

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING      9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2013**

---

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

**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; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Chip Ware, Fire Marshal; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Capt. Smith; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Robert Perone, Library Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Rod Crawford, Building Code Administrator; Sheriff Smith; Christopher Thurow, IT Director; and Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections.

\_\_\_\_\_

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mr. Paul Still—St. Johns River Water Management District and MFL's for lower Santa Fe:**

- Reported that SJRWMD withdrew their permits for the proposed well at Camp Blanding.
- Expressed concern regarding the potential impact the proposed minimum flows and levels regulations for the lower Santa Fe will have on future development, particularly agricultural development. Bradford County should stay informed and take action, if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ASPHALT REPAIR AT RAILROAD CROSSING ON CR 225 SW AND SW 135<sup>TH</sup> WAY BY ADVANTA ASPHALT (\$8,308.00)**
- B. PROCLAMATION—DECLARING AUGUST 27, 2013 AS FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DAY IN BRADFORD COUNTY**

*Commissioner Chandler moved, Commissioner Lewis seconded, 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 payment.

*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 of Courts.)

---

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC FUNDING REQUEST BY BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. FOR \$3,000.00 FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY PARADE (TDC approved 7-18-13)—HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE:**

Chairman Thomas recognized Pam Whittle, who presented the funding request for consideration. Funding is available and the TDC approved the request on July 18.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to approve the TDC funding request as presented.***

Ms. Whittle expressed appreciation to the Commission for their approval of the **Proclamation for the Department of Corrections Appreciation Day** on August 27 and invited the Commission to attend a celebration hosted by the Chamber from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Charlie Johns Conference Center.

Ms. Whittle announced the next **Envision Bradford**.

---

**FUNDING REQUEST FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH POP WARNER—POP WARNER REPRESENTATIVE:**

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Joe Gordon, President of the Bradford County Cowboys Pop Warner, Inc., who presented a [request for funding](#) to support the Pop Warner program.

Mr. Jeff Cook, Bradford County Pop Warner Treasurer requested \$3,000.00 for start up funds to assist with the purchase of equipment.

Following discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to approve the expenditure of \$2,500 to Pop-Warner for start-up funds.***

Following additional discussion, there was a consensus to place a moratorium on recreational funding requests for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Prefaced by the fact that Bradford County is number one in the state for obesity and teen pregnancy, while also understanding that the County does not have an endless supply of money, Commissioner Riddick said that the County should do as much as possible to help youth programs such as this.

**PRESENTATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CENTURY LINK IN BRADFORD COUNTY—  
CENTURY LINK REPRESENTATIVE:**

Chairman Thomas recognized Paul Boynton, Account Manager for Century Link, who addressed the Commission. Mr. Boynton provided a brief history of how Century Link became Century Link and the services they provide to Bradford County.

Discussion ensued regarding the various levels of service currently available and complaints regarding the level of service. (Mr. Chris Thurow participated in the discussion.)

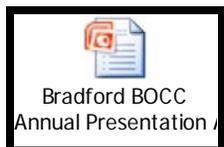
Inced by inquiry of Mr. Carter, Mr. Boynton confirmed that the maximum broadband width is currently available to both residences and businesses in Bradford County.

Mr. Boynton will follow up with Mr. Thurow regarding Century Link stats for the Florida Region.

---

**PRESENTATION OF MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC. ANNUAL REPORT—  
DR. LABARTA, DIRECTOR:**

Chairman Thomas recognized Dr. Labarta, who presented the annual report for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.



Commissioner Chandler commended Dr. Labarta and the Meridian staff for their excellence.

---

**ROAD MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATIONS—CHAIRMAN THOMAS:**

Chairman Thomas presented the nominations as follows:

**A. NW 219<sup>TH</sup> STREET—DEDICATED TO MORRIS CARTER**

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

**B. CR 299A—DEDICATED TO HARVEY MCCARTHY**

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

## COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—WILL SEXTON

### A. RESOLUTION—DONATING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY BRADFORD COUNTY TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.* (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2013-07.](#)) (The subsequent [Warranty Deed](#) was recorded in OR Bk 1496, Pg 358.)

### B. RESOLUTION—GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration and read the title into the record. The easement will permit Clay County Utility Authority to run a water line across the landfill property to the other side of the road for purposes of development.

There was brief discussion concerning maintaining the integrity of the landfill's liner.

Mr. Carter advised that through negotiations with Clay County Utility Authority, Mr. Ware has made arrangements for the installation of a connection that would allow for future growth.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.* (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2013-08.](#))

### C. RESOLUTION—APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SIDEWALK ALONG CR 18 FROM SW 80<sup>TH</sup> PLACE TO US 301 (Financial Project ID#430514-1-52-01)

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration and read the title into the record. There was brief discussion regarding the start date and completion date for the project.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.* (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2013-09.](#))

---

## SHERIFF REPORTS—GORDON SMITH: Sheriff Smith reported on the following:

- There have been 67 Baker Acts since January 1, 2013. **Meridian's** services are used regularly. There are times when Meridian cannot treat an inmate and they are remanded back to the jail, which is burdensome to the medical side of their budget. In fact, they have **exceeded this years' budgeted amount.** Thankfully, they have jail set-aside funds that should help make up the difference.

(08-05-13 Regular Meeting)

- They are in desperate need of an additional **secure transport van**. The estimated cost is \$25,000.00, and to make it secure is an additional \$16,000, and would be paid for out of **jail set-aside funds**. There are sufficient monies in the set-aside funds. One of the vans they currently have would be transferred to the Road Department for the inmate crews.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to approve the purchase of a transport van out of set-aside monies and to accept the old van as a gift.***

---

**CLERK REPORTS—RAY NORMAN:** None.

---

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—BRAD CARTER:**

**A. BID AWARD FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL—BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns advised that the committee (Brian Johns, Donny Wise, Wendy Russell and Michael Header) recommendation is to award the bid to [Ceres Environmental Services as the primary contractor and Asplundh as the secondary contractor.](#)

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to uphold the committee recommendation and award the bid to Ceres Environmental Services as primary contractor and Asplundh as secondary contractor.***

**B. RESOLUTION—DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM FLOODING CONDITIONS—BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns presented the resolution for consideration and read the resolution into the record. The declaration is for the period beginning July 26 and ending August 1, with no need for an extension.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented.*** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2013-10.](#))

**C. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN REQUEST TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES—ROD CRAWFORD:**

Mr. Crawford advised that Mr. John Curles has submitted a request for a reduced permit fee for eight (8) 10x20 portable storage sheds for use at his open-air market. Instead of eight separate permits at the declared value for each, he is asking that all eight of the buildings be included on one permit for a total declared value of \$12,000.00, which would reduce the permit fee from \$472 to \$109.

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Chandler, there was discussion with regard to ensuring that all permit applications are handled equitably and fairly.

(08-05-13 Regular Meeting)

Mr. Sexton advised that there is a determined schedule of fees, which can be amended to address situations such as this. When the fee schedule was developed, it was not anticipated that one person would install eight portable storage sheds on one piece of property. Since Mr. Crawford is not having to visit eight separate properties to inspect eight separate buildings, the reduction in the permit fee is a sensible compromise.

There was consensus for staff to amend the fee schedule to address situations such as this.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and **carried 5-0, to reduce the permit fee as requested.***

---

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the County departments for their diligence and hard work.
- He is very optimistic about the Envision Bradford meetings and encouraged continued participation.
- During a recent stay in Savannah, which happened to be during the first tropical storm of this season, he was impressed by how the City prepared for the storm. They worked for two days cleaning all the gutters and making sure there were no water flow obstructions, and they had no flooding. It would be a good idea for the County to follow suit.

**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the Road Department for their efforts in maintaining the roads and keeping them passable.

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

- Reiterated his earlier remark concerning taking a serious look at funding for recreation and possibly the construction of more parks.

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- Commended the Road Department for keeping the roads in good shape during this rainy season.
-

(08-05-13 Regular Meeting)

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—DOYLE THOMAS:**

- Echoed Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Sellars' sentiments regarding the Road Department.

---

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

---

**DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN**

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

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk