

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP WITH STARKE CITY COMMISSION
RE: RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop on Monday, August 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Terry Brown, County Attorney, City Commissioners Carolyn Spooner, Travis Woods, Tommy Chastain and Wilbur Waters, City Clerk Linda Johns, Ricky Thompson, City Manager; Joe Fisher, City Project Director; Eddie and Laura Douglas, Christa Pusateri, members of the Recreation Board and Mark Crawford, Press.

(See Supplement File No. 08-24-09 for a copy of documentation presented at this workshop.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Thomas asked Ms. Pusateri to report on her findings regarding the possibility of a joint CDBG grant application between the City of Starke and Bradford County to support the construction of a new Recreation Department facility.

Ms. Pusateri advised that CDBG staff indicated that because the building project would be located within the city limits, the city only must be the applicant. The city would be eligible for up to \$700,000.00. However, using the CDBG funds for recreation relinquishes the opportunity for a housing grant. What the CDBG program looks at is who all would benefit from a particular project. The argument could be made that citizens outside the city limits would benefit. The CDBG program is in the midst of a rule change process and the grant cycle will not be announced until October. Ms. Pusateri suggested that the city look into whether it would make more sense to go after the grant for recreation or for housing for this grant cycle.

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This incited discussion, which was not limited to but included the following:

- Percentage of usage by the County and the City
- The rules and guidelines regulating joint grant applications
- Grant/loan opportunities for hurricane/disaster shelters
- Annexation of the Edward's Road Complex into the County
- FRDAP Grants
- CDBG grant cycle and guidelines
- Cost of construction of new recreation facility (Architect Paul Stresing of Paul Stresing Associates, Inc., addressed this issue and presented proposed floor plans.)
- Operational costs and staffing
- Combining a recreation facility with a senior center
- Versatile uses of the proposed building designs
- Revenue generated by recreation fees charged
- Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City
- Alternative revenue sources
- Construction methods
 - Construction Management
 - Inmate labor

DIRECTIVE/OUTCOME:

The County Commission agreed that because of budget constraints, the only assistance the County could provide at this time would be to offer in-kind services.

City Commissioner Waters expressed his appreciation to the County Commission for taking the time to meet with them. They will go back to the drawing board and continue to work on the project and asked the County Commission to do the same.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the budget workshop adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD