

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Chandler and Commissioner Lewis.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Chip Ware, Fire Marshall; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Rod Crawford, Building Official; Mark Crawford, Press; Sheriff Smith; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; and Capt. Smith.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Still—Update on the St. Johns River Water Management Pilot Well:

Has filed a Petition for an Administrative Hearing, both for himself and for the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District. If so desired, the County may also file a Petition for an Administrative Hearing. However, there is a deadline and a request for an extension to file the petition may be necessary.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 11-15-12
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 12-03-12
- C. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 12-20-12
- D. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY **(The deed is recorded in OR Book 1474, Page 534)**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES EMPLOYEE MANUAL
 - 1. M. WORKERS' COMPENSATION
 - ADD SUB-SECTION – "ON THE JOB INJURIES"
 - REMOVE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE – "AS A GENERAL RULE, 'LIGHT DUTY' EMPLOYMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR INJURY."
 - 2. ADD SECTION – O. LIGHT DUTY POLICY
- F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

(02-21-13 Regular Meeting)

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT LETTERS—PAM WHITTLE

Chairman Thomas recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the support letters for consideration. The letters are strictly support only there are no monies involved.

A. NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (NFEDP) REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO BENEFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF NORTH FLORIDA

Ms. Whittle advised that the Chamber, which was needed as match monies to apply for a staffing grant, paid the membership dues for Bradford County.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [support letter](#) as presented.***

B. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL CONCERN (RACEC) DESIGNATION BE RECERTIFIED THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER OF GOV. RICK SCOTT FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD COVERING 2013-2018

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [support letter](#) as presented.***

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON:

Mr. Sexton reminded the Commission of the private attorney-client session to being held March 4 during the regular scheduled Commission meeting.

SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:

A. PRESENTATION OF FY2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sheriff Smith narrated a Power-Point Presentation reviewing the more significant accomplishments of the Sheriff's Office in 2012.



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Accomplishments.ppt:

There was brief discussion concerning illegal drug use and the upcoming active shooter training/drill at the Middle School during Spring break.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR FORESTRY GRANTS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THERESSA, NEW RIVER, HEILBRONN SPRINGS, HAMPTON, SAMPSON CITY AND BROOKER – TOTAL MATCH 50%--BRIAN JOHNS

Mr. Carter recognized Mr. Johns, who advised the Commission of his intent to apply for 50% matching grants, which are the only grants he could locate for the purchase of personal protective equipment and firefighting equipment.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX RE-ROOF PROJECT—INCREASE OF \$21,953.00 (NEW TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE \$166,953.00)

Mr. Carter presented the change order for consideration.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [Change Order No. 1](#) for the courthouse annex re-roof project as presented.***

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Mark Williams, who arrived after the public comment section of the agenda.

Mark Williams of M&R Construction—Commented on the EMS Mold Mitigation Project Contract with Robert Taylor:

Mr. Williams expressed his displeasure with the exclusion of language in the contract with Mr. Taylor requiring him to honor the County's local preference ordinance, when it was his understanding from the last time he came before the Commission that the language would be included.

Mr. Sexton gave a brief overview of the process leading up to the decision to enter into a design-build contract with Mr. Taylor and the emergent nature of the EMS Mold Mitigation Project. Mr. Sexton also explained why the local preference does not apply to a design-build contract. Mr. Taylor is acting not just as the County's architect, but also as the County's general contractor. Since he is the general contractor in a design-build process, he gets to choose the subcontractors and suppliers. The County does not have to let each one of those contracts for a separate bid.

Since the Commission expressed a strong desire that any possible benefit be provided to local contractors and providers, Mr. Taylor agreed that he would allow a representative from the County to participate in the bid evaluation process. Therefore, he and Clerk Norman will be attending the bid opening to insure that every possible legal measure is taken to insure that local vendors are used as much as possible.

Inced by Mr. Williams' dispute of the validity of the emergent nature of the project excluding it from the formal bid process, Mr. Sexton addressed the emergency procedures portion of the County's purchasing policy that allows an exception to the normal bidding process when the County determines that an emergency exists. The emergency determination was based on an environmental consultant's determination that there was a mold problem in a building where employees work. The fact that the building houses the Emergency Services Department makes it even more significant because of the service they provide to the citizens of Bradford County.

Inced by inquiry of Commissioner Sellars, Mr. Sexton further explained how a design-build contract differs from others.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the emergent nature of the project and the selection of Mr. Taylor, the Board's support of local contractors and suppliers and Mr. Taylor's willingness to work with local contractors/suppliers.

At the request of Mr. Williams, and following some discussion, there was a consensus of the Board for Mr. Carter or Mr. Sexton to contact Mr. Taylor to see if he would consider including the County's local preference language in the bid documents as an addendum.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Sexton provided a brief update on the monument lawsuit (Ten Commandments) and a similar case in Dixie County.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—DOYLE THOMAS: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk