

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections; Carol Milner, Deputy Supervisor of Elections; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Mark Crawford, Press; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Ron Harper, Maintenance Supervisor; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Starling; and Capt. Smith.

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. PROCLAMATION – POWERTALK 21 DAY ESTABLISHED APRIL 21, 2012
- B. PROCLAMATION – PLEDGE OF CIVILITY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
- C. APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE ILLINGWORTH ENGINEERING CO. TO PERFORM SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION OF COURTHOUSE BOILER (\$750.00 PER VISIT—ILLINGWORTH ENGINEERING CO. IS INSTALLER OF BOILER)
- D. REAPPOINTMENT OF E.W. HODGES, JR. AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC., FOR 2012
- E. S.H.I.P. SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE
- F. EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2012
- G. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE
- H. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO INDEPENDENCE

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

**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 located in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

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**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT—PAM WHITTLE (President, Chamber of Commerce):**

Chairman Chandler recognized Ms. Whittle, who reported on the rental amenities, fees and rental activities of the [Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center](#). Mr. John Miller also addressed the Commission in the same regard and remarked on the maintenance and maintenance cost for the Center.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the County managing the Conference Center rather than the Chamber, reducing the rental prices, increasing the deposit amounts, offering different rental packages, and including the use of the dance floor in the rental price.

Mr. Miller advised that the suggestions would be presented to the TDC for consideration.

Ms. Whittle then reported on the success of the Strawberry Festival.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRECINCT LINES AND USE OF SENIOR CENTER—TERRY VAUGHAN:**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Vaughan, who presented the new precinct lines, which by law must be approved by the Commission. Also, approval is needed to designate the Senior Center as a polling location.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [new precinct lines](#) and to approve the Senior Center as a polling location.***

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN:**

**A. RESOLUTION—RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15; WITHDRAWING BRADFORD COUNTY'S PLEDGE OF THOSE CERTAIN ASSETS DESCRIBED THEREIN; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mr. Brown presented the resolution for consideration and read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.*** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2012-16.](#))

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(05-07-12 Regular Meeting)

**SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:**

Sheriff Smith reported the following:

- Chief Jordan is to be honored this evening at the Lawtey City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., for 50 years of service.
- Also, at 9:00 p.m. this evening the Sheriff's Office is being featured on an episode of Undercover Stings on Spike TV. Following the Lawtey City Commission meeting, they are meeting at Mama Mia's to watch the program.
- The Sheriff's office will also be featured next Monday evening on an episode of Worlds Wildest Police Videos.
- Expressed appreciation to John Miller, Mark Crawford and Dan Hildebran for keeping the community informed.

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**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

Mr. Carter asked Mr. Johns to present an emergency item.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOW BIDDER (FOUST BROTHERS) FOR HEILBRONN SPRINGS VFD BRUSH TRUCK EQUIPMENT (\$28,500.)(Fire Council approved 03.26-12)**

Mr. Johns asked the Commission to approve the purchase of equipment to retrofit a truck into a brush truck for Heilbronn Springs from Foust Brothers, [who was the low bidder at \\$28,500](#). The brush truck currently assigned to Heilbronn will be transferred to Hampton. The funds are budgeted.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency to consider this item.***

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve the purchase of the equipment from Foust Brothers as presented.***

**A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY MR. ROD A. CRAWFORD, II AS "BUILDING OFFICIAL DESIGNEE"**

Mr. Carter requested authorization to hire Rod A. Crawford, II as Building Official designee at a beginning salary of \$49,000 annually. Mr. Crawford has satisfied all State requirements for the position. To insure consistency during the transition, Clay County Building Official David Connor will continue to provide comprehensive building official services as provided in the current interlocal agreement, for up to a period of six months. The Department of Business and Professional Regulations have reviewed the proposed arrangement, with no objections.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the hiring of Rod A. Crawford, II, as recommended.***

**B. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE UP TO \$56,213.22 (NET PROFIT PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF USED GRADERS) TO PURCHASE USED DUMP TRUCK FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Carter requested authorization to utilize up to \$56,213.22 to purchase a used dump truck for the Road Department.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the purchase as requested.***

**C. BOAT RAMP NEEDS REPORT--Jerome Kelley**

Mr. Kelley made recommendations for repairs to the [Hampton, Sampson and Crosby Lake boat ramps](#).

Following discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to authorize the repair of Hampton and Sampson Lake boat ramps as recommended.***

Mr. Kelley advised that he would begin the bidding process for the proposed repairs.

**D. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO “WRITE-OFF” EMS BAD DEBT FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (\$2,434.40)—Allen Parrish**

Mr. Parrish presented the write-offs for approval.

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

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**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- The Lincoln City Community held a “May Day” this past Saturday. On the property owned by the County where one day they hope there will be a recreational park, the Road Department brought in clay and made a very nice ball field.

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the Sheriff’s Office.
- Expressed excitement about the County having a staffed Building Official with the addition of Mr. Rod Crawford. Thanked Mr. Carter for his efforts toward this end.

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**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

- Thanked the Sheriff's Department for assisting the Road Department in keeping the County roads clean and mowed.
  - Commended the Road Department for a job well done.
  - Welcomed Mr. Rod Crawford to the County.
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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER:**

- Commended all department heads for their excellence.
  - He has received numerous accolades from citizens regarding the Road Department and the excellent service they provide.
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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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**ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN**

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

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk