

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 6:30 p.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; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Chip Ware, Fire Inspector; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Pete Eberlin, Road Department (Purchasing); Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Tim McCarthy, Mark Crawford, Press; Sheriff Smith; Ray Shuford, Sheriff IT Director; Capt. Smith; and Michael Heeder, Emergency Management Planner.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

**A. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES CUNNINGHAM TO THE CONSTRUCTION
TRADES BOARD AS CITIZEN AT LARGE**

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

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.)

FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION: Michael Heeder and Chief Clayton Riddick:

Michael Heeder introduced Chief Clayton Riddick of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department, who presented **Life Saving Awards** to Jason Lloyd and Gene Crawford, for their outstanding performance, early response and quick action that saved a patient's life.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE REVENUE DISTRIBUTION APPROACH FOR RACEC CATALYST PROJECT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RACEC—DIANE SCHOLZ (Florida Institute of Government of Florida State University):

Chairman Chandler recognized Ms. Scholz, who presented the MOA for consideration. Ms. Scholz reviewed the proposed amendments as follows:

- To correct a scrivener's error relating to parcel numbers
- Giving each county the discretion to abate ad valorem taxes on real and tangible property

Following discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve [Amendment #2 to the MOA as presented.](#)***

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH

A. DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Sheriff Smith gave a Power-Point presentation, reviewing the accomplishments and statistics for 2011 and the future goals of both the Sheriff's Office and the jail.



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CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. REQUEST INSTALLATION OF A 4” WELL AT NEW RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (Total Cost of \$8,640.00)—BRIAN JOHNS

In Mr. Johns’ absence, Mr. Carter requested permission to install a 4” well at New River Volunteer Fire Department at a total cost of \$8,640.00. This item is on the agenda because the Interlocal Agreements with the Volunteer Fire Departments has not yet been finalized. Once the Interlocals are in place, there will no longer be a need for Board action. The funds are in the VFD budget.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the installation of a 4” well at New River Volunteer Fire Department.***

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL INSIGHT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT \$3,265.00)(IGCF Approved 10-6-11)—BRIAN JOHNS

Mr. Carter requested renewal of the annual maintenance agreement through IGCF.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the IGCF Expenditure request as presented.***

C. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR YR2010 CDBG DCA CONTRACT NO. 11DB-C5-03-14-01-H17—KELLY CANADY

Mr. Carter recognized Ms. Canady, who asked for public disclosure of relationship existing with any of the applicants ([list provided](#)) under the FY 2010 CDBG DCA Contract No. 11DB-C5-03-14-01-H17.

There were no disclosures made.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF MOTOR GRADER (LOW BIDDER)

Mr. Carter advised that the review committee (Mr. Carter, Mr. Norman, Mr. Farrell, Ms. Rhoden, Mr. Funderburk), recommends the approval of a five-year lease of two Volvo motor graders from Flagler Construction Company, at an annual cost of \$37,884.61. Flagler Construction Company submitted [the lowest cost proposal](#). The committee also recommends to accept an [offer from Beard Equipment Company](#) to purchase the two Caterpillar 12H motor graders currently in the County’s possession at a price of \$122,500.00 each, subject to inspection of the condition of the equipment.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included the buy-back option, warranties, service, and resale value.

*Commissioner Riddick moved to accept the committee recommendation. **The motion DIED for lack of a second.***

Incited by inquiry of Chairman Chandler, Mr. Carter advised that the committee review process was thorough and the recommendation unanimous.

There was additional discussion regarding the buy-back option, service, user choice and the quality of the three different brands.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the committee recommendation to enter into a five-year lease of two Volvo motor graders from Flagler Construction Company, at an annual cost of \$37,884.61, and to accept an offer from Beard Equipment Company to purchase the two Caterpillar 12H motor graders currently in the County's possession at a price of \$122,500.00 each, subject to inspection of the condition of the equipment.

E. KNOX-BOX RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM—CHIP WARE (Fire Inspector)

Mr. Carter said that the Knox-Box Program is already in effect for some businesses, in fact, it is a state requirement for new businesses. The goal is to make it available to existing businesses as well as homeowners.

Mr. Carter recognized Mr. Ware, who presented the [Knox-Box Residential Program](#). (A short video was used to assist Mr. Ware in his presentation.) The video explained that the Knox-Box is a rapid entry system that provides first responders with safe and immediate access to a residential property in the event of an alarm or 9-1-1 call. The cost of one residential Knox-Box is approximately \$200.00.

Mr. Carter advised that if they do pursue and recommend the program, they are hopeful that they will locate grants funds to assist with the cost to those citizens who are interested in the program and who do not have the means to pay the \$200.00. Unlike the commercial program, the residential program is strictly voluntary.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included, security for the resident and liability for the County.

There was a consensus to further evaluate the program. Mr. Carter said that the committee would make a recommendation to the Commission once it is convinced the County should pursue it.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, discussion ensued, concerning options for the two Caterpillar motor graders currently in the County's possession and other equipment needed in the Road Department, i.e. dump truck and loader.

Mr. Carter advised that the committee would evaluate to determine the best manner in which to utilize the excess funds from the sale of the two graders and make a recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- **Redistricting Plan:** The vote he made on the Redistricting Plan was the wrong decision for the betterment of the County. He would like to see the Board's vote corrected and one of the plans recommended by the Redistricting Committee approved.

There was extensive discussion wherein each Commissioner expressed their position with regard to the redistricting issue. The discussion was not limited to but included:

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- The possibility of the School Board agreeing to approve a plan that brings District I back in line with the majority/minority rule and deferring action on the remaining districts until 2013.
- Both Boards taking action now to approve a plan (the same plan) that has been recommended by the Redistricting Committee and that meets all criterion for all districts.
- Both the County Commission and the School Board holding either a joint or separate advertised special meeting to reconsider their prior decisions in an attempt to agree on one plan.

DIRECTIVE: Mr. Carter and Mr. Sexton are to coordinate with the School Board and their attorney to set up meetings, scheduled as closely together as possible, for both boards to consider the minor change to District I for 2012 and an agreement between the two boards to reconvene prior to 2013 to formulate a consensus plan that both boards can adopt.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.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