

(09-15-14 Final Hearing on FY14-15 Millage Rate and Budget and Emergency meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M.
FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 5:30 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; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk to the Board; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Riddick called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Riddick advised that a Final Millage Rate of 9.1104 mills, **which is the rolled-back rate**, is broken down as follows:

GENERAL FUND	6.8400 mills
FINES & FORFEITURE FUND	2.0000 mills
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	0.1647 mills
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES	<u>0.1057 mills</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>9.1104 mills</u>

9.1104 mills is expected to generate ad-valorem tax revenue of approximately \$7,546,444.; an increase of \$136,818. from the prior year, due to an increase in property values.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

At the request of Mr. Carter, Mr. Farrell commented on the millage rate. The rolled-back rate (9.1104 mills) is the rate the Commission would need to adopt in order to keep property tax collections approximately the same as the prior year. For tax year 2014, the rolled-back rate is less than 9.1769 mills (which has been the millage rate for six years), and by adopting the rolled-back, there is a savings to the taxpayers.

Incited by inquiry of Mark Crawford, there was discussion regarding how the rolled-back rate is a tax savings when there is an increase in ad-valorem tax revenues of \$136,818.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS ON FINAL MILLAGE RATE: (Handled above.)

BOARD ACTION:

--CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 9.1104 mills for Fiscal Year 2014-2015:

Chairman Riddick read the title of resolution into record.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to adopt a Resolution adopting the 2014-2015 Final Millage rate of 9.1104 mills, which is the rolled-back rate. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2014-12.](#))

Roll-Call Vote:

Commissioner Thomas: Yes
Commissioner Riddick: Yes
Commissioner Lewis: Yes
Commissioner Sellars: Yes
Commissioner Chandler: Yes

ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2014-2015:

Chairman Riddick announced that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$40,683,267.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET: None.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET:

Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Thomas, there was additional discussion regarding the millage rate.

BOARD ACTION:

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$40,683,267. FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015:

Chairman Riddick read the title of the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Final Budget of \$40,683,267. (The Resolution was assigned No. 2014-13.)

Chairman Riddick advised that he has been presented with an item that needs to be handled as an emergency.

After brief discussion, Chairman Riddick **adjourned** the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., after which, he called an **Emergency Meeting**.

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DANIEL RIDDICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____.

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**MINUTES OF
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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING 6:00 P.M.
RE: SIDEWALKS AROUND HAMPTON LAKE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in an Emergency Called Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 6:00 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; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk to the Board; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Riddick called the Emergency Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HAMPTON LAKE SIDEWALK PROJECT:

Chairman Riddick distributed copies of a proposed "Letter of Support for Hampton Lake Sidewalk Project". Chairman Riddick advised that the project is in jeopardy and approval of the letter is necessary to keep the project from being stopped.

Commissioner Lewis moved to declare an emergency to consider the item. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued as to the urgency of the matter.

Chairman Riddick advised that the Board approved the project for the lakeside of CR18, the engineering and survey work has been done, plans have been drawn, and site work has been started. The proposed sidewalk has been marked for well over a year. He was notified today that some of the residents want the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road. He has been in meetings all day with D.O.T. trying to get the situation resolved. D.O.T. District II Secretary, Mr. Greg Evans, has asked for the Commission's written affirmation that the project is to move forward as was originally approved (on the lake side of CR18). If the project is changed in any way, the contractor will pull out and construction of the sidewalk will cease.

There was additional discussion.

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Mr. Carter advised that staff is aware that their mission is to minimize add-ons and emergencies; they are only done at the request of a commissioner and only under true emergency situations. The D.O.T. District Secretary asked for the letter as soon as possible, and preferably tomorrow.

Discussion continued regarding the necessity for an emergency. Chairman Riddick advised that if the Board would feel more comfortable, he will get the word out himself that the sidewalk will be discussed at the Thursday evening regular scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Chandler asked who had the authority to tell the contractor to stop the project. Chairman Riddick advised that some citizens made calls to Rep. VanZant, who was at the project site this morning and shut it down.

This incited additional discussion, after which the **motion to declare an emergency to consider the item was carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve the Letter of Support for the Hampton Lake Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Carter advised that the D.O.T. District Secretary (Greg Evans) suggested sending the letter to Rep. VanZant with a copy to the District.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Emergency Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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