

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Sellars and Commissioner Lewis.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Ronald Harper, Maintenance Supervisor; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; and Capt. Boatwright.

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

--**David Cobb**, North Area Manager of External Affairs for **Florida Power and Light**, commented on the following:

Mr. Cobb gave an update of recent accomplishments and future goals of Florida Power and Light to improve efficiency to better serve its customers.

--**Richard Sapp**, Director of Operations for Bradford County School Board, commented on the following:

Mr. Sapp expressed his appreciation to County staff and volunteers for the success of the mock bus accident drill recently conducted.

--**Paul Still**, commented on the following:

Mr. Still urged Bradford County to become a part of a "working group" developed out of a recent tri-county meeting (Hamilton, Columbia, Suwannee) held in Columbia County regarding water management issues. It is his belief that the working group has the potential to create some leverage in helping the Water Management District do a better job of protecting water resources.

Mr. Carter advised that Mr. Kelley attended the tri-county meeting. Dale Williams, Columbia County's County Manager, was aware that Mr. Kelly was attending to convey Bradford County's support of their initiative. He has been and will continue to be in contact with the group.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOANS NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000—KELLY CANADY**

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER SELLARS:**

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, 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.)

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**RESOLUTION:**

**--BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$16,070 IN THE GENERAL FUND—JIM FARRELL and TERRY VAUGHAN:**

At the request of Clerk Norman, this item was pulled from the agenda until further notice.

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**CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT AWARD, NO. 2011-SS-00067 (AWARD TOTAL \$20,000)—BRIAN JOHNS:**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Johns, who requested permission to accept the no-match grant award. The grant funds are allocated for training purposes.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to accept the [grant award](#) as presented**.*

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.**

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

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**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:**

**A. DISCUSS CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE STATE ATTORNEY, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND THE COUNTY OF BRADFORD**

Clerk Norman recommended canceling the contract. It is an annual contract that has been effective since 2006, wherein the County paid to the State Attorney \$1,000.00 annually to prosecute violators of County ordinances. The County has never utilized this service. Sheriff Smith has concurred with the recommendation of canceling the contract. The State Attorney's Office has agreed to waive the 60-day notification of termination clause. A letter from the County canceling the contract is sufficient.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to cancel the contract as recommended.***

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Carter presented the lease agreement for consideration. The lease amount is \$1,800.00 per month to lease to Regional Counsel two suites in the Courthouse Annex building. Some modifications to the suites are necessary, at an estimated cost of 3,000 to \$3,500.

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

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD MEMORIAL AWARD—MARTHA HAZEN STREET (SE 144<sup>TH</sup>)(Clarification of Hazen Road Memorial)**

Mr. Carter presented the Road Memorial Award for consideration.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the Road Memorial Award as presented.***

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO REQUEST DOT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM NW CR 229 TO NW CR 200A BRIDGE REPAIR (NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000)**

At the request of Mr. Carter, County Engineer, Jerome Kelley presented the request for consideration and explained the need to transfer the funds.

There was brief discussion.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the transfer of DOT funds as requested, not to exceed \$200,000.** (Mr. Kelley will know the exact amount before any funds are transferred.)*

**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WILL SEXTON TO REPRESENT BRADFORD COUNTY ON THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

Mr. Carter advised that Mr. Sexton’s appointment would be for an indefinite time period. In order to protect the County’s interests, it is critical to have representation on the N.F. Broadband Authority Board. Mr. Sexton has agreed to represent the County at a reduced hourly rate.

Clerk Norman commended Mr. Chris Thurow for his outstanding service and the excellent manner in which he represented Bradford County during his tenure on the Broadband Authority Board.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to appoint Will Sexton to represent Bradford County on the North Florida Broadband Authority Board.***

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**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the Road Department for their labors at the Santa Fe Boat ramp.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—CHAIRMAN ROSS CHANDLER:**

- Governor Scott is proposing legislation that will change how Workforce Boards are formulated. The new legislation will take the authority to appoint members to such boards away from local governments and granting that authority solely to the Governor. The Workforce Board is requesting a letter opposing the new legislation from each County. That being said, he will be asking the Commission for a letter at a later date.

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**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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**ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN**

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

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk