

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP 8:00 A.M.
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

**WORKSHOP
8:00 a.m.
Redistricting Options
Between the Bradford County School Board and the Board of County Commissioners**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Workshop on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 8:00 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; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts, Terry Brown, County Attorney, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; School Board Members: Randy Jones, Roman Alvarez, Vivian Chappell, Stacy Creighton, and Archie Kittles; John Cooper, School Board Attorney; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections, Carol Milner, Assistant Supervisor of Elections; and Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Chandler called the workshop to order at 8:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION

There was extensive discussion, which was not limited to but included the potential consequences of the County Commission and School Board approving two different redistricting plans and the consequences of approving a plan that does not meet all the redistricting requirements, the Redistricting Committee recommendations, and adjusting the minority/majority district lines (District I) now and tabling a decision on the remaining district lines until 2013.

DIRECTIVE

School Board Chairman Jones asked the Commission to contact the School Board once there is a final decision.

Chairman Chandler advised that County staff would further confer with Mr. Vaughan and get a decision to the School Board as soon as possible.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
9:30 a.m.

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012, 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; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Terry Brown, County Attorney, Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Beth Moore, Superintendent of Schools; Winifred Holland, Health Department Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Ronnie Harper, Facility Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Sally Armstrong, Building Department; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Linda Johns, City Clerk; Tim Wilson, Cooperative Extension Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Robert Perone, Library Director; Capt. Smith, Capt. Boatwright; Capt. Starling; Chris Thurow, IT Director; and Sheriff Smith.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

--LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S111216A (BOCC)—RANDY ANDREWS:

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Andrews, who read the title into the record.

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

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the ordinance approving Land Use Classification Amendment Application No. S111216A.** (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2012-02.](#))*

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--MORATORIUM ON IMPACT FEES—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown read the title into the record.

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

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the ordinance as presented.** (The [Ordinance was assigned No. 2012-03.](#))*

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BRIEFING REGARDING PRISON CLOSURES:

Mr. Carter introduced Regional Director Chris Southerland and Warden David Ellis of New River Correctional Institution.

Ms. Southerland explained the reasons for the closure of the seven institutions. By consolidating institutions, the facilities that remain open will be fully staffed and will run more efficiently. The biggest challenge and main priority is to reassign staff members affected by the closures. Ms. Southerland briefly reviewed the process for reassigning staff members to surrounding institutions. By February 24, every staff member will know his or her reassignment.

Warden Ellis briefly addressed the Commission regarding the closure of New River Correctional Institution. He advised that Work Squads would continue in Bradford County, out of Lawtey Correctional.

Discussion ensued.

Bradford County Superintendent of Schools, Beth Moore expressed concern about the loss of revenue to the school system due to the New River closure.

There was brief discussion concerning privatization and the New River structure itself.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Paul Still—Alachua County's request to the New River Solid Waste Board for reduction in fees.

Mr. Still said that the time is coming when Alachua County is going to ask the New River Solid Waste Association to re-establish their reduction in fees. About 18 months ago, they requested the reduction stating that they did not have any money. The reduction was granted and then they in turn significantly reduced the fees they charge their residents. Alachua County should be sent a message that Bradford County does not want to have to raise their solid waste fees on its residents just so Alachua County can reduce it for theirs.

Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Lewis (Commissioners serving on the New River Solid Waste Association Board) both advised that they are not in favor of reducing the fees.

Chairman Chandler said that he is certain that the Board's representatives on the New River Solid Waste Board would protect the County's interests.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. WATER CONSERVATION PROCLAMATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL
- B. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LAWTEY FOR BUILDING PERMIT/INSPECTION SERVICES
- C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BROOKER FOR BUILDING PERMIT/INSPECTION SERVICES
- D. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND RESPONSE NOTIFICATION FOR SCHOOLS IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FL., SECTION 5316 GRANT APPLICATION
- E. CHANGE ORDER FOR SHIP REHAB PROJECT (\$5,890.32)
- F. CHANGE ORDER FOR SHIP REHAB PROJECT (\$2,933.50)
- G. RENEWAL OF KONE CARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR (TO INCLUDE HOLDING CELL ELEVATOR) (\$3,360.00 Annual)(Reduction of \$3,152.88)
- H. **RESOLUTION: CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF A RELATIVE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER BY EMS DEPARTMENT** (Resolution No. 2012-04)
- I. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY CONSTRUCTION TRADE BOARD

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.*** (Item "H"—Resolution was assigned No. 2012-04.)

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BRADFORD COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REQUEST FOR \$5,000 TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT STAGE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SR100 AND WATER STREET—MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE:

Rusty Greek advised that construction of a permanent stage would mean a savings of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 per year on rentals. Main Street will manage the building and the City of Starke will maintain the building. During events, the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street carries liability insurance, at all other times, the City of Starke carries the liability insurance.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [TDC expenditure](#) as requested.***

Commissioner Riddick said that Scott Koons with North Central Florida Regional Planning (NCFRP) has asked on several occasions why Bradford County does not participate with the placemats they offer with a map of Florida, the counties and what they offer. Mr. Greek said that if Mr. Koons would call the Chamber and inquire about attending a Main Street meeting, they would be glad to address it.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

EMERGENCY ITEMS:

A. REQUEST FORGIVENESS OF SHIP LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,504.70

Mr. Carter advised that counsel concurred that these items are of an emergent nature.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency for consideration of Item A.***

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve to forgive the SHIP loan in the amount of \$2,504.70.***

B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SEPTIC TANK REPAIRS IN HEILBRONN SPRINGS FIRE STATION—NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency for consideration of Item B.***

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve the repairs to the septic system at Heilbronn Springs Fire Station, not to exceed \$5,000.00.***

A. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM BOARD SUPERVISED DEPARTMENTS

Each of the following Department Heads reported on the accomplishments, statistics and future goals of their respective departments for the year 2011. (*Power-Point Presentations.)

- Winifred Holland, Health Department Director
- Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director
- Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director
- Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director

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- Robert Perone, Library Director (Consensus to apply for grant offered by Wal-Mart)
- Paul Funderburk, Road Department Superintendent
- Kelley Canady, Community Development Director
- Ronnie Harper, Facility Maintenance Supervisor
- *Chris Thurow, Information Technology Director
- *Tim Wilson, Cooperative Extension Director
- *Randy Andrews, Zoning Director and Sally Armstrong, Building Department
- *Rachel Rhoden, on behalf of Barbara Fisher, Veteran Services Officer



1. 2011 Extension
Annual Report to the



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Bradford County
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Returning to **public comments**, **Mr. John Kopelouses introduced and endorsed Rob Bradley, a candidate for the newly created Senate seat, which includes Bradford County.**

Mr. Bradley advised that as long as the lines do not change, the district he is running for include all of Clay, Bradford and Alachua counties. He looks forward to meeting everyone and hopes to gain the trust of the leadership and the citizens of Bradford County.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- **Redistricting:** This Board has already approved a redistricting plan. He would like to present that plan to the School Board and move forward. Doing this should not require any further action of this Board and will simplify the process.

Mr. Brown advised that if the Commission has already formally adopted a plan, then there is no need to adopt it a second time, unless the Commission is considering addressing the other redistricting issues.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Thanked all the department heads for their presentations and working hard to stay within their budgets.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Also expressed appreciation to the department heads.
- **Santa Fe Boat Ramp:** Florida Wildlife has approved to fund the new dock and the improvements. The project should be complete within the next few weeks. (Pictures of the project below.)



Boat Ramp.pptx

Chairman Chandler said that there is a need for either portable toilets or restroom facilities at Santa Fe, Rowell and Sampson lake boat ramps. There is no room at Hampton or Crosby.

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Mr. Greek suggested contacting Suwannee River Water Management District, who have been pouring concrete slabs and installing portable toilets along the Suwannee River.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- **Redistricting:** Echoed Commissioner Lewis' sentiments regarding the redistricting plan/map. He believes the plan the Board approved, is still the best plan. The Board has done nothing illegal and he stands behind his vote, and the Board should move forward with that plan.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER:

- **Legislative Day in Tallahassee:** There are several issues of major concern for small counties. Our lobbyists, the Small County Coalition and FAC are trying to make sure the state understands that small counties cannot afford to fund any more programs.
- **Workforce Board:** There has been some resolve. The governor will allow counties to maintain the current operations of FloridaWorks, but under his authority.

Chairman Chandler encouraged the Commission to remain vigilant and to stay in contact representatives.

Commissioner Thomas said that the message that needs to be sent to Tallahassee is that Bradford County needs more state funding and less state government restrictions.

(At that time, a member of the public asked to speak.)

Mr. Willard McWilliams, of 716 Market Road, Starke – Mr. McWilliams commented on the following:

- Drag racers that are interested in located a site where they can prepare for races, close to Gainesville. There are a couple of sites in Bradford County that would be suitable and would bring revenue into the County.
- Advised of a book in the public library called "Hay West, which was written about his family.
- The loss of his homestead exemption costing him \$10,000.00

There was some discussion.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk