

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 17, 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; Mark Crawford, Press; and Michael Heeder, Emergency Management Planner.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Paul Still-- Lake Sampson Water Control Structure:

Mr. Still advised that the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at the Santa Fe Auditorium Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. After meeting with SRWMD senior staff member Brian Coffman, it appears that Water Management District is going to take some time to reconsider their proposal to remove the lift gates. They have received FEMA funding that will allow for some additional mapping. It appears that SRWMD was under the impression that the County no longer wanted to operate the gates, partial reasoning being the expense of obtaining an operational permit. Hopefully, with the change in leadership and with new data from the FEMA maps, SRWMD should be more reasonable and willing to listen to the Commission as well as the citizens. Mr. Still suggested that the County pursue getting a permit and keeping the gates as is.

Incited by inquiry by Commissioner Lewis, there was brief discussion regarding the proposed Alligator Creek Structure.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 04-02-12
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 04-19-12
- C. APPOINTMENT OF EDYTHE F. ROBINSON TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FLORIDAWORKS BOARD (Term 2012-13)
- D. TDC GRANT (FUNDING) REQUEST FOR BRADFORD FEST BOOTS-N-BBQ COOK OFF & FAMILY FESTIVAL (\$5,000)(TDC Approved 5-0 on 04-12-12)
- E. S.H.I.P. PROGRAM PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000
- F. ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH ACS ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS (Solid Waste Special Assessment)(\$6,982.80)
- G. DESIGNATE CURRENT PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR SILVER B. WARE AS FIRE MARSHALL (No Additional Cost)

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.

DISCUSS FDOT TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM—JORDAN GREEN & BILL HENDERSON:

Recognized by Chairman Chandler, Mr. Green addressed the Commission on the following topics:

- Bradford County's Work Program Priorities are due by July 1 (Safety projects, resurfacing, bridges, enhancement projects) These are in addition to SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP already submitted.
- Announced a new District Secretary, Mr. Greg Evans.
- Gave an update on the various FDOT programs. ([Brochure](#))
- Reviewed the FDOT [Tentative Five-Year Work Program](#) for Bradford County. Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Riddick, there was brief discussion regarding the extension of the sidewalk from Orchard Road to the College on CR21, completing the sidewalk on CR21B and the road behind Hampton Elementary School. Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, there was discussion regarding the sidewalk on CR18.
- Presented and reviewed a draft for an alternative route for the phase of SE 144th (Mullins Grade) connecting to HWY 301. Mr. Green emphasized that this is a draft only, it has not gone to the public and no engineering or impact reports have been performed. It is strictly for the Commission's review.

There was brief discussion.

Mr. Henderson gave an update on the status of the HWY 301 bypass. A draft environmental impact statement is expected to be published in about a month. A full public hearing will be held at the Bradford County Fairgrounds some time in the Fall.

Discussion ensued.

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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 on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:

Clerk Norman reported the following:

- The **County's audit and financial statements** for 2011-2012 should be finalized by the middle of next month. He is not aware of any issues of concern.
 - The **2012-2013 Budget** process has begun. The department heads are working with the Finance Department. Once the Property Appraiser certifies the millage on July 1, the budget should be ready for review.
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COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING (2) TWO ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER MATCHING GRANTS—MICHAEL HEEDER

Mr. Carter recognized Mr. Heeder, who presented the grants for consideration.

- 1. HEILBRONN SPRINGS VFD—NEW PUMPER TRUCK (\$359,000 with a 10% County Match of \$35,900, to be purchased off state contract)**
- 2. THERESSA VFD—NEW TANKER TRUCK (\$350,000 with a 5% County match of \$17,500, to be purchased off state contract)**

Mr. Heeder requested permission to move forward with these grant. The anticipated delivery date for both trucks would be after Oct. 1, 2012. The matching funds required would be allocated from the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget.

Clerk Norman advised that the revenue for these grants would be included in the FY 2012-2013 as anticipated revenue.

*Commissioner Lewis **moved to accept the grants as presented.** Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.*

Mr. Sexton advised that since there are two separate grants, two separate motions would be appropriate.

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Commissioner Lewis rescinded his motion and Commissioner Thomas rescinded his second.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to approve the \$359,000 grant with a 10% county match of \$35,900.***

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0 to approve the \$350,000 grant with a 5% county match of \$17,500.***

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to county staff and department heads.

Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:

- During a recent tour of the DuPont property regarding the upcoming restoration project, a Suwannee River Water Management District representative advised that as of July 1, 2012, SRWMD would have no involvement in any **redevelopment projects up to 10 acres** (with 2 acres being impervious) within Bradford County. Hopefully, this will encourage redevelopment.

After brief discussion, Mr. Carter is to get a more definitive interpretation of the new rule.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—ROSS CHANDLER:

- The **FloridaWorks summer youth help program** begins soon. He will be making efforts toward employing as many youth as possible throughout the county. He asked Clerk Norman if he could utilize the program. Clerk Norman advised that due to budget cuts, he would be subject to utilize the program.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk