

(08-19-10 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 1, in the Bradford County Courthouse, 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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Capt. Starling; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Dale Manning, Building Code Administrator; Capt. Boatwright; Mark Crawford, Press; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Angela Macey; Community Development Director; Sheriff Smith; and Capt. Smith.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S100527A—NORA THOMPSON:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Thompson who read the title of the ordinance into the record. Ms. Thompson advised that [two letters of opposition](#) to the application have been filed: One by John Garner and one by Deborah Thompson.

Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing.

Mr. James Hooks of 438 SE 57th St., Keystone Heights and Mr. Tom Dreher of 382 SE 57th St., Keystone Heights, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Lewis noted that the Zoning Board voted 3-0 to disapprove the application. The proposed amendment would cause an unfavorable increase in traffic and is not compatible with the residential neighborhood.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to deny the application.***

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--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S200608A—NORA THOMPSON:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Thompson who read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Chairman Hersey opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. S200608A. (The Ordinance was assigned No. 10-07.)

2010 CENSUS PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—AMY DANIEL:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Daniels, Partnership Assistant for the US Census, who presented the County Commission, Brad Carter, and Ms. Harrell, with a plaque of appreciation for assisting with raising awareness and participation in the 2010 Census process.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2010
- B. MINUTES OF WORKSHOP WITH CITY OF STARKE ON JULY 13, 2010
- C. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2010
- D. APPLICATION FROM CAROL BRANDI NOEGEL FOR POSITION 14 ON THE FLORIDA WORKS BOARD

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

PROCLAMATION—SEPTEMBER 2010 FAMILY AND ADULT LITERACY MONTH—KATHY STILL:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Still, who reviewed resources available within the County to help eradicate illiteracy and recognized supporters of adult and family literacy.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to proclaim the month of September 2010 as **Bradford County Adult and Family Literacy Month**.*

CONSIDER TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP)—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the LHAP revisions for consideration.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the LHAP revisions as presented.

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CONSIDER CDBG SUBGRANT AGREEMENT #11DB-L4-03-14-01-NE1 FOR EMERGENCY SET ASIDE FUNDING—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the Agreement for consideration.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [CDBG Subgrant Agreement](#) for Emergency Set Aside Funding.***

CONSIDER CDBG AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY SET ASIDE FUNDING—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the Agreement for consideration.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [Administrative Services Agreement](#) with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the CDBG Emergency Set Aside Funding.***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES GRANT AGREEMENT—ESTIMATED \$298,424.00—ROBERT PERONE:

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Perone, who presented the Agreement for consideration.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [State Aid for Libraries Grant Agreement](#).***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS FOR LIBRARY DIRECTOR—ROBERT PERONE:

Chairman Hersey advised that Mr. Perone has received credentials necessary to allow him to apply for grants

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to accept the [Certification of Credentials](#) of Robert Perone.***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF IGCf PURCHASE—HASTY'S COMMUNICATIONS INVOICE FOR FOUR (4) PORTABLE RADIOS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,091.00—BRIAN JOHNS:

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Johns, who presented the [expenditure request](#).

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the IGCf purchases as presented.***

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BID RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL—BRIAN JOHNS:

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Johns, who advised that the [recommendation of the committee](#) is to award the contract to Grubbs Emergency Services and Unified Recovery Group as a back-up source.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to uphold the committee recommendation and award the contract to Grubbs Emergency Services and Unified Recovery Group as a back-up source.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSION, BRADFORD COUNTY SHERIFF ANIMAL CONTROL, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND BRADFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD—BRIAN JOHNS:

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

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

REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS—BRIAN JOHNS:

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Johns, who requested permission to apply for the following:

- Miscellaneous 50/50 reimbursable FEMA Forestry grants to purchase radios to be compliant with narrow brand requirements. Four stations will be done this year and the other three next year. The total of the grants for all seven stations will be approximately \$65,000.00. The 50% matching funds are available in the VFD budget.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to apply for FEMA Grants as requested.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTH FLORIDA LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR REMOVAL OF YARD TRASH AND VEGETATIVE WASTE, FOR ONE YEAR, AT SAME PER TON PRICE—DONNY WISE:

In the absence of Mr. Wise, Mr. Carter recommended approval to [extend the Agreement](#).

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the extension as recommended.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMS WRITE OFFS OF \$267,091.17—ALLEN PARRISH:

In the absence of Mr. Parrish, Mr. Carter presented and recommended approval of the [write-offs](#).

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the write-offs as recommended.

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO DESIGNATE SURPLUS PROPERTY—ALLEN PARRISH:

In the absence of Mr. Parrish, Mr. Carter [presented the request](#) to surplus three ambulances.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to surplus the ambulances as requested.***

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, 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.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

--James Bloodworth of 15540 NE 16th Avenue, Starke: [National Literacy Month](#)

--James Griffis of 12723 CR100A, and Ron Newman of 7330 SW CR227, both of Starke: [Building Department—Temporary Electrical Service](#)

Mr. Manning addressed policy regulating temporary electrical service.

Discussion.

Directive: All parties are to meet at 9:00 a.m. in the morning to work on resolving the matter.

--Ron Newman of 7330 SW CR227, Starke: [Land Use Plan and Land Development Regulation Amendments \(Proper Notification to Property Owners\)](#)

--Tom Tatum of Lawtey: [Simplifying the Land Use Plan and Land Development Regulations, Rezoning, and Property Owner Rights](#)

--Tommy Tatum of 2556 NW 216th St., Starke: [Abuse of Power, Land Use and Comprehensive Plan, Code Enforcement Board, and Building Codes.](#)

--John Green of 791 NE CR125, Lawtey: [Travel Trailers on Private Land](#)

--Ralph Byrd, Jr. of 8062 NW 180th St., Starke: [Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning Department](#)

--Malcolm Hill: [Road Department Equipment in District IV](#)

--John Bawek of 15530 NE 16th Avenue: [Family and Adult Literacy Month](#)

--James Buehne of 1586 NE 153rd St., Starke: [Commissioners Travel and Attendance at Meeting](#)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL STORAGE BUILDING

Mr. Carter requested the Commission waive the permit fee for the Mosquito Control Storage Building. In this light, also authorize the County Attorney to draft a resolution exempting all County buildings from such permit fees.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to waive the permit fee for the Mosquito Control Storage Building and to authorize the County Attorney to draft a resolution exempting all County buildings from permit fees.***

B. CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH D.O.T. FOR WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF CR299 FROM NW55TH AVE TO THE UNION COUNTY LINE-- \$1,826,550.00

C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE ABOVE AGREEMENT

Mr. Carter presented the Reimbursement Agreement for consideration and read the title of the resolution into the record.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Agreement and adopt the Resolution as presented.*** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-22.](#))

D. REQUEST APPROVAL OF BRADFORD COUNTY SAFETY PROGRAM POLICY

Mr. Carter presented the policy for approval. He asked the Commission to encourage the Constitutional Officers to participate. Approving the policy brings an added benefit of reducing the County's Workers' Comp insurance premiums.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Safety Program Policy as presented.*** (The policy is on file in the County Manager's Office, as well as the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

Mr. Carter said that at the direction of the Commission, he and Clerk Norman pursued the \$500,000.00 grant from the Department of Elder Affairs for the construction of a Senior Center. He requested authorization to advertise for bids for the construction of a building within the \$500,000.00 grant allocation. The Citizen Advisory Board has approved the proposed plan.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the Advertisement for Bids as requested.***

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:

--Reminded everyone to be mindful that school opens on Monday.

--In light of recent local tragedies, he expressed appreciation to everyone who supported the safety program directed by Dr. Ganas.

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--Requested that the Sheriff's Office be notified and kept involved in the upcoming widening and resurfacing project on CR229.

Commissioner Chandler expressed appreciation to the Sheriff and law enforcement for the excellent job working through the recent missing person incident. The family was very appreciative of the professionalism and kindness demonstrated to them. Sheriff Smith extended that appreciation to the other agencies and volunteers involved.

Commissioner Thomas commended the Sheriff's Office for doing a great job in working a breaking and entering case where the victim was a family member, and also expressed appreciation for the inmate work crews who work throughout the County.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--At the request of The Workforce Board, he has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee. Although there has already been tremendous improvement, serving on the Executive Committee should afford him more opportunities for dialogue and a means to improve the resources, funding and services coming to Bradford County.

--Based on citizen input, it appears that employees may need a better understanding of what is expected of them as it relates to the treatment of the public. The public is to be treated with professionalism and kindness. Every situation is not cut and dry and should not be treated with just the letter of the law or the letter of the rule, but the spirit of the law and the spirit of the rule. Whatever measures need to be taken to educate the employees on what is expected of them should be taken; whether through the County Manager's Office or through a training process.

--He has recently had an opportunity to visit the library on several occasions. It is bustling with people who are making use of the resources. Mr. Perone and the Library staff are doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

--Hearing the hardships and difficulties being faced by the citizens, maybe everything that can be done to help is not being done and it is important to be more attentive to each situation.

--The Commission needs to move forward with the decision to schedule a workshop to review the Land Development Regulations to see what changes should be made to meet the needs of the citizens.

--Expressed her appreciation to all those who have been so willing to step up and get involved in helping to educate our young people and teach safety to help save lives.

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Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--Concurred with Commissioner Chandler regarding the library. The volunteers do a great job as well.

--Mosquito Control is working diligently throughout the County. He implored the Commission to continue supporting their efforts.

--Expressed his sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. John Green for the loss of their father/ father-in-law. He was not aware of their circumstances until it was too late. If he had known, he would have acted accordingly. As long as he is a commissioner, he will act in every manner possible to help the citizens.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Expressed appreciation to Paul and Kathy Still for their contributions to the County.

--Commended the Road Department for the work done on 49th Street in Hampton and CR231 and CR235 in Brooker.

--A solid waste roll-off container has been placed in Lincoln City. He asked Mr. Carter to handle any complaints, should there be any, concerning its location.

--Commended Mr. Carter for the outstanding job he does as County Manager.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:

--Discussion ensued concerning the best approach to take in beginning the process to amend the Land Development Regulations. A workshop to discuss the County's Land Development Regulations was scheduled for September 16 at 4:00 p.m., prior to the mid-month meeting.

--There are some side streets in Seminole Ridge where there is a problem with the limerock washing out onto the roads. He would like the Commission to approve replacing the limerock with milling.

Mr. Funderburk advised that other than paving, milling is the only option. The area is 21' x 300' and the milling needs to be 4" thick. This would be approximately \$3,000.00, and there are sufficient funds in the budget to cover the expense.

Following brief discussion, there was consensus to replace the limerock with milling as requested.

A citizen spoke and advised that CR325 is narrow and full of potholes. Mr. Carter reported that the Commission submitted CR325 to DOT as a priority road. However, DOT, has not put it on their priority list, nor created a work order.

--Chairman Hersey expressed appreciation to Capt. Johnson for his article in the Telegraph regarding safety programs.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk