

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, November 1, 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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Angela Cooper, Community Development Director; Jim DeValerio, Tim Wilson, CED; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Harry Hatcher; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Pete Eberlin, Road Department; Mark Crawford, Press; Robert Perone, Library Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Capt. Starling; Capt. Boatwright; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Scott Roberts, Dr. Virgil Berry; Capt. Smith; and Sheriff Smith.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 10-01 (BOCC):

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

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

Commissioner Chandler asked if those churches that have built on agricultural property would still be able to do so by special exception. Mr. Brown and Mr. Carter indicated in the positive.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Ordinance Approving LDR Amendment Application No. LDR 10-01.** (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 10-17.](#))*

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2010 CDBG HOUSING APPLICATION**

Chairman Hersey recognized Ms. Martha Orthoefer, who announced that the County received funding in the Emergency Set-Aside Grant to assist families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the January 21 tornado. The sub-grant agreement came back from the State signed about two weeks ago, at which point they proceeded with the environmental review. As soon as that is approved by DCA, they will begin the process to advertise for applicants.

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Ms. Orthoefer proceeded with the public hearing. The grant applications require the following resolutions be adopted:

A. ADOPTING FISCAL-YEAR 2010 CDBG PROGRAM HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN

There was brief discussion.

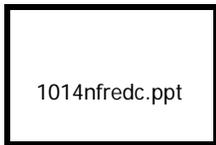
Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-29.](#))

B. AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF FISCAL-YEAR 2010 FLORIDA SMALL CITIES CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION APPLICATION

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2010-30.](#))

**NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION—
HARRY HATCHER:**

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. Hatcher who, via Power-Point presentation, reviewed economic statistics and a plan for improving economic development in Bradford County.



Mr. Hatcher advised that it is the recommendation of the Council to hire a full-time Economic Specialist. Funding for this project will come from regional government agencies and private pledges. The five-year project is anticipated to cost about \$500,000.00; approximately \$25,000.00 has been raised.

Mr. Hatcher urged the Commission to support the project. He asked the Commission for \$125,000.00 initially, and a four-year commitment of about \$50,000.00 annually. They would also like the Board to appoint a commissioner to serve on the Board for Economic Development Council, which will provide accountability and input into every decision.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the qualifications of and proposed salary for the Economic Specialist, contributions from other entities (both governmental and private) and private pledges and the Foreign Trade Zone.

Chairman Hersey advised that the Commission is not prepared to commit to the request at this meeting. Such funds have not been budgeted. He asked that the Commission be allotted time (possibly conduct a workshop) to consider the request to see if anything can be done.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0**, to approve **payment of the bills as reviewed.** (A list of the bills is located in the Finance Office of the Office of the Clerk.)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:

Sheriff Smith said that is has been a pleasure working with Chairman Hersey and expressed his appreciation to him for his service to the County.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY VEHICLES

Mr. Carter said that the [recommendation](#) before the Commission represents a reduction of six take home vehicles, and is based on the potential need for an immediate, direct response. In the event of an emergency, he would like the discretion to appoint additional staff on a limited, as needed basis.

Following some discussion, the recommendation was approved by consensus. Staff will be given a two-week period to make other driving arrangements, if needed.

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B. PROCLAMATION FOR “FARM CITY WEEK”

Mr. Carter presented the proclamation and thanked staff for resurrecting “Farm City Week” in Bradford County.

Chairman Hersey recognized Mr. DeValerio, who addressed the Commission regarding Farm City Week and the potential for increase to Bradford County’s agricultural industry.

Commissioner Thomas expressed appreciation to Mr. Wilson and Mr. DeValerio for their services to Bradford County. He thanked Mr. Wilson for assisting Union County when they were in need of an Extension Agent.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to Proclaim November 19-25, 2010 as Farm-City Week.***

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--There is an organization seeking to invest in Florida farmers. He would like to set up a meeting with them to come to Bradford County and meet with Mr. Wilson.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Expressed appreciation to the Road Department for taking care of some complaints he received.

Commissioner Lewis said that it has been a honor to serve on the Commission with Chairman Hersey. He expressed appreciation to Chairman Hersey for all he has done for the Country, the State and Bradford County.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—JOHN WAYNE HERSEY:

Chairman Hersey encouraged the Commission to stay on top of the following important issues:

- The new septic tank legislation.
- The County’s water rights.
- Changing the County’s cell phone provider; make sure the savings warrants the change.

Sheriff Smith and Mr. Carter addressed the cell phone issue and the reasoning for changing providers.

There was discussion.

--Bradford County is very fortunate to have a great group of employees. In light of the fact that this is the third year the employees have had no raises, He asked the Commission to consider allotting a \$300.00 one-time bonus, which would be a total of approximately \$60,000.00.

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This incited discussion. Clerk Norman said that there has been no allocation in the budget for such a bonus. Just as the earlier request from the North Florida Regional Council for Economic Development, this is something that would have to be looked at.

There was a general consensus for the Clerk to determine what the exact cost would be for a \$300.00 per employee bonus. At the next meeting, both the Economic Development request and the employee bonus can be discussed and a decision made.

Chairman Hersey said that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with the Board and to serve the citizens of Bradford County. If his services are needed in any way, please do not hesitate to call on him for help.

ADJOURN

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk