

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 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, Will Sexton, County Attorney; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Mark Crawford, Press; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Capt. Boatwright; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Milner and Capt. Smith.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Faircloth—2142 SE 30th St., Melrose—Santa Fe Lake Boat Ramp:

--Mr. Faircloth commended Commissioner Riddick for the work done so far at the Santa Fe Boat Ramp. Residents of the lake would like permission to do some landscaping, to install a concrete block "Santa Fe Lake Boat Ramp" sign, and place "no parking" signs on both sides of the road. The plants/trees are being donated and residents have agreed to water the plants/trees until they are established. The only assistance they would need from the County would be with the footer for the concrete sign.

Following some discussion, Chairman Chandler said that the Commission would take the request under advisement. Commissioner Riddick will convey the Board's decision to the residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTH FLORIDA LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR REMOVAL OF YARD TRASH (ONE YEAR – NO FEE INCREASE)**
- B. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PRITCHETT TRUCKING, INC. FOR SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT OF LIMESTONE (ONE YEAR – NO FEE INCREASE)**
- C. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**
- D. SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE FOR S.H.I.P. LOAN**

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills.*** (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GRANT REQUEST FOR THE BRADFORD COUNTY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – AMOUNT \$5000 (TDC APPROVED 02-16-12) – MAIN STREET STARKE, INC. REPRESENTATIVE:

Chairman Chandler recognized Steve Futch, who presented the request. The \$5,000.00 will be used for advertisement.

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Clerk Norman advised that there are TDC funds available to cover the request.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the TDC Funding Request of \$5,000.00 for the Strawberry Festival.***

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER IGCf EXPENDITURE--COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM FROM CTS AMERICA (TOTAL \$136,845.50) (IGCF Approved \$68,422.75 on 11-10-11 and \$68,422.75 on 02-17-12)—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns presented the IGCf expenditure request, which is the final payment on the total cost of \$136,845.50. There are adequate IGCf funds to cover the expenditure.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the IGCf Expenditure as requested.***

B. CONSIDER ICGF EXPENDITURE--FIBER CONNECTIONS FROM I.T. OUTLET (\$2,027.83 ICGF Approved on 02-17-12)—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns presented the ICGF expenditure request. The purchase will provide I.T. connections between the old Florida Highway Patrol Station and the Ag Department buildings.

Incited by inquiry of Chairman Chandler, Sheriff Smith advised that the site is being used almost on a daily basis for training and operational planning.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the ICGF Funding Request as presented.***

C. REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF MATCHING GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3500-GALLON TANKER TRUCK FOR THERESSA FIRE STATION (5% COUNTY MATCH - \$17,500.00)—BRIAN JOHNS:

Mr. Johns requested permission to accept a grant award for the purchase of a 3500-gallon tanker truck for Theresa Fire Station. The cost of the tanker is \$350,000.00, with a 5% (\$17,500.00) match.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve acceptance of the grant for the purchase of a 3500-gallon tanker truck as presented.***

D. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR FOUR (4) MATCHING GRANTS—ALLEN PARRISH

Mr. Carter requested permission to apply for the following matching grants:

1. ONE (1) ALS TYPE 1 AMBULANCE – 25% COUNTY MATCH - \$40,000.00

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as requested.***

2. FIVE (5) IV MEDICATION PUMPS – 25% COUNTY MATCH - \$5,000.00

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as requested.***

3. ONE (1) MASS CASUALTY QUICK RESPONSE SQUAD TRUCK – 10% COUNTY MATCH - \$8,000.00

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as requested.***

4. SIX (6) PORTABLE ULTRASOUND UNITS – 10% COUNTY MATCH - \$6,000.00

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as requested.***

E. REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A STEALTH MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE AT A COST OF \$17,049.25 – SOLE SOURCE – GRANT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED—ALLEN PARRISH:

Mr. Carter requested permission to purchase a Stealth medical emergency response vehicle at a total cost of \$17,049.25 (grant funds), from a sole source vendor.

There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the purchase of a Stealth medical emergency response vehicle at a cost of \$17,049.25, as requested.

F. BID AWARD FOR CR229 WIDENING AND RESURFACING SCOP PROJECT (Anderson Columbia Low Bidder @ \$1,858,887.69)—JEROME KELLEY:

Mr. Kelley advised that the County received four bids; Anderson Columbia being the low bidder at \$1,858,887.69. Mr. Kelley recommended the County award the construction contract to Anderson Columbia.

There was brief discussion.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to award the construction contract to Anderson Columbia at \$1,858,887.69.

G. REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) FOR CR229 WIDENING AND RESURFACING SCOP PROJECT (Reducing contract by \$160,488.71)—JEROME KELLEY:

Mr. Kelley presented the change order for consideration. The change order will bring the project within the Department of Transportation allocation.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve Change Order No. 1 for CR229, reducing the contract by \$160,488.71.

At this time, Sheriff Smith presented Steve Futch with the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Sheriff's Association, for 30 years of commitment and support as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriff's Association.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Applauded the EMS and Emergency Management Departments for their work in successfully procuring grants for the County to help better serve the public.
- Expressed appreciation to Mr. Kelley for all he does to help improve County roads.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- Reported that he found the courthouse US flag on the ground. It is torn and should be replaced as soon as possible.
- Congratulated Donny Wise, whose granddaughter was recognized on Channel 4, for academic/sports achievement.
- Reported that numerous citizens have commented that they are disappointed that the Commission did not ask for public input concerning the **Redistricting** process.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER:

- Relayed that he has the same sentiments as Commissioner Thomas regarding the **Redistricting** process. When this occurs again, he would hope that the process would begin with a public meeting.
- Reported on a meeting with Chief Judge Lott regarding the **placement of memorials**. The Sheriff and Mr. Brown did a great job expressing the Board's position. It is understood that the Chief Judge has no jurisdiction over what goes on in the courthouse courtyard. Chief Judge Lott would like to attend any meeting wherein the Commission would consider approval of the placement of a memorial.
- Advised that **Meridian Behavioral** is expecting a 38% decrease in funding in some areas, greatly reducing their ability to provide needed services to those patients without the means to pay. This will increase the backlog they are already experiencing. They are doing all they can to counteract the effects of the decrease.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 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