

(12-18-14 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Lewis, and Commissioner Riddick.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Pat Welch, County Surveyor; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Capt. Boatwright; Mark Crawford, Press; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; and Jerome Kelley, County Engineer.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND ITS REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN ON CASE NO. 2014-14-S, NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND THE NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Annual Installment of \$10,000.00)**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,318.61**
- F. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 11-20-14**
- G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARGE OFF EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000**

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

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APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER LEWIS:

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 located in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:

A. RESOLUTION--ABANDONING THE INTEREST OF BRADFORD COUNTY IN AN EASEMENT

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration. The resolution abandons an easement given to the County in 1971 for the very end portion of Alligator Creek. The request comes to the Commission from Mark Mooneyhan. The Florida Department of Transportation needs a considerable amount of mitigation property to compensate for wetlands and other sensitive areas that will be disturbed by the HWY301 Bypass/Truck Route project. Mr. Mooneyhan is working in conjunction with the Suwannee River Water Management District to offer a portion of his property as that mitigation property. It is a requirement of SRWMD and/or the Army Core of Engineers that the property not be encumbered by any easements or right-of-way.

Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2014-30.](#))

SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:

On behalf of Sheriff Smith, Capt. Boatwright reported the following:

- Presented 2013-2014 Year-End Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenues)

After brief discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Budget Amendments](#) as presented.*

- Recognized emergency medical personnel, Crystal Turner and Austin Norman, who saved the life of a child who was choking on a piece of candy during the Hampton Christmas Parade.

Mr. Johns provided the details of the incident and expressed appreciation to Ms. Crystal Turner and Mr. Austin Norman for their exemplary service.

CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: Clerk Norman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and expressed his appreciation to everyone for a good year.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RAISE MAXIMUM SHIP REHAB PROJECT LIMIT FROM \$19,000 TO \$25,000--KELLY CANADY

Ms. Canady requested approval to raise the maximum SHIP rehab project limit from \$19,000 to \$25,000 per project. The Housing Advisory Board has approved the increase.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the increase of the maximum SHIP rehab project limit [as requested](#).

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP REHAB HOME REPAIR LOAN ON CASE NO. 2014-13-S--KELLY CANADY

Ms. Canady requested approval of home repair loan for Case No. 2014-14-S, not to exceed 25,000.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the [SHIP loan as presented](#).

C. DRAFT 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES (Commissioner Input)

Mr. Carter presented the 2015 Legislative Agenda Priorities, as requested by the Small County Coalition. Please let staff know if there are any other projects to add to the list.

Chairman Chandler advised that he would like to see extra effort and emphasis placed on FRDAP grants. Mr. Carter advised that FRDAP grants are at the top of the list.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda Priorities. (See below)

Mr. Carter added that the priorities were presented, in draft form, to the Legislative Delegation during last weeks' Delegation Hearing, with an emphasis on the FRDAP grants, and also a request for assistance to re-open New River Correctional Institution for economic development reasons. Although no promises were made, the Delegation was very optimistic about the reopening of New River.



D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FDOT PROJECT - S.E. 144th (Taken care of in "F" below.)

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E. RESOLUTION--APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF CR231 (from CR235 to the Union Co. Line)--JEROME KELLEY

Mr. Kelley advised that the Funding Agreement for this repaving project (approximately 4.6 miles), is for \$1,065,110. Mr. Sexton read the title into the record.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2014-28.](#))

F. RESOLUTION--APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SMALL COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT (Supplemental Agreement No. 2) WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF CR100A/S.E. 144th AVE. (from Hayes Ave. to SR200 [US301])

Mr. Kelley advised that the proposed Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is for \$1.3 in construction funds. This new agreement includes funds for paved shoulders and a sidewalk on the north side of the road. He will come back to the Commission for consideration of approval of a change order for the sidewalk and the paved shoulders, which was not included in the original bid.

Mr. Sexton 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. 2014-29.](#))

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Each commissioner expressed appreciation to Ms. Crystal Turner and Mr. Austin Norman for their lifesaving actions, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

- Commissioner Lewis explained why New River Solid Waste no longer recycles plastics. The bottom line is that the new recycling vendor does not handle plastics, and there is no way to manage it in-house, in a cost-effective manner.

This incited extensive discussion, which was not limited to, but included:

- Costs involved in recycling plastics
- Hauling plastics to the Leveda Brown Environmental Park instead of the landfill
- Increase tipping fees to help offset cost of recycling
- Environmental impact
- Installing an additional compactor at the Keystone Collection Site

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Chairman Chandler suggested asking the University of Florida to appoint a group of students to conduct a study to determine the best manner to create a recycling program that although may not make money, but that may at least break even.

Mr. Wise advised that recycling is a major operation. If the County is going to develop a recycling program, it needs to include everything, not just plastics.

Mr. Carter advised that he would contact the University and surrounding counties who participate in recycling.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--ROSS CHANDLER:

A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY MANAGER AND CLERK OF COURT TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALACHUA COUNTY FOR EMS BILLING

Chairman Chandler asked the Clerk, Mr. Carter and Mr. Parrish to negotiate with Alachua County towards an agreement for providing EMS billing services.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to authorize the County Manager and the Clerk of Courts to commence negotiations with Alachua County for providing EMS billing services.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2015

Chairman Chandler encouraged the Commissioners to review the [Board Membership and Oversight List](#).

- Expressed appreciation to County staff for their hard work.
- Thanked the Board for supporting and partnering with the North Florida Economic Development.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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ROSS CHANDLER, 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 _____.