

(03-02-15 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.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; Robert Perone, Library Director; Jerome Kelley, County Engineer; Dean Bennett, Facilities Maintenance Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber CEO; Teresa Phillips, Tax Collector; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Capt. Smith; Sheriff Smith; and Capt. Boatwright.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- **Nancy Silvestri and Richard Silvestri** of 5708 Buchanan Drive, Ft. Pierce, Florida; and **Marrillee Malwitz-Jipson** of 2070 SW CR138, Fort White, Florida addressed the Commission regarding **hydraulic fracking in Florida**. They asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution supporting a statewide ban of hydraulic fracking in the State of Florida (SB166 and HB169).

After brief discussion, there was consensus for Mr. Carter and Mr. Sexton to research and provide guidance to the Commission, to include feedback from Suwannee River Water Management.

- **Gene Brannock, Mayor of Hampton**, addressed the Commission and provided an update on the City of Hampton. Mayor Brannock expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their partnership.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 02-02-15**
- B. MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF 02-05-15**
- C. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 02-19-15**
- D. REQUEST PERMISSION TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS (\$28,684.49)**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CHARGE OFF EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,458.49**
- F. PROPOSAL FROM COUNTY ARCHITECT ROBERT TAYLOR FOR SHIP REHAB INSPECTION SERVICES (Fee not to exceed \$1,000 to \$1,800 per project/unit)**
- G. SHIP PURCHASE ASSISTANCE LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000-CASE# 2014-15-S**

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

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**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER THOMPSON:**

*Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, 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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**PRESENTATION OF TRANSITION HOUSE - JEFFREY WAINWRIGHT, CORRECTIONS OPERATION (Planning and Zoning Board approved on 02-02-15):**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Wainwright, who introduced Mr. Brett D'Aoust, Executive Director of Corrections. Mr. D'Aoust gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing "The Transition House", a behavioral health and substance abuse treatment facility, being located in Bradford County.



Discussion ensued.

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Chairman Chandler recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the following TDC funding grant applications for consideration:

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAWTEY TRAIL RIDGE FESTIVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 (TDC Approved 02-19-15) - PAM WHITTLE, Chamber President:**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve the [TDC Funding Grant Application](#) as presented.*

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TDC FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR BRADFORD COUNTY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 (TDC Approved 02-19-15) - PAM WHITTLE, Chamber President:**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve the [TDC Funding Grant Application](#) as presented.*

Ms. Whittle reminded the Commission of the NFEDP meeting would be held in Bradford County this month at the Charlie E. Johns Conference Center.

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

**A. RESOLUTION--EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND THE RODMAN RESERVOIR**

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration; he 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. 2015-02.](#))*

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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 OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON CR 100A/SE 144TH AVE. (From Hayes Ave to HWY 301) TO INCREASE CONTRACT SUM BY \$42,106.24 (New Contract Total of \$583,388.74)--JEROME KELLY, COUNTY ENGINEER:**

Mr. Kelly presented the change order for consideration. The additional cost is within the FDOT budget.

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

Resulting from complaints he has received, Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Kelly to look into water standing in the road ditches leading into the Longchamp Subdivision.

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN "THE ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM TASK FORCE" THROUGH NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN BRADFORD COUNTY (Annual Contribution \$4,000.)**

Mr. Carter asked the Commission to consider participating in the Original Florida Tourism Task Force through the North Florida Regional Planning Council with an annual contribution of \$4,000.

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the annual contribution of \$4,000.00 to participate in The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.*

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON CASE #2014-05-S TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$1,150 (New Contract Total of \$19,462.75)--KELLY CANADY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Canady presented the change order for consideration.

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

Ms. Canady advised that the increase requires a deviation from the LHAP \$19,000.00 maximum contract price.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0 to approve a deviation from LHAP as required.*

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**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON CASE # 2014-11-S TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$1,100 (New Contract Total of \$18,413.90)-- KELLY CANADY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Canady presented the change order for consideration.

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

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PHASE II OF NW 38TH AVE. INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS DRAINAGE PROJECT--BRIAN JOHNS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Johns presented the sub-grant agreement for consideration. This is a 75/25 grant.

*Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the sub-grant agreement as presented.* (A copy of the agreement is on file in the Office of Emergency Management.)

Mr. Johns provided an update on the Theresa drainage project. The Theresa project should be running about 30 days behind the 38th Ave. project. It is also a 75/25 grant, and they are looking for funding for the 25% match.

Ms. Rhoden invited everyone to step outside after the meeting to see the new bookmobile for the library.

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**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:**

- The Board received a handwritten thank you note from a student regarding the **library**. He expressed appreciation to the library staff.

**Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:**

- Asked for confirmation relating to the FDOT public hearing scheduled for the proposed **RR overpass**. Mr. Carter advised that his office has not received a specific date, but the hearing is scheduled for some time in April. Staff will follow up.

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- Confirmed the proposed location for the RR overpass is SR100.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--ROSS CHANDLER:**

- The monthly meeting for **Meridian**, which was scheduled for this week, has been rescheduled, as the CEO, Dr. Lambarta, will be out for several weeks due to an injury.
- Expressed appreciation to Mr. Funderburk and the **Road Department**.
- As for an update from Mr. Carter regarding the upcoming **mowing season**.

Mr. Carter advised that staff has reviewed the options and will probably be coming to the Board with a recommendation to hire some staff.

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**ADJOURN:**

*Commissioner Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sellars. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.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 \_\_\_\_\_.**