

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 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; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Chip Ware, Fire Marshal; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Rod Crawford, Building Official; Mark Crawford, Press; Steve Futch, TDC Representative; Cheryl Canova, Santa Fe Community College Representative; Sheriff Smith; and Capt. Boatwright.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Norma Greene of 13712 SW 98th Ave., Starke (Sampson City)—Zoning and Code Violations:

Ms. Greene expressed her immense displeasure with continued, what she believes to be, zoning and code violations in her neighborhood that she has battled since 2005. Ms. Greene stated that she is constantly harassed and threatened and fears for her life. She asked the Commission to allow her to rezone her property to commercial so she can afford to sell and move.

At the request of Chairman Thomas, Sheriff Smith gave a brief history of the code violations and the on-going dispute between the neighbors. All code violations have been resolved. Every feasible step has been taken (and documented), to try to resolve the problem peacefully and lawfully.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Brown advised that civil remedies might be available for Ms. Greene. All the County can do is act within the confines of the County Code

Chairman Thomas gave Ms. Green instructions to apply for rezoning of her property.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FDOT 2016/2017 CANDIDATE PROJECTS FOR COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM (CIGP), SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SCOP) AND SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCRAP)**
- B. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 01-17-13**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE FOR SHIP**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE, NO. 3:12-cv-618-J-99TJC-JRK**

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—CHAIRMAN THOMAS:

Chairman Thomas advised that he reviewed the bills and recommends them for payment.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

—RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2013 AS FLORIDA MILITARY COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY—KENT PATELLE

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Patelle, who presented the proclamation for consideration and read the proclamation into the record.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to proclaim April 17, 2013 as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day.***

--DESIGNATING APRIL AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH—SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Carlos Herd, Division Director for Water Supply, who presented the proclamation for consideration.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to proclaim April 2013 as Water Conservation Month.***

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Steve Futch, who presented the following TDC funding requests.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC FUNDING REQUEST OF \$5,000 FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (TDC APPROVED 6-0 ON 2-21-13)—MAIN STREET STARKE REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Futch advised the festival is a two-day event, April 20 and 21.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the [\\$5,000.00 funding request](#) as presented.***

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC FUNDING REQUEST OF \$2,500 FOR THE BRADFORD FEST TALENT SHOWDOWN (TDC APPROVED 6-0 ON 02-21-13)—SANTA FE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Futch advised that the event was on February 23 and was very successful, with about 15 entries.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, **to approve the [\\$2,500.00 funding request](#) for the Bradford Fest Talent Showdown.***

Commissioner Chandler stated that in the future, he would like funding requests to come before the Commission before the event takes place and in at least a weeks' advance of the event to allot enough time to ask questions, if need be. It is irrelevant to ask questions now, because this event has already taken place.

Mr. Futch explained that sometimes the TDC Committee does not have a quorum and has to postpone their meetings. This particular funding request did not come to the TDC Committee until February 21. They will improve the timing.

Commissioner Riddick asked Mr. Futch to find out why Bradford County does not support the North Florida Regional Planning Council placemats project. Mr. Futch advised that he remembers past discussion, but cannot remember the details. He will check into it and report back.

There being no further discussion, the ***motion carried 5-0.***

Mr. Futch advised that Chairman Thomas was the recipient of the "Pot of Gold" award at the last Friday Fest and presented Chairman Thomas with a trophy.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD MEMORIAL AWARDS—CHAIRMAN THOMAS

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff has indicated that there may be a conflict with (H) below and asked that it be removed from the list for further review.

Chairman Thomas suggested waiting until the entire list is correct.

- A. N.W. 52nd Ave-----Official 911 Address
Matthews Ave-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- B. N.W. 53rd Ave-----Official 911 Address
Cummings Ave-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- C. N.W. 55th Lane-----Official 911 Address
Hankerson Lane-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- D. N.W. 59th Ave-----Official 911 Address
Tyson Ave-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- E. N.W. 59th Loop-----Official 911 Address
DeSue Loop-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- F. N.W. 62nd Ave-----Official 911 Address
Kelly Ave-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- G. N.W. 176th Way-----Official 911 Address
Goodwine Way-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)
- H. N.W. 177th Street-----Official 911 Address
Dell Street-----Secondary Road Name (Road Memorial)

Commissioner Chandler said that the Road Memorial Award program is a wonderful program. However, in the future he would like to know the history behind each memorial.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—TERRY BROWN: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH:

Sheriff Smith reported the following:

- He addressed the **Road Memorial Awards**. From a 9-1-1/dispatch perspective, he explained the confusion there could be by giving a road a name that already exists somewhere else in the County.
- Concerning Ms. **Norma Greene’s** concerns. His office has tried for four years to resolve all the issues and have documented their attempts.

There was brief discussion.

In light of recent events, Chairman Thomas expressed appreciation to the Sheriff for opposing the internet cafes’ in Bradford County.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER

A. STATUS UPDATE ON FY2010 DE-OBLIGATED GRANT FUNDS—TOTAL FUNDS \$1,072,808.00 WITH 0% MATCH—BRIAN JOHNS

Mr. Carter recognized Mr. Johns, who gave a status update on FY2010 De-Obligated Grant Funds. His department applied for FY2009 De-Obligated grant funds and received \$212,000.00. For FY2010, they have applied for \$1,072,808.00. If awarded, the funds will be used to improve the EOC to add radio communications for the Road Department, and to purchase firefighter equipment. He has received word that the award amount has been cut down to approximately \$1 million.

B. PRESENTATION OF FY2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS FOR FY2013

Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director

Mr. Johns provided a report on the FY2012 accomplishments and future goals for the Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Management.

During his presentation, Mr. Johns gave an update on the grant applied for to fund the **fire hydrants**. The grant has been awarded. However, he will not know whether the hydrants have been awarded until the last week in March.

Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director

Mr. Parrish reviewed the highlights contained in his written [2012 Annual Report for the Emergency Medical Services Department](#) and reviewed their goals for 2013.

Rod Crawford, Building Official

Mr. Crawford provided a report on the FY2012 accomplishments and future goals of the Building Department.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

- The Governor approved his application for re-appointment to the **FloridaWorks Board**.
- The **Meridian Board** is under reorganization and consolidation to prepare for the new Medicare laws.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Attended a meeting today with City Clerk Linda Johns and she spoke very highly of the staff in the **Building and Zoning Department**.
- **UCI is celebrating their 100th anniversary** on April 19. She encouraged the commissioners and staff to attend.

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Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the department heads and Sheriff Smith.
- Thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Sexton for their efforts concerning the monument lawsuit.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the department heads, Chip Ware and Sheriff Smith.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—DOYLE THOMAS:

Chairman Thomas echoed the sentiments of the Commissioners and thanked Mr. Herd with Suwannee River Water Management District for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk