

(04-21-11 Workshop & Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP – WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011**

**WORKSHOP
WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT
5:00 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a workshop session on Thursday, April 20, 2011, at 5:00 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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Paul Still, Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Dale Jenkins, Hydrogeologist with Suwannee River Water Management District, Marianne Marshall, Rep. Atkins Office, and Deputy David Thompson, Security.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Dale Jenkins, Hydrogeologist with Suwannee River Water Management District. Via Power-Point Presentation, Mr. Jenkins briefly reviewed the geology and hydrogeology of the Upper Santa Fe River Basin, including Bradford County, and the [Water Supply Assessment Executive Summary](#).



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(Commissioner Chandler entered the meeting @ 5:25 p.m.)

Chairman Lewis opened the floor for questions and discussion. (There were numerous residents of Sampson Lake who participated in the discussion.) The items discussed were not limited to, but included:

- Sampson Lake Water Levels (Including Three-Pipes)
- Retention Ponds & How They Impact Water Levels

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Chairman Lewis recognized Paul Still, who addressed the Commission. Mr. Still shared his position and concerns regarding the Water Supply Assessment and also provided insight on water levels and the eco system of Sampson Lake.

Mr. Still concluded by saying there is obviously going to be a major fight for water and if Bradford County is not defending its water rights, the water will go either down to Alachua County or up to Clay or Duval County.

Mr. Jenkins said that government agencies in Florida are really strapped. Suwannee River Water Management District is doing what they can with the resources they have. It takes public involvement to help them focus on areas where they need to focus. Mr. Still is a great example of someone who really likes to get involved. This very critical area is seeing more water resource impacts than other areas of the district, just because of its proximity to parts of Florida that pump a lot of ground water.

Chairman Lewis inquired about a timeline in finding a solution regarding the water levels of Sampson Lake. Mr. Jenkins said that since the main concern seems to be Three Pipes and the future of Three Pipes, he would have to research to see what he can find out.

There was brief discussion regarding the water levels of Sampson Lake and Three Pipes.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Lewis adjourned the workshop at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, April 20, 2011, at 6:30 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; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Deputy David Thompson, Security; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Angela Cooper, Community Development Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Capt. Boatwright; Capt. Smith; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; and Sheriff Smith.

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

**AMENDED—EMERGENCY ITEM (Added after agenda was published):
CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #1—SILBA PROJECT—ADDITION OF \$2,000.00—REVISED TOTAL
\$13,741—ANGELA COOPER:**

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency.**

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the change order for consideration.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE**

--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 11-04—NORA THOMPSON:

In the absence of Ms. Thompson, Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

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

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Ordinance approving Rezoning Application No. Z 11-04.** (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2011-11.](#))*

D.O.T. PRESENTATION—JORDAN GREEN:

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Green, who:

- Solicited for work program priorities for the fifth year of the Five-Year Work Program-Due May 15 ([Bradford County Priority List for 2012-2016](#))
- Solicited for SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP projects-Due May 1 (The list was approved later in the meeting)
- Reviewed the FDOT Work Program ([Handout](#)).

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included, security of program funding, Hampton Lake sidewalk project, Enhancement Program, and the HWY 301 Bypass.

Mr. Green advised that Bill Henderson and Dennis Lord plan to attend the May 2 BOCC meeting to address the HWY 301 Bypass project. A public hearing is scheduled for May 27, in Starke, to address the project in more detail.

4-H REPORT—TIM WILSON: This item was rescheduled for the May 2 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2011
- B. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

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

**CONSIDER TDC GRANT TO MAIN STREET FOR THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (\$5,000.00)—
PAM WHITTLE:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the funding request for consideration. The TDC approved the funding request on March the 17th.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Funding Request as presented.***

PAYMENT OF BILLS—CHAIRMAN LEWIS:

Chairman Lewis recommended payment of the bills as reviewed.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as recommended.*** (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT—WILL SEXTON: None.

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SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:

Sheriff Smith reported the following:

- Coordinated by Brian Johns, Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., Active Shooter Training at Bradford High School
- Expressed Appreciation to Alan Parrish and Brian Johns
- The Communications Appreciation Luncheon was a success

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. D.O.T. GRANT CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR FIVE-YEAR ROAD PRIORITY LIST (2012-2016)

Mr. Carter presented the priority list for consideration.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [priority lists](#) as presented.***

Mr. Carter said that DOT has advised that the railroad crossing on HWY 301 in front of Wendy's is tentatively scheduled for repairs May 14-16. There is a pre-construction meeting set for April 27th. Sheriff Smith has taken a firm stance concerning not diverting all the 301 traffic onto the County's local roads.

Sheriff Smith said that he has been conferring with FDOT and emphasizing the importance of keeping the diverted traffic off the local roads.

Chairman Lewis said that the turning signal into Tractor Supply needs repair.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--He is receiving complaints that the noise problem has returned in Strawberry Acres. Sheriff Smith is working toward resolve.

--The Workforce Board is rated one of the top in the State and the Nation. The month of April is "Volunteer Month", where volunteers are recognized. There are great volunteers on the Workforce Board who have helped Bradford County get its share of the pot. It is being reported that there will be no summer jobs this year. Summer jobs are needed this summer more than ever before. This is an area that he will continue to communicate to Workforce.

--The Small County Coalition is conducting a meeting in June, in Orlando. If at all possible, he would like to attend. The Coalition works very hard to make sure that small counties are represented well. Their lobbying skills have kept Bradford County from losing funding.

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Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

--REMINDER: May 5 is National Day of Prayer Day. Northside Baptist Church is hosting the program in the Courthouse courtyard. Assembly should begin at 11:00 a.m. and the program will last about 45 minutes.

Mr. Carter advised that his assistant, Ms. Harrell, has announced her retirement, effective the end of June. Ms. Harrell has done an excellent job and will be missed.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—EDDIE LEWIS: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk