

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

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 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 Lewis, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Riddick.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager, Will Sexton, County Attorney, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; Capt. Smith; Mark Crawford, Press; and Pam Whittle, Chamber President.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES**

**--FUTURE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. S150914A, BY BOCC--
RANDY ANDREWS:**

In Mr. Andrews' absence, Mr. Sexton presented the ordinance for consideration. Mr. Sexton read the title into the record. The Zoning Board unanimously approved the proposed land use amendment.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing, there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0 to adopt the ordinance as presented, approving the Land Use Amendment Application No. S150914A. ([The Ordinance as assigned No. 2015-04.](#))

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--REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 15-01, BY BOCC--RANDY ANDREWS:

Mr. Sexton presented the ordinance for consideration. Mr. Sexton read the title into the record. The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously approved the proposed rezoning.

Chairman Chandler opened the public hearing, there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the ordinance as presented approving Rezoning Application No. Z 15-01. ([The Ordinance as assigned No. 2015-05.](#))

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Still—Flooding and Roads:

- With the prediction of a wet winter bringing threats of flooding, Mr. Still urged the Commission to approach the Water Management District to discuss working with DuPont to get water out of Alligator Creek and into the old mine site.
- Filling in a large area of erosion on SRWMD property at DuPont on CR225 between Kingsley Lake and Lawtey would help with the flooding problems in the Lawtey area, Strawberry Acres and all along the eastern side of the CSX railroad.
- 101st Avenue has moved out of its easement on onto his property. Mr. Still asked the County to move the road back to the center of the easement.
- While he appreciates the County's concern in repairing private roads, he urged the Commission to be cautious about using millings on private roads. The dust generated by some millings has the potential of containing hazardous materials.

Chairman Chamber advised that at some point in time, he would like the water management districts to arrive at a consensus on some of these issues as to what is best for the citizens of Bradford County. The County should not take any action based on the opinion of any one individual.

Mr. Carter advised that he would get the Districts back before the Board to provide an update.

Ken Kerlin--50th, 51st and 7th Avenue:

- About a year ago, it was determined that 50th Street, 51st Street and 7th Ave are County roads and not private roads. These roads are basically one lane sand trails. Mr. Kerlin asked if there has been any progress, or if plans have been made to bring these roads up to standard.

Mr. Carter reported that survey work has been done and some minor improvements have been made to make the roads passable. The problem is that the roads are a long way from typical County roads and require substantial improvements, i.e. drainage, clearing and perhaps acquiring additional right-of-way. Mr. Kelley is still evaluating the area, but it will be quite an undertaking. It is taking time, but the County wants to make sure it is being done correctly.

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Chairman Chandler advised that a project of this nature is going to take time. Although no funds were budgeted in the 2015-2016 budget for these roads, they are the County's responsibility. The County will begin taking steps to begin the process.

Timothy A. Taylor, Jeff Cook, and Rodney Mosley--Bradford Cowboys--Youth Sport Fields:

- Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cook and Mr. Mosley asked the Commission for assistance in locating a youth sports field for football and soccer, by either providing a field or allowing them to return to the fair grounds.

This incited discussion which was not limited to but included use of the fair grounds, the high school field, and Thomas Street field, conducting a workshop with the City of Starke, the possibility City of Starke giving the County a field and the County managing and maintaining it.

Chairman Chandler advised that the County would request a workshop with the City of Starke. Commissioner Sellars will relay the concerns to Superintendent Farnsworth.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 09-08-15**
- B. PROCLAMATION--DECLARING NOVEMBER 13, 2015-WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY IN BRADFORD COUNTY**
- C. REQUEST PERMISSION TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,676.17**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC., FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES. TOTAL FOR 2015-2016-\$109,595.00 (Increase of \$2,631.00 from 2014-2015)**
- E. AUTOCLEAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT--\$5,300.00 (No Increase)**

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER SELLARS:

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. (The Disbursement List is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)

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TDC FUNDING REQUEST--CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A JOINT REQUEST FROM THE STARKE CITY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BRADFORD COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF FIREWORKS FOR THE VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00--PAM WHITTLE, CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Chairman Chandler recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the TDC funding request for consideration. The request is to fund a fireworks display at the Veterans' Day Celebration at a cost of \$5,000. The City of Starke will apply for a permit.

Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the TDC Funding Request as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

There was some discussion regarding the location of the fireworks display. Mr. Sexton advised that in the opinion of the County's Fire Marshal, the proposed location is too close to residential structures and other buildings. If it is being permitted through the County's office, it may affect the ability to have the display in the proposed location. Mr. Carter advised that although the City's Fire Marshal may consult with the County, the permit would be handled through the City.

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

Ms. Whittle reported on the success of the 2015 Bike Fest.

PLEASANT GROVE PARK FUNDING REQUEST OF \$2,000.00--LILLIE STRACHAN:

Chairman Chandler recognized Ms. Strachan, who requested \$2,000.00 (budgeted) for enhancements to the Pleasant Grove Recreational Park. Ms. Strachan reviewed [a list of the proposed improvements](#).

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included vandalism at the park and installing security cameras.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the \$2,000.00 expenditure request for enhancements to the park.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON: None.

SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:

Capt. Smith announced the upcoming Trunk or Treat on October 26, being hosted by Public Safety in the north parking lot of the courthouse. The event is free to everyone. There will be chicken and rice and lots of candy for the kids.

CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO INCREASE PREVIOUSLY BOARD APPROVED PROPOSAL (\$175,000 ON 08-20-15 for a new ambulance) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 TO WHEELED COACH AMBULANCE FOR IMPROVED LITTER FASTENER TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 3.11.6 OF FEDERAL KKK-A1822-F SAFETY GUIDELINES--ALLEN PARRISH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Parrish, who requested approval of a change order to the previously approved purchase of a new ambulance. The change order is necessary to comply with new federal safety guidelines.

Based on inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Ms. Stafford advised that based on the fact that this is a public safety issue, Clerk Norman and Mr. Farrell have met and a revenue source has been identified.

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

- B. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNTY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,893.00--ALLEN PARRISH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:**

Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Parrish, who requested permission to accept the EMS County grant award in the amount of \$19,893.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to accept the grant award.

- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 ON ROAD PROJECT S.E. 144TH AVE (From Hayes Ave. to SR200) TO INCREASE CONTRACT PRICE BY \$3,218.39. TOTAL ADJUSTED CONTRACT PRICE OF \$593,835.13**

Mr. Carter presented the change order for consideration. The total adjusted contract price is still within the FDOT allotted budget.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve Change Order No. 3 as presented.

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D. REQUEST PERMISSION TO V.E. WHITEHURST AND SONS, INC. TO REPAIR AN ASPHALT LANE ON S.E. 109th STREET. TOTAL COST \$4,250.00 (Piggyback rate from CR221 Project)

Mr. Carter requested retroactive approval to expend \$4,250.00 (piggyback rate from CR221 project) for the repair of asphalt on S.E. 109th Street, payable to V.E. Whitehurst and Sons, Inc. In order to get the repair done at the piggyback rate, it had to be done before the contractor left the location.

Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the expenditure as presented.

E. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND PRIORITIES FOR THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Carter advised that the County's priority list is being put together with the standard requests. If the Commission has any special requests, please communicate them to him.

The Board concurred that the list is fine as is.

F. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY ARCHITECT ROBERT TAYLOR TO PREPARE A PLAN TO MAKE CRITICAL REPAIRS TO EMS STATION 5 (Lawtey Owned) AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING--COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000

Mr. Carter requested the Board authorize the County Architect to prepare a plan and cost estimate to make critical repairs to EMS Station 5 in Lawtey, and to present the plan to the Board at the next regular meeting. The cost to develop the plan is estimated not to exceed \$5,000. Although the building is owned by the City of Lawtey, the County houses EMS staff in the building 24/7. Life safety issues involving the building have been identified and need to be addressed. The City of Lawtey does not have the funds to make the necessary repairs. The final plans will also be presented to the Lawtey City Council for their approval.

Following brief discussion, *Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to authorize Mr. Taylor to prepare a plan for presentation to the Board.*

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

**A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO PURSUE RECYCLING PROPOSAL--
COMMISSIONER RIDDICK**

Commissioner Riddick requested permission to pursue the recycling proposal presented by Ms. Sallie Palmie with Alachua County some time back. The cost is proposed to be less than \$5,000, which is less than the earlier proposal of \$10,000.

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Incited by inquiry of Commissioner Lewis, Ms. Stafford advised that funds were budgeted.

Commissioner Riddick added that Alachua County has agreed that if the project does not work out as expected, the agreement can be terminated.

Commissioner Riddick moved to pursue an agreement with Alachua County for a recycling program, to be re-evaluated in one year. Commissioner Sellars seconded the motion.

Mr. Sexton advised that it would probably take six to eight weeks to finalize an agreement. The actual cost will be based on the number of trips and pounds of waste generated. If in six months we realize that not even one container a month is getting filled, then it would not be practical for Alachua County to even pick it up. Part of the savings comes by the reduction in tipping fees paid to New River by the County.

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

Commissioner Thompson commented on the following:

- Would request a Road Memorial Dedication for consideration at the next regular meeting: N.W. 55th Avenue to be dedicated to the Brantley and Lawson Families.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 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 _____