

(01-15-15 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Dean Bennett, Facilities Maintenance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Ray Shuford, Sheriff I.T.; Benji Bennett, Emergency Management Planner; Capt. Boatwright; Chip Ware, County Fire Marshal; Mark Crawford, Press; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Lieut. Gail Russell; Wendy Russell, Emergency Management; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Starling; and Capt. Smith.

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**MARY POWELL—Communities in Schools**

Ms. Powell gave an overview of the budget, programs and future goals of Communities in Schools in Bradford County ([handout](#)). Ms. Powell expressed appreciation to the County Commission for their continued support of CIS. CIS is in the process of setting up a three-year plan and are seeking input from the community. Ms. Powell asked that any ideas, comments, or suggestions be submitted by March 30.

Commissioner Lewis asked that someone contact the Commission concerning the proposed Veterans' Transportation Program.

Chairman Chandler thanked Ms. Powell for her comments. He expressed appreciation to CIS for "Take Stock in Children". He would like to see the programs that are highly successful expanded, rather than taking a chance on a new program that may not work.

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**GERALD MOODY—Bicycle Frames Left at Collection Sites**

Mr. Moody advised that there is a place in Orange Park that refurbish old bicycle frames and give them to children at Christmas. He asked the Commission for permission to remove bicycle frames from the collections sites, instead of them winding up in the landfill.

Chairman Chandler advised that the bicycle frames do not go to the landfill, they go to recycled metal. Staff is to confer with the Solid Waste Director and then get back with Mr. Moody.

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**PROCLAMATION: FLORIDA FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION WEEK--ALLEN PARRISH, BRIAN JOHNS and SHERIFF SMITH:**

With numerous law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteer firefighters present, Sheriff Smith, Brian Johns and Allen Parrish each took a moment to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the first responders for their commitment to excellence in serving the citizens of the County, and to the County Commission for their continued support.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to [Proclaim the Week of January 5-0, 2015, First Responder Appreciation Week.](#)*

Each Board member expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the first responders for their commitment, professionalism and dedication.

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**CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULE MEETING OF 12-01-14**
- B. PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND FOR COMMISSIONER THOMPSON**
- C. CHARGE OFF EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,000.00**
- D. REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,555.28**
- E. SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.*

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS--CHAIRMAN CHANDLER:**

*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.)

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**FDOT LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) PRESENTATION--ROOSEVELT PETITHOMME, DISTRICT LOCAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR:**

On behalf of Mr. Petithomme, Jamie Driggers, Program Administrator Engineer for FDOT, gave a presentation regarding the Local Agency Program (LAP). The Department of Transportation has one of the largest work programs ever, and staff is dwindling dramatically, so they are looking for new ways to deliver projects. Mr. Driggers briefly reviewed what is available in the LAP and how the program functions, which is essentially a program that is locally administered. He encouraged the Commission to allow FDOT TO sit down with staff to determine how to utilize the program in Bradford County.

There was Board consensus to move forward. Mr. Driggers will meet with Mr. Carter to review the details of what is required to become certified and go from there.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:**

**A. RESOLUTION--TO CERTIFY THAT THE MONEYS FROM THE EMS COUNTY GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY'S PRE-HOSPITAL EMS SYSTEM AND THAT THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING COUNTY EMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration and read the title into the record. Mr. Parrish addressed the Commission and briefly explained the annual EMS County Grant and how it is utilized.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, Seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2015-01.](#))*

(Mr. Sexton addressed item "F" under "County Manager Reports"):

**F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ALACHUA COUNTY FOR EMS BILLING SERVICES UNDER THE FOLLOWING GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- \$120,000 per year;
- Possibility for additional fees, based upon the percentage of collections made; and
- 30-90 day termination

**AS WELL AS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALACHUA COUNTY ON FINAL CONTRACT TERMS**

Mr. Sexton advised that today, via email, staff received a proposed draft contract from Alachua County outlining their initial proposed terms. Rather than ask the Board to address some hypothetical guideline criteria, staff would request the Board's indulgence for the possibility of calling a special meeting in the next couple of weeks. Alachua County would like to have a contract finalized by January 26, to make the deadline for their Board 's February 10th meeting. The general provisions outlined above continue to be what would be in the best interest of the County.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve a Special Called Meeting for the purposes expressed above.*

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**SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:** None.

