

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING                      6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager, Will Sexton, County Attorney, Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts, Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Dean Bennett, Facilities Maintenance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Lieut. Dawn McKinley, Capt. Starling; Sheriff Smith; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; Mark Crawford, Press; and Jerome Kelley, County Engineer.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Tatum Davis--Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Bradford County Education Foundation:**

- Distributed copies of a [handout](#) illustrating the activities and goals of the Foundation. The Foundation is in the process of developing a new 3-year plan and they are soliciting input concerning to the needs of Bradford County Schools.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,027.58**
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARGE OFF EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,477.51**
- C. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 01-04-16**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION FUNDING REQUEST OF \$5,000.00 (15/16 BUDGET)**
- E. INVENTORY SURPLUS LIST**
- F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO EMPG SUBGRANT AGREEMENT 16-FG-5A-03-14-01-071, TO REMOVE SCHEDULED WORKSHOP LANGUAGE**
- G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY**

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

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER CHANDLER:**

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed.*

(The Distribution List is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)

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

- A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTACT ATTORNEY FOR RAYONIER REGARDING OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

Mr. Sexton advised that in order for counties/cities to be properly positioned to recruit development, they must have property available to offer businesses that may wish to operate in their community. Although Bradford County has done its best to catalog its resources, it is not in a financial position to purchase property. The next best thing is to be able to offer businesses a concrete set of prices for acreage available for purchase. There are timber companies who own vast tracts of land in Bradford County who may be willing to offer them for sale. It is recommended that the County meet with the timber companies to see if they would be willing to develop a definitive per acre price to help market the County to prospective businesses. He would like permission from the Board to contact the timber companies in an effort to present the proposal.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to authorize Mr. Sexton to contact the timber companies as requested.*

**B. RESOLUTION--EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE ROAD 100 ROUTE FOR THE PROPOSED FDOT RAILROAD OVERPASS PROJECT NO. 434560**

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration. He read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution as presented.* (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-01.](#))

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**SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:**

- Will be conducting various town hall meetings in the near future to review year-end statistics, etc. He invited the Commissioners and staff to attend and encouraged them to let him know if they would like a town hall meeting in their district.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and ceremony was a great success.
- Presented Melissa Marrero with an "Appreciation Plaque" for going above and beyond the call of duty to get a sexual predator off the streets. The predator was in violation of one of the conditions of supervision by having contact with children, which was witnessed by Ms. Marrero, who immediately reported the incident. Ms. Marrero's willingness to get involved led to this predator being sentenced back to prison to serve out his original sentence.

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

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

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SHIP REHAB CONTRACT ON FILE #2014-24-S (SHIP BID AWARD APPROVED BY BOCC ON 12-17-15)--KELLY CANADY, Community Development Director:**

Ms. Canady presented the contract for consideration.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve contract for [SHIP Rehab File No. 2014-24-S.](#)*

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SHIP REHAB CONTRACT ON FILE #2014-20-S (SHIP BID AWARD APPROVED BY BOCC ON 12-17-15)--KELLY CANADY, Community Development Director:**

Ms. Canady presented the contract for consideration.

*Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to approve contract for [SHIP Rehab File No. 2014-20-S](#).*

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND SHIP REPLACEMENT HOUSING ASSISTANCE STRATEGY--KELLY CANADY, Community Development Director:**

Ms. Canady presented the amendment for consideration. Under the current strategy, SHIP covers 70% and the homeowner is responsible for 30%. Low-income applicants are not able to handle the 30%. The amendment will provide that SHIP will cover 100% of the cost.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to amend the [SHIP Replacement Housing Assistance Strategy](#) as presented.*

There was brief discussion regarding the ability to expend prior year funds and how the amendment will improve the process.

**D. DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FDOT SOLICITATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS--SCRAP, SCOP AND CIGP--JEROME KELLEY, County Engineer**

Mr. Kelley advised that the road project priorities for the 2020 FDOT funding cycle are needed by February 1, to have the applications to FDOT by February 19.

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**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:**

- The Small County Coalition and Florida Association of Counties do a great job lobbying for Bradford County to keep much-needed dollars. North Florida Economic Development will begin lobbying for small counties as well. Commissioner Chandler encouraged local participation in this process.
- Executive Director of CareerSource, Ms. Kim Tesch-Vaught, who was a tremendous asset, is leaving. Although he is certain that her successor will do a great job as well, the County needs to remain watchful to make sure that Bradford County gets its fair share from the programs.

(01-21-16 Regular Meeting)

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--EDDIE J. LEWIS:** None.

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**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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**EDDIE J. LEWIS, 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** \_\_\_\_\_