

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Representative Janet Atkins, Marianne Marshall, Rep. Atkins Office; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Tim Wilson, CED; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Mark Williams, M&R Construction; Mark Crawford, Press; Nora Thompson, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Gordon Smith, Sheriff; Capt. Boatwright, and Capt. Smith.

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

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—REPRESENTATIVE JANET ATKINS:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Representative Atkins, who, via Power-Power, reported on the recent Legislative Session and what to expect during the next session.

(During her presentation, Rep. Atkins announced that they have tentatively set July 18, 2011, in the afternoon, in Bradford County, to meet with DOT, DEP and small trucking companies to discuss the issues faced by the trucking industry.)



Comments, questions and public input.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2011**
- B. MINUTES OF WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2011**
- C. PROCLAMATION FOR “WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”**
- D. PROCLAMATION FOR “CIVILITY” MONTH**

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

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**EMPG FEDERAL GRANT AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2011 THRU JUNE 30, 2012) (\$40,608.00)—  
BRIAN JOHNS:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Brian Johns, who presented the grant agreement for approval. The grant is for \$40,608.00 with no match.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Grant Agreement as presented.** (A copy of the grant agreement is on file in the Office of Emergency Management.)*

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**EMPA STATE (BASE) GRANT AGREEMENT (JULY 1, 2011 THRU JUNE 30, 2012) (\$105,806.00)—  
BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns presented the EMPA Base grant agreement for consideration. The grant is for \$105,806.00 with no match. (Subsequent to this meeting, It was determined that the grant is a 75/25 matching grant, which was explained at the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2011.)

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Grant Agreement as presented.** (A copy of the grant agreement is on file in the Office of Emergency Management.)*

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Chairman Lewis said that there is a need to consider adoption of a resolution on an emergency basis.

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

Mr. Johns reported on a local fire that has been on going for about three weeks. He commended the volunteer fire fighters for their commitment and excellence in fighting the fire.

Mr. Johns asked the Commission to adopt a Resolution confirming the [Proclamation signed by Chairman Lewis](#) on June 3, 2011. Mr. Johns read the title into record:

**“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ACTION BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IMPOSING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY BANNING OPEN FIRE BURNING AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 26-8(H) OF THE COUNTY CODE.”**

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.*** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2011-09.](#))

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#### **CITY RECREATION UPDATE—ALICA MCMILLIAN:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. McMillian, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Starke. Ms. McMillian appealed to the Commission to support the Recreation Department and discouraged the proposal by the City to privatize.

Chairman Lewis said that the County budget is tight and there are no recreation funds allocated in the budget.

Discussion ensued.

There was a general consensus that the County Commission to meet with the City Commission in a workshop setting to discuss the issues to see what, if anything, can be worked out.

Commissioner Thomas said that he does not want Ms. McMillian to leave the meeting with false hope. Every commissioner knows that there are currently no funds in the budget for recreation, and property values are going down, affecting the County’s main revenue source, ad valorem taxes.

Ms. McMillian said she realizes the County currently does not have any money, but she would like the two commissions to work together and plan for the 2011-2012 budget.

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#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:**

*Commissioner Riddick 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.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Tommy Alexander, P.O. Box 1563, Melrose, FL 32666**—commented on the following:

--Traffic citation he received issued by Hampton Police Department.

--Consolidating the County and the City governments to reduce government and save money.

--Expressed his displeasure with only seeing two black employees in the courthouse during his last visit.

Commissioner Riddick said that he has received a lot of complaints about the Hampton Police Department. In his opinion, there is a problem, but he is not sure what, if anything, can be done. He has plans to discuss the issue with the Sheriff.

Sheriff Smith said that he would orchestrate a meeting between himself, the Hampton Police Chief and a representative from the County Commission.

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

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**SHERIFF REPORTS—SHERIFF GORDON SMITH:** None.

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**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

**A. DISCUSS PIZZA HUT LEASE**

At the request of Mr. Carter, this item was continued to the next regular meeting.

**B. CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR O’STEEN BROS., INC. FOR SE 144<sup>TH</sup> FROM CR100 TO RAILROAD TRACK (INCREASE OF \$56,736.00)**

Mr. Carter presented the change order for consideration. Mr. Kelley explained the need for the change order and advised that there are excess funds in the project to cover the increase.

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

Recognized by Mr. Carter, EMS Director, Allen Parrish commended Paramedic Rebecca Hilliard for a heroic act she performed while off-duty. Mr. Parrish said that Paramedic Hilliard was at a public pool in Gainesville when a six-year old child was found unresponsive at the bottom of the pool. The child was pulled out by the lifeguard and resuscitated by Paramedic Hilliard, and is now doing very well.

Mr. Parrish said that he wanted to recognize Ms. Hilliard publicly as a Bradford County Paramedic and he wanted the Commission to see that the funding that is allocated toward their training is making a difference.

Chairman Lewis asked Mr. Parrish and Mr. Carter to work together to make sure that Ms. Hilliard receives a plaque and that a letter of commendation is placed in her file.

Paramedic Hilliard said that it is an honor and privilege to work in Bradford County and she thanked God for the clarity of mind and the ability to help this child. There are many others just like her both employed in Bradford County and other counties that would not hesitate to have done the same thing.

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**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:**

--Since Pizza Hut is claiming that they are not making any profit, he would like to examine documents that reflect exactly what they are making.

Mr. Carter said that is one of the things he is working on, and one of the reasons he asked the Commission to hold off discussion concerning renewal of the lease.

--As the Road Department begins using milling instead of lime rock, he wants to make sure that all districts get equal attention.

**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

--Reminded Mr. Carter that when he is contacted by either the City of Starke or Ms. McMillian, that he is to work with them to set up a workshop to discuss recreation. Although the County does not have any funds, she would like the City and Ms. McMillian to hear that from either this Board, the County Manager or the Clerk, rather than draw their own conclusion or to hear on the streets that the County is not willing to help or give them any money whatsoever.

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

--He supports recreation and would like to help, but if we can't, we can't. He did not want Ms. McMillian to leave this meeting with any false hopes.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—EDDIE J. LEWIS:**

Chairman Lewis said that realizing the power of prayer, several of his constituents have asked if the Commission could encourage local pastors to attend the Commission meetings and open in prayer.

After brief discussion, Chairman Lewis asked the Clerk's Office and the County Manager's Office work together to contact the pastors and organize a schedule.

Mr. Kelley reported that the contractor is starting to run asphalt on CR 229A today and will finish tomorrow, and next Monday they will start the asphalt on SE 144<sup>th</sup>.

Incited by inquiry of Chairman Lewis, Mr. Kelley said that the stop signs at the railroad track on SE 144<sup>th</sup> are temporary.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN**

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

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk