

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim DeValerio, Agricultural and Community Development Agent; Tim Wilson, CED; D.Z. Griffis, Facility Maintenance Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Angela Cooper, Community Development Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Smith; Capt. Starling; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; MaryAnn Marshall, Rep. Atkins Office; and Jim Farrell, Finance Director.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE**

--PROHIBITING THE USE OF SLOT MACHINE-LIKE SPINNING REELS, VIDEO DISPLAYS OR SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY TO DISPLAY THE RESULTS OF A RAFFLE, SWEEPSTAKES, CONTEST OR OTHER PROMOTIONS—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Kelly Mathis, Attorney from Jacksonville who represents Allied Veterans of the World, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. ([Mr. Mathis distributed copies of an Allied Veterans of the World flyer.](#))

Discussion ensued.

There being no further public input, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the ordinance as presented.** (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2011-04.](#))*

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MSBU WORKSHOP OF JANUARY 27, 2011
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011
- C. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST
- D. PROCLAMATION—APRIL 2011 WATER CONSERVATION MONTH
- E. ADDITIONAL SIX-MONTH REDUCTION IN PIZZA HUT'S LEASE AGREEMENT
- F. EMS WRITE-OFFS OF \$112,237.81 FROM 10-01-09 THRU 01-31-10

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

**—PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF BUY LOCAL NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA CAMPAIGN--
PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 12, 2011 REINVEST DAY —VAL LEITNER:**

Ms. Leitner, President of Blue Oven Kitchens, a kitchen incubator in North Central Florida, gave a presentation regarding the Buy Local North Central Florida Campaign.



At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Leitner asked the Commission to:

- Allow her to display their Discount Cards in various County buildings. (She would also like someone to let her know when the supply of cards is getting low.)
- Provide a list of County public relations resources she can use to help promote the campaign.

There was brief discussion regarding various places in the County to display the Discount Cards. Mr. DeValerio will assist Ms. Leitner with her endeavors.

Ms. Leitner thanked the Commission for supporting the Proclamation.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Proclamation Declaring April 12, 2011 as Reinvest Day in Bradford County.***

OVERVIEW OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—TIM WILSON:

Mr. Wilson recognized Mr. DeValerio, who presented an overview (annual report) of the Agriculture and Community Resource Development Program. (Mr. DeValerio distributed copies of an Informational Packet. A copy of the packet is on file in the Clerk's Office).

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FIRE HYDRANT PROPOSAL—COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:

Commissioner Riddick asked the Commission to consider funding the placement of two fire hydrants in Hidden Hills Subdivision. The main lines, gate valves and tees are already in place. Clay Utilities will install the hydrants for \$2,500 each (\$5,000.00 total cost to the County), with no annual fees and no charge for water used to extinguish fires. Since the water lines belong to Clay Utilities, the County cannot touch the water lines. The County would be contracting with Clay Utilities for the installation of the hydrants and Clay Utilities would be responsible for all repairs.

There was extensive discussion, which was not limited to but included County liability, maintenance of the hydrants, funding an unbudgeted expenditure, and establishing criterion for approval of requests of the same nature.

Chairman Lewis said that there are too many unanswered questions and uncertainties for him to agree to move forward at this time.

Following additional discussion, there was a consensus to re-agenda this item for the April 4 meeting. Clerk Norman is to review the budget in an attempt to locate a funding source.

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:

*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:

Paul Still, Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District:

Mr. Still, Administrator for the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, reviewed a [memo](#) drafted to Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD), relating to growing concerns of how SRWMD is addressing water issues and water availability and the impact to Bradford County.

Mr. Still encouraged the Commission to consider drafting a similar memo, which would strengthen their case. Since the proposed restrictions would impact both the County and all the municipalities, it might be worth having a workshop that would include the County Commission, the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, and all the municipalities and invite SRWMD to explain the process.

There was brief discussion.

As suggested by Mr. Still, Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Carter to set up a workshop before the mid-month meeting in April.

Gary Faircloth, of 2142 SE 30th Street – Proposal to Create Jobs in Bradford County:

Mr. Faircloth said that his idea to create jobs in Bradford County would be to encourage the construction of a private major trauma transplant hospital on the available property at the Keystone Airpark. This could open up development opportunities for surroundings lands for doctor's offices, hotels, and restaurants.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: Sheriff Smith reported the following:

- A couple of meetings ago, he presented his annual report to the Commission. However, the auditors advised that it must be in writing, which is included in the Commission packets. (The [2009-2010 Budget Amendment](#) originally included in the Commission Packets was subsequently [changed](#) to comply with audit requirements and is to be presented to the Commission for formal acceptance at the April 4, 2011 regular meeting.)
- Invited the Commission to the First Annual Pig Bowl taking place this weekend. Bradford County Sheriff's Office has challenged Baker County Sheriff's Office to a flag football game. It is \$5.00 to get in the game. Proceeds will go to the "Relay for Life" cancer drive and our local food pantry.
- His office is keeping a close eye on the rising fuel costs and taking measures to conserve.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. S.H.I.P. REHAB BIDS—Angela Cooper

Ms. Cooper presented the [bid results and recommendations](#). There were two local contractors who, given the opportunity to do so, chose not exercise the "local bidder preference ordinance".

Following some discussion, Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to award the bids as recommended.

B. S.H.I.P. PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000—Angela Cooper

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

Incited by inquiry of Ms. Cooper concerning a Building Official, Mr. Carter advised that in signing the proposed agreement, the Clay County Building Official will actually become Bradford County's Building Official and will be just as accessible as any other Building Official.

C. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF LIMESTONE AND TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH PRITCHETT TRUCKING—REDUCTION FROM CURRENT PRICING

Mr. Carter presented the agreement for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to renew the [Agreement with Pritchett Trucking, Inc.](#) for Limestone and Transport.

D. CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES WITH CLAY COUNTY

Mr. Carter presented the Interlocal Agreement (I.A.) for consideration. The I.A. can be terminated at any time, with a 90-day advance notice by either party.

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

E. RESOLUTION: EMS COUNTY GRANT—Allen Parrish

Mr. Parrish presented the resolution for consideration.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2011-07.](#))*

F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FROM O’STEEN BROS., INC. FOR TURN LANE AND PAVING SHOULDER OF ROAD—(SE 144TH—MULLINS GRADE) FROM SR100 TO RAILROAD TRACK

G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FROM APAC FOR 200-A

Mr. Carter presented the Change Orders for consideration. The Change Orders being initiated by the County to best utilize the FDOT grants, while staying within the funding allocations.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [Change Orders](#) as presented.***

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

- The Commission should encourage local contractors to use local vendors for their supplies and encourage the local vendors to be more competitive with their pricing when working with local contractors.

Commissioner Thomas said that as a small business owner it is difficult to be competitive with a large chain store.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Apologized for not being able to attend the volunteer dinner Saturday evening. She had a previous engagement that had been on the books for several months. She expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers.

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Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Thanked the Commission for considering his proposal concerning the fire hydrants.
- One of the number one complaints he receives is the County-wide litter problem. He has asked the Sheriff to help out by catching and fining the violators.
- Another issue he receives complaints about is people tearing up the dirt roads, which he has discussed with the Sheriff. He has encouraged residents to get vehicle tag numbers to assist law enforcement in their efforts to alleviate the problem.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to Rep. Atkins and Ms. Marshall for their efforts in helping to get the Septic Tank Bill repealed.
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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—EDDIE J. LEWIS:

- He does not want anyone to think that he is being negative concerning the fire hydrant proposal presented by Commissioner Riddick. There are still some unanswered questions that he hopes to get answers to before the next meeting.
 - Reminded everyone that there will be no mid-month meeting.
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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk