

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 6:30 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.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Sheriff Smith, Capt. Boatwright; Capt. Smith; Terry McCarthy, Chief Heilbronn Springs VFD; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Capt. Starling; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Allen Parish, Emergency Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; and Angela Macey, Community Development Director.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Chandler

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Hersey moved to item #4 on the agenda.

RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTERS WHO WORKED DURING THE JANUARY 21 TORNADO AND EIGHT FIREFIGHTERS WHO SAVED A MAN'S LIFE—BRIAN JOHNS AND CHIEF TERRY MCCARTHY:

Chairman Hersey recognized Brian Johns, who expressed appreciation to the volunteer firefighters for their dedicated service to Bradford County and to the County Commission for their support of the volunteers.

Chief Terry McCarthy introduced Mr. Chester Minnes whose life was saved by the efforts of the following outstanding, dedicated volunteer firefighters and paramedics:

Paramedic Stacy Lockhart, Firefighter Franky Krol, Paramedic Jim Marburger, Capt. Dylan Rodgers, Firefighter Kris Kirkland, Firefighter Steven Goodman, Lieut. Adam Hudson, Capt. Tommy Lafollette, Assistant Fire Chief Lloyd Hamilton, Paramedic Sheri Van Bebber, and Paramedic/Firefighter Alan Hunsinger. (Each one was presented with a Certificate and will also receive a Life Safety Award pendant to be placed on their uniforms.)

Mr. Minnes expressed his heart-felt appreciation to everyone who had a part in saving his life.

The Commission expressed deep appreciation to the firefighters and the paramedics for their dedication and service to the citizens of the County.

RESOLUTION:

--SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' BILL 0843 AND FLORIDA SENATE'S BILL 1724, TO DESIGNATE RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE STATUS ON THE RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN'S CATALYST SITES:

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution by reading 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. 2010-13.](#))

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2010
- B. PROCLAMATION: APRIL 2010 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
- C. PROCLAMATION: MAY 6, 2010 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- D. PROCLAMATION: APRIL 18-24, 2010 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
- E. PROCLAMATION: MAY 2010 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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

RESOLUTION:

--ADOPTING THE BRADFORD COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY—BRIAN JOHNS:

Chairman Hersey recognized Brian Johns who reported that this item is not ready for Board action and would be placed on a later agenda.

S.H.I.P. PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper who presented the loans for consideration.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to [approve the loans](#) as presented.

S.H.I.P. DISASTER HOME REPLACEMENT LOANS NOT TO EXCEED \$84,500—ANGELA COOPER:

Ms. Cooper presented the loans for consideration.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to [approve the loans](#) as presented.

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Ms. Cooper reported that the CDBG application cycle is coming up in the next few months. If there is a desire to apply for the funds, the Commission may wish to discuss it at the next meeting, as there are numerous public meetings required and a lot of research to be done.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—CHAIRMAN HERSEY:

Chairman Hersey recommended payment of the bills as reviewed.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills.*** (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON:

Mr. Sexton reported on the Pate building permit issue brought to the Commission at the April 5 Regular Meeting.

After meetings with Mrs. Pate, her neighbors and Ms. Thompson, there does not appear to be anything that can be done to help the Pates accomplish their plans for the building, based on the County's current Land Development Regulations.

Mr. Carter said that there are several potential uses for the building within the County and since the building permit was issued prematurely, one possible alternative for a positive outcome for all parties would be for the County to purchase the building from the Pates to reimburse them for their expenses.

Commissioner Chandler said that he does not want to spend any money in legal fees or pay any more for the building than what the Pates have spent. He would like to bring the situation to resolution without litigation.

Discussion.

Mr. Sexton said that in defense of the County's Building Official, and from that perspective, he did not make any mistakes or do anything wrong. The building met the Florida Building Code requirements he examined and the Pates deserved a permit from a building perspective. The issue was the process and the mechanics of the Building/Zoning Office from the zoning side.

Mr. Carter said that appropriate steps have been made to correct the process. He regrets having to ask the Commission for the reimbursement and will do his best to insure that it does not happen again.

There was brief discussion concerning a "Release of Liability" from the Pates to protect the County.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to proceed with the process to purchase the building, not to exceed \$10,000.00.***

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

- A. APPLICANTS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**
 - SAMIRA C. MASSEY TO REPLACE MAX NORTON
 - PAUL (PETE) O. LANDRY TO FILL ALTERNATE POSITION
 - LINDA L. GRAINGER TO FILL ALTERNATE POSITION

Mr. Carter presented the applicants for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [applicants for service on the Code Enforcement Board](#) as presented.

- B. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAMPTON AND BRADFORD COUNTY FOR BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTIONS SERVICES**

Mr. Carter presented the Interlocal Agreement for consideration.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Interlocal Agreement](#) as presented.

- C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALACHUA COUNTY AND BRADFORD COUNTY REGARDING ALACHUA-BRADFORD REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARD D/B/A FLORIDA WORKS**

Mr. Carter presented the Interlocal Agreement for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Interlocal Agreement](#) as presented.

Mr. Carter recognized Ms. Holland for the purpose of updating the Commission regarding proposed legislation that could seriously affect the delivery of primary health care to disadvantaged citizens.

Ms. Holland reported on the adverse affects to Health Departments of proposed Medicaid Reform House Bill 7223 and proposed legislation for budget reductions.

Ms. Holland asked the Commission to contact FACC, Representative Atkins and Senator Oelrich to ask them to protect small, rural counties who serve people who have no other access to health care through primary care programs.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:

Sheriff Smith invited the Commission to an appreciation luncheon to honor the County's Telecommunicators being held tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. at EMS.

In this light, Sheriff Smith presented for consideration a Proclamation for "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week—April 12-18, 2010".

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the [Proclamation](#) as presented.

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Sheriff Smith then introduced the new Sheriff's Office Public Safety website, www.bradfordsheriff.org and gave a detailed Power-Point presentation of the accomplishments, programs and stats for the Sheriff's Office and the Jail for 2009.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--Commended Sheriff Smith and Capt. Starling for an excellent job working with the clergy, volunteers and the new jail chaplain.

--Would like to see the County have a crew to do a sweep by all the collection sites once a week and perform clean up, if necessary. Also, in an effort to deter illegal dumping, he would like to see some "Violators will be Prosecuted" signs placed in the problem areas throughout the County.

Chairman Hersey asked Mr. Carter and Sheriff Smith to coordinate that effort.

Sheriff Smith gave a couple of recent incidents where violators were charged for illegal dumping. The work crews could do a more efficient job if they had a couple of ATV's.

Commissioner Thomas thanked the Sheriff for his efforts regarding litter control. The Road Department has two ATV's that they are not using that could be transferred to the Sheriff.

Chairman Hersey said that they would look into that possibility.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Commended the concerted efforts of Ms. Holland, the County Manager, the Road Department and Sheriff's Office for their help with the Community Clean Up project in the Lincoln City.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Commended the Sheriff for his quick response and treatment of a recent ATV problem.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:

--He would like the Board to consider starting an employee appreciation/awards/recognition program, to include an annual awards ceremony. The program could include the Constitutional Officers.

There was a general consensus to pursue the proposal.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk