

(02-20-14 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk to the Board; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Department; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Boatwright; and Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Riddick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,749.63 TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS**
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD BOCC AND THE CITY OF LAWTEY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD BOCC AND SAMPSON CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRADFORD BOCC AND THE TOWN OF BROOKER FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER LEWIS:**

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A VERIZON WIRELESS TOWER TO BE PLACED ON 18002 SW CR18, BROOKER, FLORIDA--JAMES JOHNSTON OF SHUTTS AND BOWEN, LLP:**

Chairman Riddick recognized Zoning Director, Randy Andrews, who presented Special Use **Application No. SU14-01 (Verizon/Prevatt)** for Essential Services for consideration. The application is for a telecommunications tower on parcel #00385-0-00400. The County Engineer has reviewed and approved the plans.

On behalf of Verizon, Mr. James Johnston with Shutts & Bowen, addressed the Commission and provided additional statistics concerning the proposed tower.

Sheriff Smith advised that the tower height and site is an ideal location to enhance public safety and asked if space on the tower could be leased. A representative for Verizon advised that they are always happy to support local services, the County could make application to co-locate on the tower.

Chairman Riddick opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve Special Use Application No. SU 14-01, as presented.*

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A ROAD MEMORIAL AWARD--COMMISSIONER THOMAS**

**A. NW 56th Lane -- Dedicated to the Craig Family**

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

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:** None.

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**SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:**

**IGCF EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (Approved by IGCF 01-30-14):**

Sheriff Smith presented the following I.G.C.F. Expenditure Request for consideration:

**A. INVOICE FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) APX7500 DUAL BAND HIGH POWER MOTOROLA RADIO (5,612.63)**

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the [IGCF expenditure request](#) as presented.*

**B. INVOICE FROM HASTY'S COMMUNICATION FOR RADIO REPROGRAMMING (\$100.00)**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve the [IGCF expenditure request](#) as presented.*

Sheriff Smith gave an invitation to the Relay for Life Sock Hop at the Country Club this weekend and the New Orleans style Mardi-Gras Bash at the Women's Club next weekend.

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**CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: None.**

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:**

**A. GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE--PAUL FUNDERBURK**

Mr. Carter reported that the two (2) FEMA grant applications for 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Theresa (SE 81st Street) drainage improvements have been approved. The projects, particularly the Theresa project, are phased projects. He would like assurance that the Commission is comfortable with the undertaking of the projects. It was hoped that funds could be secured to contract out at least portions of the projects to alleviate some of the workload off the Road Department. This did not happen. The alternative was to devise a schedule for managing the projects in-house, while keeping up with on-going maintenance.

At the request of Mr. Carter, Mr. Funderburk briefly reviewed the [proposed work schedule](#) and the equipment needed for the two projects. Based on the schedule, Mr. Funderburk advised that in his opinion, the Road Department could handle the two projects without hindering the daily maintenance work.

Following some discussion, there was a consensus to move forward with the projects as presented, and to keep a handle on the routine road maintenance.

Incited by inquiry by Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Funderburk reported on the status of Alvarez Road and 196th.

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**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN EMS MATCHING GRANT (10% up to a 25% County Match) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RESCUE UNIT IN THE TOWN OF BROOKER--ALLEN PARRISH:**

Mr. Parrish requested permission to apply for an EMS rural matching grant to construct a facility to house an EMS unit in the Town of Brooker.

*Commissioner Lewis moved and seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve to apply for the grant as requested.*

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included, adequate emergency response coverage for the County, using an existing EMS unit for the City of Brooker, and match requirements for the grant.

Incited by inquiry by Commissioner Sellars, Mr. Parrish advised that matching funds are budgeted in this years' budget.

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

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.--BRIAN JOHNS:**

Mr. Johns presented the Equipment Sharing Agreement for consideration.

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the Equipment Sharing Agreement as presented.*

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:**

- Visited the Career Source Center of North Florida F/K/A FloridaWorks and met with the new Director, Bernard Hankerson. Mr. Hankerson is confident that services for Bradford County will improve.

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the Commission for approving the Verizon Tower and for approving the grant application for an EMS facility in the City of Brooker.

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

- Addressed the rotation cycle for the placement of millings.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:**

Chairman Riddick commented on the following:

- Thanked the Road Department for the millings placed on 52<sup>nd</sup> and for the work to be done on 38<sup>th</sup> and in Theresa.
- Expressed appreciation to Mr. Parrish for his efforts in the City of Brooker.

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**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**DANIEL RIDDICK, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk