

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

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, March 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; Robert Perone, Library Director; Tim Wilson, CED; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Capt. Boatwright; Capt. Starling; Mark Crawford, Press; and Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director.

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**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Hersey.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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Chairman Hersey recognized and congratulated Commissioner Sellars for being chosen and honored as the 2010 Woman of Distinction.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OPPOSING THE INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF WATER AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR WATER RESOURCES SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-09.](#))*

**B. SUPPORTING BILLS TO IDENTIFY THE SHERIFF, TAX COLLECTOR, PROPERTY APPRAISER, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND CLERK AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND NOT THE BOCC**

Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-10.](#))*

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**C. AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF “AMENDMENT 1” TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.* (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-11.](#))

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES FROM REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2010**

**B. PROCLAMATION: PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.*

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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF JONES EDMUNDS—TERRI LOWERY & TIM CULLY:**

Ms. Lowery and Mr. Cully gave a status report on the closed landfill via [Power Point.](#)

- Work performed
- Repairs needed
- Legislative Issues & Budget Reductions

Discussion.

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**25<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTING CRIME IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY—ESTHER KELLY:**

Ms. Kelley requested final approval for the funding request of \$4,330.00 for attendance of the conference.

Capt. Boatwright confirmed that the Sheriff has approved the expenditure out of the Fine and Forfeiture Fund.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve the expenditure request of \$4,330.00.*

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**S.H.I.P. REHAB BID RECOMMENDATIONS—ANGELA COOPER:**

Ms. Cooper presented the summary sheet for the [bid recommendations.](#)

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the bid recommendations as presented by Ms. Macey.*

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Ms. Cooper addressed the [rehab project at 405 Utah Street in Starke](#). Originally, this project was awarded to the lowest bidder, Ford Design Group. Once the homeowner moved all of the contents out of the home, it became apparent that the repairs were more extensive than anticipated. The Ford Design Group realized that they could not perform the repairs for the price submitted in their bid and withdrew from the project.

SHIP does not have enough funds to cover all the repairs the home requires. Suwannee River Economic Council and USDA have approved the homeowner for home repair grants. With the three agencies working together, the home should be livable upon completion.

Since the project was originally awarded to Ford Design Group, approval is needed to now award the project to the second lowest bidder, which is ROTCI in the amount of \$17,030.00.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to award the bid to ROTCI in the amount of \$17,030.00.***

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**S.H.I.P. DISASTER RELIEF LOANS AND AWARD BIDS—ANGELA COOPER:**

Ms. Cooper presented [the loans](#) for approval (Not to exceed \$10,000.00).

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the loans as presented by Ms. Cooper.***

Ms. Cooper presented the [bid summary](#) for SHIP rehab project at 19521 NW 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Starke, Brantley-disaster relief loan. The Faulkner's need more time to get written estimates.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to award the bid to Jackson & Dull Roofing and Construction, Inc., for \$9,900.00.***

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**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:**

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve 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—WILL SEXTON:** No business.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

**A. UPDATE ON NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY—CHRISTOPHER THUROW:**

Mr. Carter reported that Bradford County is a part recipient of a [Recovery Act grant for \\$30.1 million](#) to expand broadband Internet access and spur economic growth.

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Mr. Thurow, the County’s representative on the North Florida Broadband Authority Board, said that in rural areas, especially in north central and east central Florida, the telecommunication carriers do not want to invest in the infrastructure needed to bring broadband to remote areas. This money provides a wireless infrastructure to make wireless services available to these areas. The plan is to build five tower sites in Bradford County. The towers will only connect to national carriers. Once the carriers come in, they will provide Internet access to the towers. Local carriers and entrepreneurs can provide the service to the homes, businesses, hospital, etc.

Mr. Thurow continued to explain the schematics and benefits the service will provide for Bradford County. Although the project is being funded with federal stimulus monies, there may be maintenance and operational costs in the future.

Discussion.

--Mr. Carter said that the City of Lawtey has requested assistance from the County Road Department.

Mr. Kelley advised that there are four corrugated metal pipes under a city street where the joints have collapsed and exposed the base of the road and caused holes in the road. There are two options: 1) Replace all four culverts, or 2) repair all the joints. The cost factor is leaning the City of Lawtey toward repair instead of replacement. The County can assist with some equipment, manpower and possibly supply sandy material to backfill around the pipes.

Mr. Carter said that he would make certain that the project does not interfere with normal maintenance.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to declare this an emergency item.***

Mr. Kelly said that this is an unofficial report. They have only met with the maintenance staff and once they report to the City Council, they may come up with a different plan.

Following some discussion, *Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler and **carried 5-0, to authorize labor and equipment and provide sand to assist the City of Lawtey with culvert repairs. Any actual expenditure of funds is to come to the Commission for approval.***

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**SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:** No business.

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**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:** No business.

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**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

--Expressed appreciation to Mr. Carter for representing the County in the Adult Spelling Bee for the Bradford Education Foundation. The Foundation cleared approximately \$3,000.00 to go back into mini-grants and scholarships for kids.

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**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

--Thanked the Board for voting to assist Lawtey with their culvert problem.

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

--Commented on a drainage issue apparently caused by some type of restriction at a culvert site. He will confer with Mr. Kelley to see what needs to be done to get the water moving again.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:**

--Need to finalize arrangements to attend the Legislative Session, Florida Association of Counties meeting and the Small County Coalition meeting the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

--He and Mr. Carter have been asked to meet with the Mayor of the City of Starke and the City Manager regarding a reduction in tipping fees. He has not agreed to meet with them individually. It is his opinion that both Boards should meet.

A letter has been sent to the City concerning the expired Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City. The agreement has been expired since 2008. This needs to be resolved.

Following some discussion, the Board agreed to meet with the City Commission in a workshop on Tuesday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Commission meeting room. At the request of Commissioner Chandler, an agenda will be prepared and Mr. Carter is to get a list of items for the agenda from the City Commission.

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Mr. Wise announced the Toxic Waste Roundup scheduled for Saturday, March 6, in the north parking lot of the Courthouse.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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**JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk