

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP 7:00 P.M.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MSBU'S
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in workshop session on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Sellars and Commissioner Chandler.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Dr. Virgil Berry, Dean Weaver, John S. Cooper, John Miller, Harry Hatcher, Pam Whittle, Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Mark Crawford, Press; Jimmy Scott, and Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-- (Request for Funding to Hire an Executive Director to Promote Economic Development in Bradford County):

The following members of the Council for Economic Development addressed the Commission: Harry Hatcher, Dr. Virgil Berry, John Cooper and John Miller.

Items addressed:

- [Economic Climate of Bradford County](#)
- Bringing jobs to Bradford County
- Benefits of an Executive Director for Economic Development
- Florida Works' Commitment to Support the Executive Director Concept

Mr. Hatcher distributed copies of and reviewed a [proposed budget](#) to support an Executive Director. The Council is requesting the Commission consider a one-year investment of \$50,000.00.

There was extensive discussion.

Chairman Lewis opened the floor for public comments. The following people expressed their opinions and concerns relating to the request: Sylvia Tatum, Tom Tatum, Edwin Johns and Tommy Tatum.

DIRECTIVE:

Chairman Lewis said that the Commission would take the request under advisement.

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At 8:17 p.m., Chairman Lewis called a recess.
(The Council for Economic Development left the workshop.)

Chairman Lewis called the workshop back to order at 8:38 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MSBU TO PAVE SE 3RD STREET AND SE 5TH AVENUE:

Commissioner Riddick advised that residents of SE 3rd Street and SE 5th Avenue are interested in paving these roads through the County's MSBU process. Commissioner Riddick provided copies of a ["Cost Estimate"](#) for the project. If the Commission were to allow the Road Department to provide labor only for culverts, lime rock and some ditch work, the cost to the residents would be approximately \$83,000.00, based on the current estimate. Mr. Funderburk estimates that the prep work would take two to three weeks, and would not interfere with the County's regular road maintenance schedule.

Incited by inquiry of Chairman Lewis, Mr. Sexton addressed some of the legalities of the MSBU process.

There was extensive discussion and citizen participation. Items discussed were not limited to but included re-payment of the MSBU loan, 75% citizen participation, drainage concerns, whether the Road Department can perform some of the work, project cost estimate to propose to the citizens with and without the Road Department's help, accuracy of the cost estimate, and interest rate and payments for the MSBU loan.

DIRECTIVE:

There was a consensus for the County to assist by allowing the Road Department to perform some of the work as long as it does not interfere with regular maintenance and with the understanding that should an emergency arise, the Road Department may have to pull of the project temporarily.

Chairman Lewis advised that approval for the Road Department's assistance would require formal action during a regular meeting. He would like to have a final cost estimate and estimated annual payment amount for the residents (including interest).

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS