carter said that Florida Highway Products would be notified that the County wishes to suspend the project pending further evaluation.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE**

**--AMENDING PURCHASING GUIDELINES-INCREASING PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS—
TERRY BROWN:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDNG SECTION 2-156 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE; INCREASING THE PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY PURCHASING GUIDELINES; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 Sellars, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance. (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 09-04.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009**
- C. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**
- D. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR X-RAY MACHINE**
- E. PROCLAMATIONS: PARENTS AND CHILDREN’S DAY – PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**
- F. S.H.I.P. HOME REPAIR LOAN (NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000.)**

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

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F.D.O.T. PRESENTATION REGARDING SE 144TH (MULLINS GRADE)--

--U.S. 301 CORRIDOR STUDY:

Mr. Dennis Lord, FDOT Project Manager for the Starke US 301 Corridor Study, approached the Commission and gave a project status update. The update was not limited to but included:

- Funding
- Project Timeline
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Approximate Project Costs

Mr. Jamie Driggers, FDOT Roadway Design, approached the Commission and gave an update on SE 144th Avenue. Mr. Driggers provided the Commission with a map delineating three options for the alignment of SE 144th. Based on right-of-way and construction costs, the recommendation of the Department is to choose option #2, which connects with the existing signal at the old Wal-Mart shopping center. Since there is not enough money programmed to do the entire project, it has been broken out into two separate projects.

Mr. Driggers outlined the phases and project timeline.

During Mr. Driggers' presentation, the proposed overpass on SE 144th became a topic of discussion. The discussion was not limited to but included funding sources, stimulus monies, CSX and the expected increase in the train traffic through the County and Suwannee River Water Management District permitting.

Mr. Jimmy Pittman, FDOT Roadway Design, reported that plans are finished for the economic stimulus-resurfacing project for CR229. There is a potential let date of June.

INVITATION TO YULEE-DIDDLEY DAY CELEBRATION – BURT WETHERINGTON:

Mr. Wetherington invited the Commission and the Sheriff to attend the annual [Yulee-Diddley Day](#), June 6 in Archer, Florida. The celebration is a statewide tribute to Florida's first US Senator, David Levy Yulee and to Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame singer Bo Diddley, both residents of Archer, Florida.

FIRST COAST RACING PRESENTATION – JOHN MCGUIRE:

Mr. John McGuire of First Coast Racing gave a Power-Power Presentation to assist him with his request for permission to run the 2009 North Florida Open Road Challenge through Bradford County. The presentation and subsequent discussion was not limited to but included:

- The History of First Coast Racing, LLC
- Explanation of an open road challenge race
- The proposed route
- Road closures
- Economic impact for Bradford County
- Safety
- Future public forums
- Educating the public and the citizens directly impacted
- Liability
- The proposed SunSpeed Motorsports Park in North Bradford County

REPORT ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT – WINIFRED HOLLAND:

Ms. Holland reported that the Bradford and Union County Health Departments received \$127,000.00 through a short-term chronic disease, tobacco prevention grant that ends June 30, with the possibility of a two-year extension.

They have also received a small environmental health grant to perform a community needs assessment in a targeted neighborhood.

PURCHASE FIRE TRUCKS FOR VFD (2@ \$22,050.00 EA.) – BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns requested permission to purchase two brush trucks from Hillsborough County. They are \$22,050.00 each. The funds have been secured in the Volunteer Fire Department budget. One truck will be assigned to New River and the other to Lawtey.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the purchase as requested.

APPROVE AUTOMATIC AID/FIRST RESPONSE INTERLOCAL WITH CLAY COUNTY—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns presented the [Interlocal Agreement](#) for approval.

On Motion of Commissioner Sellars, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement for approval.

Mr. Johns reported that the communications grant to assist with radio communication in the Theresa, Keystone, Lawtey and Brooker areas was originally written for a little over \$500,000.00. The County was awarded the grant, minus the towers. Therefore, the grant was reduced to about \$250,000.00, with a 10% match. He has been working with one of the electric companies for the donation of concrete poles and having them installed. He is looking for additional funding and/or donations. Additional grants will be written in the future in an attempt to procure some 300' towers to improve communications.

APPROVE INCREASE EMS ON SCENE TREATMENT – ALLEN PARRISH:

Mr. Parrish advised that while transitioning with the billing service, all charges and fees were reviewed. During that review, it was discovered that an adjustment is needed to the \$75.00 'treated on scene' fee. In order to recoup actual costs, this fee should be increased to \$200.00. (Further explanation is contained in a [memo](#) provided to the Commissioners.)

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously approved the increase as presented.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Jennifer Talton of 24408 NW CR1493, Alachua, commented on the following:

--Ms. Talton expressed a concern about a neighbor who will be holding a festival Memorial Day weekend. The festival will be held in Bradford County at 21255 SW CR237, and they do not have a permit. It is being advertised on numerous websites and downtown Gainesville. The last time this festival was held, there was no law enforcement, no medical and no fire personnel available. They are very concerned about the element that will be attending the event and that the alcohol and drugs will subsequently bring crime.

Ms. Talton asked the Commission to enforce the laws and stop the festival, or at least have fire and medical personnel on hand. There are several residents on her side of the river, as well as the Bradford County side that have concerns. She requested a public meeting for further discussion and to keep everyone informed.

Sheriff Smith said that his plans are to make contact with the residents before the event. It is his understanding that last year the event got way out of control. They will be creating a public nuisance, so they will go under the public nuisance part of the law. It is another issue if they are charging for attendance. He will confer with Terry Brown and keep Ms. Talton informed.

Commissioner Chandler recommended being proactive in this situation and looking into ways the County could regulate these types of events.

Mr. Brown said that he and the Sheriff would be looking into it very closely. He is certain the County's ordinances need to be "beefed up" with additional regulations/requirements.

Sheriff Smith commented on the following:

--Announced that April 15, beginning at 11:30 a.m., there will be an appreciation luncheon for Communications Officers. He invited the Commission to attend.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown said that at Mr. Carter's request, his office is preparing a revised policy concerning donating/transferring sick leave. It should be ready for the Commission before the next meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – BRAD CARTER:

A. WILSON WHIDDEN TO ADDRESS BOARD

Mr. Whidden approached the Commission and announced his retirement, effective April 30th.

The Board thanked Mr. Whidden for his service to the County.

At Mr. Wises' request, there was consensus to close the collection sites on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Carter said that the City of Starke is hosting the League of Cities District Meeting on April 16, which is the same evening of the Commission's regular meeting. The City Clerk has requested that the Commission consider rescheduling that meeting to allow the Commission's attendance.

Ms. Thompson advised that there are zoning issues that have been advertised for that meeting.

At Mr. Brown's recommendation, there was consensus to move the start time of the meeting up to 6:00 p.m. and to take the zoning issues up at the advertised time.

Mr. Carter announced that June Neats has agreed to assist him in monitoring and staying abreast of the available stimulus monies.

CLERK REPORTS – RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--At the recent Florida Works meeting, it was made known that the Department of Energy, under the stimulus plan, is releasing money for weatherization. Alachua County received enough money to service 10,000 homes. He has asked Mr. Carter to explore the same opportunities for Bradford County, and to check into the possibility of solar conversion at the courthouse and the library within the stimulus money. The purpose of the stimulus money is to put people to work. If the courthouse and library could be converted to solar, it would not only save money, but would create a job by the County hiring a solar technician.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

--Expressed her appreciation to Sheriff Smith for allowing Capt. Boatwright for helping with transportation to Tallahassee. The trip was very productive.

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Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Asked Mr. Johns if the tower at the school in Brooker could help accommodate communications needs.

Mr. Johns indicated in the negative. They plan on using the water tower in Brooker.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS – DOYLE THOMAS:

--Echoed Commissioner Sellars for the Sheriff's Office assistance with transportation to Tallahassee.

--Expressed appreciation to Mr. Funderburk and the Road Department for the continued efforts on NW 180th Street.

--Eugene Blye, a young man from Starke was recently recognized on television as a motivator for his basketball team and fellow students. Chairman Thomas asked Mr. Carter to get in touch with him and see if he could attend the first meeting in May to be recognized by the Commission.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

WORKSHOP

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Monday, April 6, 2009, beginning at approximately 12:00 p.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; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomas called the workshop to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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DISCUSS THOSE PORTIONS OF THE RESCINDED BRADFORD COUNTY CODE CHAPTERS 34-31 THROUGH 34-35 (Borrow Pits) WHICH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY WANT INCLUDED IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS:

There was a page-by-page review and discussion of the list of [proposed changes](#) to the LDR as it relates to borrow pits. During the review, Ms. Thompson was instructed what changes were to be made. Mr. Kelley is to assist her with the changes.

Mr. Carter presented the Commission with a [memo from Terry Brown](#) citing suggestions for the LDR amendments. The memo was reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Thompson is to prepare the changes for Board review before proceeding with the amendment process.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS