

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Sellars, and Commissioner Riddick. (Commissioner Chandler was unable to attend.)

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Christiann Hudson, Building and Zoning Department; Jason McClellan, Clay County Building Inspector, David Conner, Clay County Building Official; David Thompson, Security, Tim McCarthy, Communications; Michael Heeder, Emergency Management Planner, Chip Ware, Fire Inspector.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Carter said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss how things are going in the Building Department and to answer any questions and address any concerns. Since the last meeting, he has not received any complaints from any contractors. The system has not been flawless. However, any time there has been an issue or a question, The Building Department, as well as Clay County, made every attempt to resolve it to mutual satisfaction.

One of the questions is if the current system of using Clay County Officials is permanent. In answer to that question, the current arrangement is a good alternative during the slow economy. Although the long-term goal is to hire a full-time Building Official, it is not feasible until the economy picks up and the revenues within the Building Department increase. The current arrangement with Clay County will continue as long as it is working for all parties; as long as Clay County is getting the job done without being burdensome, and Bradford County is saving money.

He is monitoring the system on a monthly basis. The current month has proven to be an active month. If there are several months like this month, it may well be practicable to look into hiring someone. Since the County has entered into this arrangement, on average, there has been a savings of about one-half of what it would cost to hire a full-time Official.

There was brief discussion regarding the type of activity the Building Department has been experiencing.

Mr. Carter advised that as economically as can be divided up, Mr. Heeder and Mr. Ware will handle fire inspections.

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Contractor Arthur Masters said that he has no complaints. Clay County is doing an excellent job and the system seems to be working out well. As the economy picks up, he would like to see the County get a full-time Official.

Mr. Carter said that there is still some apprehension and concerns on the commercial side. Clay County Building Official David Connor addressed the appropriate levels of service as outlined by statute. They are meeting the appropriate level of service.

There was brief general discussion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS