

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP WITH CITY OF STARKE COMMISSION
5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Sellars and Commissioner Chandler, Mayor/City Commissioner Chastain, City Commissioner Woods, City Commissioner Waters, City Commissioner Spooner and City Commissioner Melissa Nugent.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Linda Johns, City Clerk; Jeff Johnson, Chief of Police; Scott Roberts, Sheriff Smith; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections; Ricky Thompson, City Manager; Mark Crawford, Press; Tom Rowe, City Fire Chief; Joe Fisher, City Project Director; Representatives of Jones-Edmunds.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hersey called the workshop to order at 5:02 p.m.

COUNTY ISSUES

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STARKE AND BRADFORD COUNTY FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, BUILDING AND ZONING SERVICES, AND HEALTH AND LIBRARY SERVICES FUNDING:

The proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed and discussed. Discussion was not limited to but included:

- Library hours
- Differences in Land Development Regulations (County and City) and making the City's more user friendly
- Zoning Services
- Emergency Response (Fire and Rescue) – Costs, Transports and Fees

Directives resulting from discussion:

- ❑ Amend Page 2, No. 5, as the City now handles its site plans and collects the fees and handles sign application reviews.
- ❑ The City and Ms. Thompson will work with the Planning Council to update the City's LDR
- ❑ Amend Page 3, No. 7, line No. 2 and No. 5, line No. 2 – from "...existing *mutual* aid agreement..." to "...existing *automatic* aid agreement..."

(04-13-10 Workshop with City of Starke)

AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:

The proposed interlocal agreement was reviewed and discussed. Discussion was not limited to but included:

- Animal Control expenses
- City paying half of the utility bills and providing the facility site
- Drainage problems at the current facility site
- Alternate sites for the facility
- Pro-Rata Share of expenses

Directive resulting from discussion:

- City to work on drainage problem at facility site
- Both Commissions are to continue to individually review the proposed agreement and meet again in a workshop on Tuesday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m.

CITY ISSUES

RECREATION:

Discussion was not limited to but included:

- Percentages of children utilizing recreation services broken down between the City and the County
- Elimination of programs
- Recreation budget and fees charged
- Alternatives to a recreation program

LANDFILL SURCHARGE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY:

Mayor Chastain said that in 2008, the County Commission lowered the City's tipping fee and at the same time advised that whenever monitoring costs of the old landfill changed or within two years, whichever came first, the fee would be re-evaluated. The landfill will be closed and monitoring fees will cease in 2016.

A representative from Jones-Edmunds, the County's engineer for monitoring the landfill, explained that although the 20-year long-term care permit does end in 2016, typically at a bare minimum you will have maintenance costs forever. At some point, the actual environmental monitoring may decrease or even go away.

Mayor Chastain asked that the County please keep the City in mind when maintenance/monitoring cost do decrease so the tipping fee can be reduced.

Brief discussion ensued.

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LANDFILL FUNDS (STARKE POWER PLANT SITE CLEAN UP):

Commissioner Spooner said that as a result of the clean up of the old City power plant, funds were generated intended for use by the City for a project at the old power plant site. Instead, it is their understanding that those funds are now going to the County. It is her belief that since the funds were generated by the City's efforts, the funds should be given to the City.

Chairman Hersey said that the County has yet to receive these funds and has made no commitment for the use or expenditure of the funds when received. As is well known, the State is continuing to reduce funding and cut programs, adversely affecting local governments. The County Commission will need to be watchful to stay in line with budget constraints.

There was discussion regarding the misunderstanding about which entity would receive the funds.

Commissioner Waters said that any consideration the County Commission would give to the City regarding these funds, either by splitting the funds or by joint venture, would be appreciated.

Chairman Hersey gave his assurance that once the funding is received, any expenditure of the funds will be in the best interest of the entire community.

CITY/COUNTY CONSOLIDATION:

Mayor Chastain recognized Mr. Scott Roberts who presented comments regarding consolidating County/City law enforcement agencies. Both agencies have expressed willingness to at least research the possibility and he would be glad to volunteer.

Discussion ensued which also included the possibility of consolidating the fire/rescue departments. Both commissions agreed that the sheriff and the chief of police should meet, research and prepare a recommendation.

Sheriff Smith addressed some of the pros and cons of consolidation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk