

(05-19-11 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy Clerk; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Angela Cooper, Community Development Director; Martha Orthofer; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Mark Williams, M&R Construction; Mark Crawford, Press; Donald Frees, Assistant Road Superintendent; Capt. Starling; Capt. Boatwright; and Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**ORDINANCES
FIRST READING ONLY**

**--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 11-01 (BOCC)—
NORA THOMPSON:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

Chairman Lewis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Tommy Tatum asked about the LDR Committee proposed amendments to parking lot requirements.

Mr. Carter said that they are not included in this application. According to Ms. Thompson, those amendments are being handled separately and are still on track.

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

**--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 11-02 (BOCC)—
NORA THOMPSON:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

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

**--LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. LDR 11-04 (BOCC)—
NORA THOMPSON:**

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

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

At the request of Chairman Lewis, Mark Williams of M&R Construction provided an **update on the progress of the Senior Center.**

With a mid-August completion date, Mr. Carter said that with the Board's approval, he would like to move forward with planning for the operation of the Senior Center, with existing staff. Ms. Cooper has agreed to oversee the operation of the Center, with the assistance of volunteers and Suwannee River Economic Council.

Ms. Cooper said that Mr. Carter did approach her and she did agree, but with some reservations. Volunteers will be very important to the success of the Center. She is concerned that there is very little, if any money available to furnish the building. She needs to feel assured that the Commission is committed to follow through with furnishing the building and will support a volunteer committee.

Chairman Lewis said that the Board understands the need to furnish the building and it is the full intent of the Board to furnish the building to the best of its ability.

Commissioner Chandler said that the building is being built because there is a need and it will be well utilized. The Board is committed to do what needs to be done to provide furnishings for the Center.

Commissioner Sellars said she believes in the Center and is committed to its success. The Board needs to consider the needs during the upcoming budget process. An active committee is key to the success of the Center and she would fully support a volunteer committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2011**
- B. REAPPOINTMENT OF E.W. HODGES, JR. TO THE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- C. S.H.I.P. HOME REHABILITATION AND PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS**

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

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AWARD AGREEMENT AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS DOCUMENTATION FOR BRADFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. DCA CONTRACT NO. 11DB-C5-03-14-01-H17—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the Agreement for consideration. The grant is for \$750,000 and will run for two years.

There was brief discussion.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Grant Agreement as presented.***

AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. DCA CONTRACT NO. 11DB-C4-03-14-01-H17—ANGELA COOPER:

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Cooper, who presented the Agreement for consideration. The Agreement is between Bradford County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for administrative services.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Administrative Services Agreement as presented.***

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed.*** (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 REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—SHERIFF GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. CHANGE ORDER JOHN C. HIPPO CONSTRUCTION, CR229-A. REDUCTION OF CONTRACT (-\$35,228) NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT \$395,302.08

Mr. Carter presented the change order for consideration.

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

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF SW 66TH PLACE

Mr. Carter requested permission to advertise a public hearing to close and abandon a portion of SW 66th Place, out near Crosby Lake. There actually is no road currently there. The County Surveyor has visited the site and they see no adverse affect to the County to close the road.

Chairman Lewis said that he went with Mr. Carter and Mr. Welch to the site. Not only is there no road there, one could not be built.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, to **advertise the closure of a Portion of SW 66th Place.***

C. FUNDING REVISIONS FOR 2010-2011 CONTRACT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

At the request of Mr. Carter, Ms. Amy Johns presented the revisions to the contract for consideration.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Contract Revisions as presented.***

D. ADDENDUM TO FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES WITH MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC. TO PROVIDE ADULT CRIMINAL DRUG COURT SERVICES

Mr. Carter presented the Agreement for consideration.

There was brief discussion.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Agreement as presented.***

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E. "CARES" SPONSORSHIP - \$100 DONATION

Mr. Carter presented [the request](#) for consideration.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the \$100.00 Donation as requested.***

Mr. Carter advised that the Commission received a request from Santa Fe Bradford Fest asking for a letter of support to the state in an effort to continue their grant funding. With the Board's permission, he will draft the letter for the Chairman's signature.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to authorize Mr. Carter to draft the letter as requested.***

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--Expressed his appreciation to the LDR Committee for their work on the County's LDR. Before the Commission votes on the LDR amendments, he would like "churches and houses of worship" clearly defined.

Mr. Carter advised that the County Attorney's Office, with Commissioner Chandler's assistance, is working on a definition and should have something to present to the Commission in the near future.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

--Expressed appreciation to the LDR Committee for their hard work.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

--Currently, the cost of milling is the same or less than limerock. With this in mind, and the fact that milling is a more superior product than limerock, he would like Board approval for the Road Department to use milling as they see fit.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Chandler asked if there is a way to lock in the current pricing via a contract. Chairman Lewis recommended using limerock funds to purchase and stockpile the milling. Commissioner Thomas said that he fully supports the use of milling whenever and wherever possible.

There was Board consensus to approve Commissioner Riddick's request and to purchase milling using limerock funds. Mr. Carter will pursue a contract to lock in the current pricing.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—CHAIRMAN EDDIE J. LEWIS:

Ms. Cooper reported that although SHIP was not funded last year, she was notified today that Florida Housing Finance Corporation will fund SHIP this year for rehab projects. She is expecting the same level of funding as in the past.

Clerk Norman reported that there are no FRDAP grant funds in next year's state budget.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk