

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, May 2, 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Gwenn Wilds, Clerk; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Mark Crawford, Press; Mark Williams, M&R Construction; Tim Wilson, CED; Debbie Nistler, 4-H Agent; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Boatwright; Angela Macey, Community Development Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Capt. Starling, Jail Administrator; Capt. Smith; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; and Marianne Marshall, Rep. Atkins Office.

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

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**AWARD BID FOR CR229A TO JOHN C. HIPP CONSTRUCTION:** Mr. Carter recommended awarding the CR229A project to the [best, low bid submitted by John C. Hipp Construction Equipment, Inc.](#) in the amount of \$430,530.08, contingent upon receipt of funds from the Department of Transportation.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to award the bid as recommended by Mr. Carter.***

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**PROCLAMATION—RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS:**

Mr. Carter presented the proclamation for consideration.

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to [Proclaim May 20 & 21, 2011, as "Relay for Life Days" in Bradford County.](#)***

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**SITE PLAN APPROVAL—MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE CENTER (PARCEL #05219-0-0002)—  
NORA THOMPSON:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Thompson, who presented the [site plan](#) for consideration. Ms. Thompson asked the Commission to approve the site plan contingent upon approval of the special exception by the Board of Adjustment.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. MINUTES OF LDR WORKSHOP OF MARCH 29, 2011**
- B. EMS BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS (\$26,786.64)**

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

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**F.D.O.T.—DISCUSSION ON 301 BY-PASS—BILL HENDERSON AND DENNIS LORD:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Henderson and Mr. Lord, who presented an [update on the 301 Corridor \(Bypass\) Project](#).

Mr. Henderson announced a public workshop scheduled for May 26 at the Bradford County Fairgrounds, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Don DeWitt of 15131 SW 54<sup>th</sup> Ave., Starke:** Mr. DeWitt expressed his opposition to the proposed bypass.

There was discussion and public input, which was not limited to but included:

- HWY 301 remaining a state road.
  - The percentage of people traveling through Starke who actually stop to conduct business.
  - New business potential at the proposed interchanges.
  - Improvements to HWY 301.
  - Baldwin bypass
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**4-H PRESENTATION—TIM WILSON AND DEBBIE NISTLER:** Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson introduced Debbie Nistler, 4-H Youth Development Agent, who reviewed the current and future projects, programs and goals of the 4-H Program. ([Handout](#))

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:**

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Tommy Tomlinson, Clay Electric Cooperative—Announced Retirement**

After 45 years of service with Clay Electric, Mr. Tomlinson announced his retirement effective June 3. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with the County Commission for the last 12 years. He is still going to be active in the community, i.e. Economic Development, the Chamber and other activities that he deems very important to the citizens of Bradford County.

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Mr. Tomlinson introduced the new District Manager, Dale Furlong. Mr. Furlong has been with Clay Electric for 28 years. Mr. Furlong said that he looks forward to working with the County Commission, County staff and the citizens of Bradford County. He will begin his tenure June 6.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN:** None.

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**SHERIFF REPORTS—SHERIFF GORDON SMITH:**

--At the request of Commissioner Chandler, Sheriff Smith provided an update on the **noise problem at Strawberry Acres.**

--The **Active Shooter training** was very successful. He thanked Mr. Johns and Mr. Parrish for their assistance.

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**CLERK REPORTS—CLERK RAY NORMAN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

Mr. Carter asked Mr. Johns to present items "A", "B" and "C".

- A. **AWARD 9-1-1 SOLOCOM MAINTENANCE GRANT (NO MATCH) \$13,250**
- B. **AWARD 9-1-1 RECORDER GRANT (NO MATCH) \$88,625**

Mr. Johns advised that the County was awarded both grants. He is asking the Board to accept the grants. He anticipates an entire swap over to the new 9-1-1 system some time in June. The new system is state of the art and will be one of the best in the state.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to [accept both grants.](#)***

Mr. Johns said that although he is not sure of the cost yet, there are plans to apply for a state grant to purchase a GeoCom Mapping System.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to apply for a state grant to purchase a GeoCom Mapping System.***

**C. RESOLUTION—ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN**

Mr. Johns presented the resolution for consideration. He read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.** ([The Resolution was assigned No. 2011-08.](#))*

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

--Reminder: May 5, **National Day of Prayer**. There will be a program sponsored by Northside Baptist Church at the Courthouse courtyard. Assembly will begin between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

--Expressed appreciation to Mr. Johns and Mr. Parrish for the mapping work done in **Seminole Ridge** and thanked the Sheriff for the increased patrol.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—CHAIRMAN EDDIE LEWIS:** None.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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**EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk