

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Robert Perone, Library Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, CED; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Dale Manning, Building Code Administrator; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Capt. Starling; Capt. Boatwright; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Will Sexton, County Attorney; and Marianne Marshall.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2009**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AND WORKSHOP OF JANUARY 4, 2010**
- C. PARTNER AGREEMENT FOR 2010 NEFEC GRANT**

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

CENSUS BUREAU (Video Presentation)--Establish Complete Count Committee for 2010 – NELDRA ALEJANDRO:

Neldra Alejandro and Melissa Hinote, Partnership Specialists, gave a video presentation regarding the 2010 Census.

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Ms. Alejandro and Ms. Hinote asked the Commission to establish a Complete Count Committee of community leaders to help educate citizens about the upcoming census, and to also consider a Proclamation to be submitted to the media to bring awareness to the community regarding the Complete Count Committee and the upcoming census. The Complete Count Committee will be instrumental in reaching all the residents of the County to help increase the response rate.

Mr. Carter advised that the County has space available for a Census Assistance Center.

Capt. Boatwright advised that the Sheriff's Office also has space available for a Census Assistance Center, if needed.

IGCF EXPENDITURES REQUESTS—CAPT. BOATWRIGHT:

- A. HASTY'S COMMUNICATIONS FOR (1) MOBILE RADIO (\$1,200.00)**
- B. HARRIS CORP. FOR SYSTEM SERVICE FOR MOBILE RADIOS (\$99.00/MONTH - \$891.00 ANNUALLY)**
- C. MOTOROLA FOR MOBILE RADIO PROGRAMMING (\$724.70)**
- D. HASTY'S COMMUNICATIONS FOR (1) 64-CHANNEL MOBILE RADIOS (\$531.00)**

Capt. Boatwright advised of the following corrections to the agenda: (A) should be (2) radios at \$1,200.00 each with (2) antennas at \$16.00 each; and (D) should be (8) radios at \$531.00 each.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the IGCF Expenditures.

RESOLUTION

--APPROVING A \$238,925.00 INCREASE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT—JIM FARRELL:

Mr. Farrell advised that the Fire Department received a grant that was not in the original budget. Mr. Farrell read the title of the resolution into the record.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 10-03.](#))

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, 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:

Ms. Esther Kelly – 1117 Keller Street, Starke:

Ms. Kelly expressed her displeasure with the City of Starke's intent to use disposal fees in the amount of \$370,000.00 to construct an amphitheatre, while cutting the Recreation Department and freezing jobs. When the County Commission was approached about contributing funds toward the Recreation Department, the request was denied because the County's budget had already been prepared. However, the Commission advised that if any unanticipated revenue were to come into the County, that a contribution to recreation would be considered. Therefore, she does not see this Commission giving the City of Starke any funds towards an amphitheatre.

There are things the Board can do to help the children until the City of Starke can afford to build a recreation building and this Commission is willing to help them. Ms. Kelly asked to be on the agenda for the next meeting to allow her to make a presentation that will enlighten the Board about upcoming events being undertaken to help the County's children.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON:

--The local state of emergency declared by Proclamation on January 21, 2010, needs to be extended. The Board will need to declare this item an emergency before action can be taken.

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

Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-04.](#))

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

--At the request of Mr. Carter, Mr. Johns gave an update on the damage sustained from the tornado and FEMA findings.

Although every effort has been made and every option explored to get FEMA assistance, he was told from the onset that the damage sustained would probably not meet the threshold for FEMA assistance. Due to the substantial expense, he did not want to activate the County's Debris Plan. However, the County's contractor responsible for removal of yard debris is hauling debris from the sides of the roads. The Tri-County Landfill has extended its hours and waived fees related to debris removal, including yard debris over and under 20" and C&D debris.

All 97 homes have been visited and a preliminary damage assessment has been done. Subsequently, all sites were visited again with FEMA and State representatives. At this point, it is estimated that there is 2.5 to \$3 million in just structural damage, which still does not meet FEMA threshold for assistance. Gov. Crist provided [a letter](#) stating that the County is eligible for SBA low interest loans. They are also

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working with Ms. Cooper regarding CDBG funding availability. With the Commission’s permission, they would like to place packets on the doors of each residence containing information regarding when and how to apply for the loans. EOC will be set up to assist people in filling out the loan applications.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Chandler suggested partnering with the other fiscally constrained counties and drafting a letter to the state, FEMA and our representatives asking them to adjust how they calculate their assistance thresholds for small fiscally constrained counties.

Commissioner Thomas said that he would like to see some of the unanticipated revenue coming from New River Landfill go to help those who are in dire need and have no insurance.

There was additional discussion.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

All the departments, agencies and volunteers were commended for their teamwork, sacrifice and for doing an excellent job in assisting the victims of the tornado.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--For clarification purposes, Bradford County will be receiving about \$185,000.00 of the \$370,000.00 coming from New River Landfill.

--The Lincoln City community has conducted a survey to assist in setting project priorities for their community, with the hopes of receiving PACE funds to help meet their goals. Some of the items listed were “Do Not Litter” signs, cleaning up the litter and disposing of the garbage, lighting, speed bumps, church signs, and police presence.

During a recent community meeting, he advised the citizens that the County could assist with the signs, speed bumps and with cleaning up the litter. He would appreciate the Board’s concurrence to assist the community with these items. There was Board consensus to do so.

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Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--The PACE Program mentioned by Commissioner Lewis is a good program that has seen great results and there should be monies available through that program.

--There is a need to routinely check the areas around the collection sites to make sure they are clean and free of litter.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk