

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk, Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Paul Still, Bradford County Soil and Water Conservation District; Robert Perone, Library Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Sheriff Smith, Capt. Smith; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; and Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 01-19-12**
- B. MINUTES OF WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 02-06-12**

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER THOMAS:

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

(03-15-12 Regular Meeting)

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY PRESENTATION—
CHARLES HOUDER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Houser, who gave a Power-Point presentation expounding on the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership. (Staff members of SRWMD, Carlos Herd and Dale Jenkins were also present.) During Mr. Houser's presentation, he provided the District's website, which has much more detailed information on minimum flows and levels and Water Supply Assessments and Plans. www.northfloridawater.com Also located on the website is a form, "An Indication of Interest", that Commissioners and citizens can submit between now and April 6, 2012 to submit their name and nomination to sit on the Stakeholder Committee.

Mr. Houser invited the Commissioners, as well as citizens, to be stakeholders in the process, whether on the committee or participating from the gallery. There will be plenty of opportunities for input during the process. Ultimately, they believe they can develop a Water Supply Plan that will meet the needs of the people of both districts in a sustainable way for the next 20+ years.



Discussion ensued.

Public Comments:

Mr. Paul Still of Sampson Lake: Mr. Still addressed the following:

- SRWMD Governing Board's approval to place a dam in Alligator Creek near the Animal Control Facility, which will cause flooding.
- SRWMD Staff Report proposal to design a new permanent water control structure for Lake Sampson, to which most residents are opposed and which would have significant negative impacts on the lake.
- St. Johns RWMD Governing Board's approval to fund the North Florida Aquifer Replenishment Initiative Pilot Project, of which this Board adopted a resolution opposing.

Mr. Still said that actions speak louder than words and these three actions clearly indicate that the Water Management Districts really do not want input from Bradford County.

Discussion ensued regarding a dam in Alligator Creek, the water control structure for Lake Sampson and the North Florida Aquifer Replenishment Initiative Pilot Project.

Ms. Jackie Host 128 SE 61st Street (Lake Brooklyn): Ms. Host addressed the following:

- Ms. Host stated her reasons for supporting the North Florida Aquifer Replenishment Initiative Pilot Project and encouraged the Commission to support the project.

This incited additional discussion regarding the Pilot Project, the duration of the project and the water table levels in general.

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Mr. Houder advised that he would relay the County's concerns regarding the Aquifer Replenishment Initiative Pilot Project to Mr. Tansler and he is very certain that someone from his staff would be glad to make a presentation to the Commission. He can also ask Brian Kaufmann, Program Leader for the Alligator Creek and Sampson Lake projects, to come to the Commission for a presentation and to address the concerns relating to those projects.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:

Finance Director, Jim Farrell expressed concern over new legislation (HB5301) relating to Medicaid billing and its effects on the County. Mr. Farrell encouraged the Board to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter to the Governor requesting veto of the bill, an item on the agenda under Emergency Items to follow.

EMERGENCY ITEMS:

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO GOVERNOR SCOTT REQUESTING VETO OF HB5301:

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency for consideration of this item.***

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the [Chairman to execute the letter](#) and submit to the Governor.***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to declare an emergency for consideration of this item.

Mr. Carter asked that Counsel be allowed to advise before the Commission moves forward.

Mr. Brown expressed his disapproval of [MOU](#) and advised the Commission not to approve the MOU.

Sheriff Smith recommended that the Commission delay taking action on the MOU.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to remove the item from the Emergency Agenda.***

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Brown elaborated on his disapproval of the proposed MOU.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. RESOLUTION—TO APPROVE A LEASE/PURCHASE OF ONE VOLVO G930B MOTOR GRADER, SN: 575142 AND ONE VOLVO G930B MOTOR GRADER WITH MID-MOUNT SCARIFIER, SN: 575139

Mr. Carter presented the resolution for consideration.

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Carter advised that the two (2) Caterpillar motor graders be in the process of being sold.

Mr. Carter advised that although the title of the agreements is "Purchase Agreement" they are actually lease/purchase agreements. Counsel has reviewed the agreements.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution.** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2012-07](#)) (Following this meeting, it was determined that each Agreement required a separate resolution. The remaining resolution was adopted at the April 4, 2012, Regular Meeting and was assigned [No. 2012-09.](#))*

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND KANSAS STATE BANK OF MANHATTAN FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW VOLVO G930B MOTOR GRADER, SN: 575142 (\$18,332.95 ANNUALLY)

Mr. Carter presented the agreement for consideration.

After brief discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [Agreement](#) as presented.***

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND KANSAS STATE BANK OF MANHATTAN FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW VOLVO G930B MOTOR GRADER WITH MID-MOUNT SCARIFIER, SN: 575139 (\$19,383.21 ANNUALLY)

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

D. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ADJUST ALS LEVEL 2 (AO433) EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEE FROM \$560.00 TO \$625.00, EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 1, 2012

Mr. Carter recognized Mr. Parrish, who requested approval to adjust the ALS Level 2 Emergency Transport Fee from \$560.00 to \$625.00, effective May 1, 2012. Bradford County is charging less than what Medicare is paying, thus the need for the increase.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the adjustment as requested.***

E. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO DECLINE OFFER TO DONATE SIGN AND PLANTS AT LITTLE LAKE SANTA FE LAKE BOAT RAMP; AND REFER ROAD SIDE PARKING ISSUES TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR RESOLUTION

Mr. Carter requested permission to decline the offer to donate signs and plants at the Little Lake Santa Fe boat ramp and refer road side parking issues to the Sheriff's Office for resolution.

*Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to grant the request.***

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--Expressed appreciation to the Road Department for all the work in District V and throughout the County.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Met with Clay County Commissioner Chereese Stewart, regarding splitting the cost of putting down milling in the Seminole Ridge area, more specifically **S.E. 2nd Ave. and S.E. 5th St., a/k/a Ridge Road**. Bradford County is on one side and Clay County is on the other side. While work is being performed in the area and better serve the citizens, he would like to include Clay County's Grove Road. The entire project is a total of 7/10 of a mile and would be done within the milling projects rotation schedule. Bradford County would be performing the labor with Clay County splitting the cost. Commissioner Stewart is confident that the Clay Commission will agree to the split.

Following discussion, Mr. Brown recommended an interlocal agreement between the two counties. He will confer with Counsel for Clay County and draft an interlocal for the Board's consideration.

There was a consensus that the splitting of the cost would include materials and labor.

*Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with the matter, for the purpose of drafting a formal Interlocal Agreement.***

- Regarding the **catch and release of fish**, Commissioner Riddick announced that the fish should not be released in the **Santa Fe Canal**. With the low water levels, the fish cannot get enough oxygen in the canal and chances are they would not be able to find their way out into the lake and die in the canal.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- Thanked Sheriff Smith for allowing the inmate crew to assist the Road Department.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER:

- **Meridian Healthcare Board:** Meridian is experiencing numerous budget cuts, some as deep as 38%, making it more difficult to provide much needed services. They would like to be more visible within the community to help make the citizens aware of their needs, not only as it relates to addiction, but prevention as well. As the Commission's representative on the Meridian Board, he has agreed that the Commission would entertain things as they come up, or at least appoint a committee to listen to their concerns. The budget cuts will ultimately trickle down to the County as reduction in funding leads to reduction of services, which leads to longer waiting lists, which can result in incarceration in the County jail. Meridian is taking steps to generate their own revenue. As the need arises, and with Board approval, the County Manager's Office has agreed to send e-mails to legislators soliciting their support.

- **Workforce Board:** Workforce is currently working on a \$5 million grant. They just received another award for being one of the best Workforce Boards in the state.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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