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

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

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN EMS MATCHING GRANT (10%, up to a 25% County match) TO CONSTRUCT AN EMS FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF BROOKER--ALLEN PARRISH**

Mr. Parrish requested permission to re-apply for an EMS matching grant for the purpose of constructing an EMS facility in the Town of Brooker.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, to approve the grant application as presented.*

Based on Mr. Parrish's recommendation, both he and the County Commission will solicit letters of support from Representatives to accompany the grant application.

*The Motion Carried 5-0.*

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN EMS MATCHING GRANT (10%, up to a 25% County match) TO PURCHASE AN AMBULANCE--ALLEN PARRISH**

Mr. Parrish requested permission to apply for an EMS matching grant for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as presented.*

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN EMS MATCHING GRANT (10%, up to a 25% County match) TO PURCHASE A QUICK RESPONSE SQUAD TRUCK--ALLEN PARRISH**

Mr. Parrish requested permission to apply for an EMS matching grant for the purpose of purchasing a quick response squad truck.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as presented.*

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**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN EMS MATCHING GRANT (10%, up to a 25% County match) TO PURCHASE A CARDIAC MONITOR--ALLEN PARRISH**

Mr. Parrish requested permission to apply for an EMS matching grant for the purpose of purchasing a back-up cardiac monitor.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the grant application as presented.*

Mr. Parrish expressed his appreciation to the Board for approving the application of these grants. He advised that the deadline for these grant applications is March 10.

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND THE NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND THE NFEDP KICK-OFF MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 3, 2015 FROM 9:00 a.m. TO 11:30 a.m.**

Ms. Rhoden requested approval of the Bradford County Economic Development Steering Committee ([list in packet](#)), and to also approve the kick off meeting scheduled for February 3, 2015.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the Steering Committee and to host the Kick-Off Meeting as presented.*

Chairman Chandler expressed his sentiments regarding the importance of economic development in Bradford County.

Mr. Carter asked the County Fire Marshal, Chip Ware, to address the Commission.

Mr. Ware introduced Mr. Gary Walker, Dean and Assistant Principal of Hope Christian Academy, and Joey Dampier, a long-time responder with the Theresa Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ware advised that Hope Christian Academy had an electrical fire incident yesterday. Mr. Walker evoked the evacuation plan and the evacuation process went flawlessly, with no injuries. Knowing that the most valuable asset in the community, our children, are taken care of by conscientious people means everything. Mr. Ware expressed appreciation to Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker advised that a key ingredient to the success in a situation such as this is teamwork. It took a team to make this evacuation process a success.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

- By quoting scripture from the bible, Commissioner Riddick expressed his opposition to same sex marriage, and the overturning of the voice of the Florida voters banning same sex marriage and civil unions, by Judge Robert Hinkle.

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**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

- Shared publicly a comment made to her by a citizen/business owner she encountered, which spoke very highly of Ms. Canady and the work she performs in the SHIP/Community Development Department. Commissioner Sellars expressed her appreciation to Ms. Canady.

**Commissioner Thompson commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the County for the opportunity to attend the new commissioner workshop for the last two days. He is looking forward to serving the community.

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- Asked Mr. Gene Melvin, Mayor of the Town of Brooker, if he had any comments. Mr. Melvin, advised that out of the 35 years he has been involved in government, the Brooker Volunteer Fire Department is one of the greatest, dedicated group of men and women he has had the opportunity to serve with. Mr. Melvin expressed appreciation to County Commission for its continued support of the Town of Brooker, as well as the other municipalities within the County.

Mr. Carter reminded the Commission to meet outside for the **RECOGNITION OF NEW BROOKER TANKER TRUCK AT THE COURTHOUSE NORTH PARKING LOT.**

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--ROSS CHANDLER:** Expressed his appreciation to the Board for conscientious and sensitivity to matters that affect the citizens of Bradford County.

**ADJOURN:** *Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.* There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_.