

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2010, at 9:30 a.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; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Lisa Hall, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, Cooperative Extension Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Mark Crawford, Telegraph; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Allen Parrish, EMS Director; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Angela Cooper, Community Development Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Capt. Boatwright, Sheriff Smith; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; and D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Chandler.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hersey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. PROCLAMATION—PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK MAY 9-15, 2010
- B. PROCLAMATION—FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2010
- C. PROCLAMATION—NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK MAY 9-15, 2010

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety.***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 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 Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the SHIP Purchase Assistance Loan as presented.***

RESOLUTION:

--APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP)—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the resolution for consideration. Ms. Cooper read the title into record.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-14.](#))

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP)—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for consideration. The Plan covers fiscal years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Ms. Cooper reviewed a few changes to the Plan.

Brief discussion.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF I.G.C.F. INVOICES TO COMPLETE TOWER PROJECT—BRIAN JOHNS:

**HASTY'S COMMUNICATIONS INVOICE -- \$890.00 (AC in EM Back Room)
HASTY'S COMMUNICATIONS INVOICE -- \$28,325.00 (finish Lawtey/Theresa towers
Spent \$4,000 in Brooker)
(APPROVED BY I.G.C.F. 4/15/10)**

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Johns, who presented the invoices for consideration.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the [I.G.C.F. invoices](#) as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER SELLARS:

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, 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:

James Buehne – EMS Collection Agency:

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Buehne, who expressed his displeasure with the County using a collection agency and with the fact that there is no date on the bills being sent out.

There was brief discussion.

Mr. Parrish said that he would contact SC Services to ensure a date is included in future billings.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 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

Mr. Carter explained that the proposed interlocal agreement is essentially the same as before, with the exception of a few changes resulting from the last workshop. The Commission may wish to execute the agreement as is, or wait until after the next workshop on May 11th, where additional changes may need to be made based on discussion.

There was a general consensus to wait until after the next workshop.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH CUMMINS POWER SOUTH (\$1,546.69)

At the request of Mr. Carter, Mr. Griffis presented the annual maintenance contract for the courthouse generator for consideration.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the maintenance contract as presented.***

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH SIMPLEX GRINNELL FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM (\$8,316.00)

Mr. Carter presented for consideration, the annual maintenance contract with Simplex Grinnell for the fire alarm system.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the maintenance contract as presented.**

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

- He would like the County Commission to take the lead toward a collaborated effort between the County, the School Board, the Chamber and the City, to attract good, clean jobs to Bradford County.

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Tommy Tomlinson, who said that the Chamber Board has been working toward developing a North Florida Regional Counsel on Development. A Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for May 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Gov. Charlie E. Johns Conference Center and the Commission is invited to attend. Not only are they working for Bradford County, but the entire region, including Union County and western Clay County to incorporate the Keystone Air Park. They are trying to raise funds to hire an Economic Director to do exactly what Commissioner Chandler has proposed.

Commissioner Chandler is having a Visioning Day on May 12 in Lawtey that will include people from USDA. The Chamber Board is trying to get in touch with the same group of people to see if there are any funds available to help support the effort.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. As of Saturday morning, Bradford County raised \$53,500.
- Thanked Mr. Parrish for the mock drill held at the school.
- Thanked everyone who was involved in making the Griffis Loop resurfacing project a success.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- Thanked Sheriff Smith for the inmate crew who performs litter control on the roads and asked if there was anything the County could do to help.

Sheriff Smith said the inmates like feed sacks better than garbage bags and many local farmers are supplying those. They are looking into some machinery so they can pick up longer stretches of road in a short period of time.

Inced by inquiry of Commissioner Thomas, Mr. Funderburk said that Capt. Starling has been advised that they can borrow the four wheelers any time they need them.

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- If it would speed up the process, a landowner on SE 144th is offering some right-of-way to the County at no charge.

Mr. Kelly said that he has not made an in depth evaluation of Commissioner Thomas' proposed change. However, at first glance it would mean realigning the road, which would require redesign and re-permit through Suwannee River. A key issue is safety at the intersection with the railroad track. It is something that could be done, but he would have to take a look at all the issues before he would be in a position to make a recommendation.

There was some discussion.

Mr. Kelley said that if the County were close to settling the right-of-way procurement issue, it would be his recommendation to proceed as is.

Mr. Brown said that he would report back to the Board in detail at the next meeting concerning the right-of-way issue. He would like to get it resolved and agree on a price as opposed to taking the property and litigating after the fact what that price may or may not be. The fact that Commissioner Thomas has brought this to attention certainly provides something to discuss with the difficult landowner.

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Chandler, Mr. Carter advised that the Board's offer has been communicated to the **Pates**, but no response has been received back.

Commissioner Chandler thanked the Clerk's Office for working so well with County employees concerning their insurance benefits and commended the Board for working diligently to ensure that they have good insurance while keeping the prices down.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS