

(01-21-10 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; June Neats; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Dale Manning, Building Code Administrator; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Capt. Boatwright and Capt. Starling.

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**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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Chairman Hersey announced that item 1(B)—Appeal Regarding Special Exception Application to Locate a Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill on Tax Parcel No. 01151-0-00000, M&M, LLC—is to be continued to the Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**RESOLUTION:**

**--ADOPTING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR):**

Chairman Hersey read the title into record and opened the public hearing.

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Paul Still expressed his disappointment with a few elements of the Report and made some recommendations on how the Report could be improved. He suggested the Commission consider forming a technical advisory group to address some of the issues.

There being no further public input, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Chandler **MOVED** to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Lewis **SECONDED THE MOTION**.

Commissioner Chandler said that Mr. Still's concern regarding the County's water supply is a serious issue and warrants proactive action.

Chairman Hersey concurred and said if the Commission needs to form a committee to stay on top of the issue, it can certainly do so.

*There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-01.](#))*

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**MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND BRADFORD COUNTY FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF \$30,166 FROM 2008-2009 EMPG FUNDS—BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns said that the \$30,166 is the federal match that is normally awarded earlier in the year. However, the Division is trying to get things in line with the state budget with Emergency Management. These funds must be spent by June 1, 2010.

*On Motion of Commissioner Sellars, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously accepted and approved the expenditure of \$30,166 in federal match funds.*

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**EMS WRITE-OFFS (\$239,882.48)—ALLEN PARRISH:**

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the [\\$239,882.48 in EMS write-offs](#).*

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**REQUEST APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR EMS MATCHING GRANTS (\$150,000.00 for new ambulance and \$130,000.00 to replace all cardiac monitors/defibrillators)—ALLEN PARRISH:**

Chairman Hersey presented the request.

*On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved to apply for the grants as requested.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2009**
- C. MEMBER LIST FOR MITIGATION COMMITTEE**
- D. WORKGROUP MEMBER LIST FOR MITIGATION COMMITTEE**
- E. LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PRIORITY LIST**
- F. PROCLAMATION HONORING 53<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE DEPLOYMENT, FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD**

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:**

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:** None.

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**SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:**

Capt. Boatwright commended everyone involved for an excellent job in responding to the problems and damage caused by today's storm.

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**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:** None.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

--It has been brought to her attention that there are citizens who are struggling to pay their property taxes. Ms. Pearson is willing to attend a Commission meeting and assist in educating the citizens concerning their payment options.

After brief discussion, Chairman Hersey asked that Ms. Pearson be placed on the February 18 agenda.

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Discussion turned to the effects of today's storm and the excellent job performed by all emergency responders, volunteers and county departments.

Chairman Hersey presented a Proclamation Declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the storm.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously, by [Proclamation](#), Declared a Local State of Emergency.*

M. Johns gave a briefing on the events of the day resulting from the storm. If the accumulative damage sustained meets the state's requirements, declaring the local state of emergency makes Bradford County eligible for any funding that may be available.

Chairman Hersey recommended that the Board consider waiving building permit fees for those who will need to rebuild or make repairs due to storm damage.

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to waive permit fees as recommended by Chairman Hersey.*

Commissioner Thomas recommended approaching the Tri-County Landfill about waiving fees to those residents who were affected.

*Commissioner Lewis **MOVED** to authorize Commissioners Sellars and Lewis to make that request on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Thomas **SECONDED** the motion.*

Incited by inquiry of Mr. Manning, there was discussion regarding providing storm victims with some type of written notice that can be provided to the Building Department and the Tri-County Landfill as proof that the loss suffered was storm related.

Chairman Hersey asked Mr. Carter to contact Mr. O'Neal to advise him of the Board's intent.

*There being no further discussion the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.***

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:**

**A. EARLY VOTING DATES CONFLICTING WITH BOCC MEETING DATES (Elections using Commission Meeting Room weeks of August 9-22—affecting 8/19 meeting and weeks of October 18-31—affecting 10/21 meeting):**

Chairman Hersey said that the Election's Office uses the Commission Room for early voting. The early voting cycle this year conflicts with dates of regular Commission meetings and possibly the Value Adjustment Board. The Board will need to find an alternate location to conduct those meetings.

**Directive following discussion:** The Commission can either meet in the EOC or one of the courtrooms. The alternate locations will be advertised to inform the public of the change.

**B. RESOLUTION—ESTABLISHING CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

Chairman Hersey said that during the last meeting, the Board discussed establishing a policy for a Road Memorial Program. Resolution No. 07-03, establishing a Citizen Recognition Program, has been changed to include road memorials.

Mr. Brown read the title into the record:

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITIES; REPEALING RESOLUTION 07-03, DATED JANUARY 8, 2007.”**

*On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution. (The Resolution was assigned No. 2010-02.)*

**C. PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE REMINDER:**

Chairman Hersey reminded the Board members to review the proposed updated Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. If a workshop is necessary, one can be set. He would like to adopt the new policy next month.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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**JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**