

(07-18-13 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Capt. Boatwright; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; and Mark Crawford, Press.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 13-02 (Guide Metal Recycling, Inc.)—RANDY ANDREWS:

At the request of Mr. Andrews, *Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to continue the public hearing to August 15, 2013.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bradford Athletic Association Representatives (Stephanie Scott, Kenya Crum, Dana Britt)—Request for Funding:

Representatives of the Bradford Athletic Association addressed the Commission and asked financial support to help with the purchase of recreation equipment.

There was extensive discussion.

Mr. Carter advised that the County granted \$5,000.00 to the Bradford Parent's Association out of FY12-13 funds and the Association also submitted a budget request for FY13-14. Taking into account that the Commission has budgeted funds in the FY3-14 budget for recreation, he suggested that the

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Bradford Athletic Association also submit a budget request for FY13-14 and that the Commission consider approving start-up monies out of the FY12-13 budget.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to declare an emergency to consider the request.***

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to approve the expenditure of \$2,500.00 to the Bradford Athletic Association for start-up monies out of the FY12-13 budget.***

Eddie Leonard with FWC—Lake Sampson Dredging Project:

Mr. Leonard reported on the successful completion of the project at a final cost of approximately \$60,000.00. For clarification purposes, Mr. Leonard described the area that was actually dredged.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Carter asked for permission to deviate from the agenda for Mr. Johns to provide an update on the **Water Control Structure (Three Pipes) at Sampson Lake**. Ms. Shortelle was instrumental in getting Suwannee River Water Management District to develop an interim Operation Plan for the structure. Water levels are being monitored and the gates are being operated based on that plan, which can be tweaked as needed.

Mr. Johns read excerpts from the Lake Sampson Water Control Structure Interim Operating Schedule Recommendations developed by SRWMD, which provided a brief overview of the operating schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2013**
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,879.46 TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS**

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

*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 of Courts.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON: None.

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SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN

A. PRESENTATION OF FY 2013-2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET

(Prior to the meeting, each Commissioner received a copy of the FY2013-2014 Tentative Budget.)

In the absence of Clerk Norman, Mr. Farrell advised that the FY 2013-2014 Tentative Budget was derived based on instructions from each Commissioner during individual meetings. The Tentative Budget is based on 9.1769 mills (the same as the current year), generating \$7,409,626. One mill equals \$807,421. The roll-back rate is 9.330 mills, which would generate \$7,533,323.

B. BOARD TO SET 2013-2014 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE (Tentative Budget Based on 9.1769 mills)

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to set the FY 13-14 proposed millage rate at 9.1769 mills.

Mr. Farrell announced the budget hearing dates as follows:

1st Public Hearing - Sept. 5 @ 5:30 p.m.
Final Public Hearing - Sept. 16 @ 5:30 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:

A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THREE (3) CDBG HOUSING REHAB LOANS NOT TO EXCEED \$84,500.00 EACH—KELLY CANADY

Ms. Canady requested approval for three CDBG Housing Rehab loans not to exceed \$84,500.00 each.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioners Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [CDBG Housing Rehab loans](#) as presented.

B. BID AWARD FOR DEMO/REPLACEMENT AND REHAB FOR CDBG DEO CONTRACT NO. 11DB-C5-14-01-H17—KELLY CANADY

Ms. Canady [presented recommendations](#) for the award of bids for demo/replacement and rehab for the CDBG contract.

2762 NW 251st Street, Lawtey: *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to award the bid to Florida Homes, Inc. for \$43,791.*

17924 NW 59th Loop, Starke: *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to award the bid to M&R Construction for \$42,270.*

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Mr. Carter advised that just this afternoon he received a proposed agenda from the City Commission for a workshop they requested for July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the time constraints, it is staff recommendation to consider the proposed agenda at the next agenda meeting for review by the County Commission at the next regular meeting, and then reschedule the workshop with the City Commission.

Following brief discussion, the Commission concurred with staff recommendation. Mr. Carter will handle the arrangements.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

- Reported on the productivity of the most recent Envision Bradford meeting. With the right leadership and management, Bradford County can become a model for economic development while maintaining its rural climate.
- Asked the Commission to consider constructing a designated parking lot at the Sampson Lake boat ramp.

There was a consensus to improve the parking area as requested using milling.

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Expounded on an email received from a citizen in the south end of the County praising EMS for their response time to a 911 call and for the medical assistance they provided.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Praised the County departments for teamwork resulting in excellent, professional emergency response services.
- Inquired about establishing a "deadline" for various recreation groups to submit budget requests.

Mr. Carter advised that to the best of his knowledge, there is only one other group that has not approached the Commission. He would be glad to contact the third group to make them aware of the opportunity and the urgency to submit a request. The budget will have already been adopted, should another group come forward in a few months.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—DOYLE THOMAS:

Chairman Thomas commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to Clayton Sellars for an excellent job on the road dedication signs.

Ms. Lillie Strachan expressed her appreciation to the Commission for supporting the road dedication signs; they are ecstatic about the signs. She will be contacting the Commission to join in on an upcoming celebration for the dedication of the signs.

Mr. Carter advised that he has received requests from family members interested in the first dedication signs that were made when it was realized the possible confusion with 9-1-1. With the Board's approval, he would like permission to give those signs to the families.

There was consensus to give the unused signs to the families.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk