

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

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

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; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Services Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Robert Perone, Library Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Smith; Mark Crawford, Press; Tyler Roddenberry, Network Administrator; and Christopher Thurow, I.T. Director.

CALL TO ORDER—Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman Lewis announced that Commissioner Riddick would not be participating in today's meeting; he is representing the Board in Washington, D.C., attending meetings with congressional leaders; an event funded by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Still--Commented on Recycling and Phosphate Mining:

[\(Handout\)](#)

- Spoke opposing the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and Bradford County for the removal and disposal of recyclables at the Keystone Collection Site.
- Recommended the Commission not establish a moratorium for the acceptance of new mining permit applications. Mr. Still suggested conducting a workshop(s).

There was brief discussion regarding recycling.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 SMALL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO RECEIVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,909.00 (Chairman Approved on 03-22-16 to meet State deadline.)**
- B. SETTLEMENT OF CONSUMER RIGHTS, LLC VS. BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND PHYSICIAN SERVICES BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND DAVID E. KEMP, M.D., P.A. COMPENSATION TO PHYSICIAN - \$1,000.00 PER WEEK**
- D. MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF 03-17-16**
- E. SETTLEMENT OF PAUL STILL VS. BRADFORD COUNTY AND SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
- F. TRANE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE BRADFORD COUNTY LIBRARY - ANNUAL TOTAL - \$7,118.58 (Increase of \$139.58 from last year)**
- G. TRANE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE - ANNUAL TOTAL \$3,126.00 (Increase of \$201.58 from last year)**
- H. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2016 - LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL MONTH IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-0 to approve the [Consent Agenda](#) in its entirety.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 4-0, 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.)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TDC FUNDING REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,800.00 FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PROGRAM CALLED "CONCERT ON THE GREEN" (TDC Approved on 03-17-16)--PAM WHITTLE, Chamber President:

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the funding request for consideration.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the [TDC funding request](#) as presented.

Ms. Whittle announced a gospel sing on the 7th of May in the City Square.

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Chairman Lewis announced the receipt of an additional public comment card and recognized **Ms. Frieda Kassetas of Union County.**

Ms. Kassetas commented on recycling and the proposed phosphate mine.

- The recycling/scrap program in Alachua County mentioned by Mr. Still works well and does not require a lot of manpower.
- Spoke in favor of a moratorium on new mining permit applications.
- Expressed her reasons for opposing the proposed phosphate mine.

**CAREERSOURCE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA WORKFORCE PLAN 2016-2020
PRESENTATION--KIM NICHOLS, Interim Director:**

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Nichols, who in turn introduced Ms. Angela Pate, CIO, Ms. Anne Favre, Executive Consultant, who is also the candidate for the permanent Executive Director, and Ms. Audrey Hines, Starke Center Lead. To bring the Commission up to date on what they are doing, Ms. Nichols distributed copies of the CareerSource North Central Florida [Legislative Agenda](#).

Ms. Pate addressed the Commission regarding the 2016-2020 Workforce Plan. The Plan is before the Commission in draft form for approval, but will remain available for public comment for the next 30 days, and will go to the State at the end of April. Ms. Pate gave a brief overview of some important aspects of the Plan.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-0, to approve the draft form of the 2016-2020 Workforce Plan, contingent upon any changes that come in from the County or the public at large.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SCOP) AGREEMENT WITH FDOT FOR THE WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF S.E. 150th STREET FROM C.R. 230A TO END OF PAVEMENT

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

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-16.](#))

B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

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

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-17.](#))

There was brief discussion regarding when to conduct the Zoning Board meetings. Mr. Sexton advised that there is no reason the Zoning Board meetings cannot take place at the Commissions' regular scheduled mid-month meetings.

C. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

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

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-18.](#))

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AFFILIATE CONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND FLORIDA LAMBDA RAIL, LLC

Mr. Sexton presented the agreement for consideration. Mr. Thurow, I.T. Director, has done a tremendous job to develop a plan to significantly increase the Internet access in Bradford County. This has been accomplished by coordinating an agreement with Florida Lambda Rail, LLC to secure Internet bandwidth from the University of Florida through radio towers between Gainesville and Starke.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the [Agreement with Florida Lambda Rail, LLC, as presented.](#)

E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR DATA COMMUNICATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BRADFORD COUNTY

Mr. Sexton presented the agreement for consideration. This agreement is necessary due to the fact that one of the towers will be erected on University of Florida property.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the [Interlocal Agreement with the University Board of Trustees, as presented.](#)

As the Commission has made the decision to reject all bids and to rebid the project, Mr. Sexton advised that the time sensitivity is gone from the issue for the Stella's Place Group Home. However, he believes that some of the Commissioners still have a lingering question about the validity of F.S. 255.0991 with regard to this project. If it is the pleasure of the Board, he can request an Attorney General Opinion on the issues. There was Board consensus for Mr. Sexton to request an Attorney General Opinion.

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SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:

Sheriff Smith announced that 48 pinwheels will be placed in front of courthouse later today in observance of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The number 48 represents the actual number of active child abuse cases worked in Bradford County in 2015.

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR PORTABLE XG-25-764/870MHZ SYSTEM RADIOS FOR THE BRADFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE--TOTAL \$158,090.10

Sheriff Smith presented the quote for consideration.

Based on inquiry made by Chairman Lewis, Mr. Sexton advised that both the Emergency Medical Services Department and the Volunteer Fire Department have applied for grants. If the Board approves the purchases in items B&C below now, there is a good chance of not being able to apply the grant funds to the purchases. Once you apply for grants, particularly federal grants, they do not go back and pay for things that you have already purchased. In essence, approving these purchases today may jeopardize the grant funds.

Sheriff Smith advised that he has been told that the highest possibility of the grants being awarded is 30%. Approval by the Board today will create a work order. The radios take months to come in. Sheriff Smith repeated the emergent need for the upgrade to communications and the importance of including EMS and the VFD from the onset and not piecemeal the project, which would cause a delay. As long as the radios have not been purchased, no one from the federal government has said that you cannot approve a work order. The funding is set-aside. There is a chance that if the grants are awarded and there is a work order in place, the federal government may say no.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the [quote for the Sheriff's Office of \\$158,090.10](#), as presented.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR MOBILE XG25M-700/800 MHZ-35W RADIOS AND PORTABLE XG-25-764/870MHZ SYSTEM RADIOS FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FIRE--TOTAL \$286,479.33

Sheriff Smith presented the quote for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-0, to approve the [quote for the Volunteer Fire Department of \\$286,479.33](#), as presented.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR PORTABLE XG-25-764/870MHZ SYSTEM RADIOS AND MOBILE XG25M-700/800 MHZ-35W RADIOS FOR BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT--TOTAL \$97,258.09

Sheriff Smith presented the quote for consideration.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the [quote for Emergency Medical Services of \\$97,258.09](#), as presented.

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Sheriff Smith advised that he had an emergency IGCF item to present for consideration. The EMS Department has ordered a new rescue unit, which requires a new radio system at a cost of \$5,938.69. The IGCF Committee approved the purchase back in January.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to declare an emergency to consider the IGCF expenditure request.

Commissioner Chandler expressed his disapproval of emergency items. Sheriff Smith offered his apologies for the delay and request for an emergency declaration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-0, to approve the IGCF expenditure of \$5,938.69, as presented.

CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: Clerk Norman reported the following:

- **Communications Radio Equipment presented by the Sheriff:** To clarify a response he provided to the Commission at the March 31 Emergency Meeting, the purchase of this equipment will be funded partially out of the I.T. Department budget, and partially out of the Sheriff's Set-Aside Funds. In an effort to improve communications, Mr. Thurow has worked with law enforcement for approximately 5 years and has kept funding in the I.T. Department budget for communications towers. With the purchase of this new equipment, there is no longer a need for the towers.

Clerk Norman advised that the Commission will need to include funds in the 2016-2017 budget to cover maintenance agreements for this new equipment. There is not adequate funding in the IGCF budget to cover the anticipated maintenance costs. Before the \$5,938.69 IGCF expenditure approved today, there is approximately \$35,000.00 remaining in the IGCF budget.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

A. REQUEST PERMISSION TO REJECT ALL BIDS ON THE STELLA'S GROUP HOME PROJECT--KELLY CANADY, Community Development Director

(This item was voted on during the Emergency Meeting of the County Commission held on Thursday, March 31, 2016.)

(04-04-16 Regular Meeting)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALACHUA COUNTY AND BRADFORD COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLES. TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500.00 FOR THE INITIAL TERM OF THE AGREEMENT--BENNIE JACKSON, Solid Waste Director

Mr. Jackson presented the Interlocal Agreement for consideration.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included the cost related to the agreement, the term of the agreement, and whether approving the agreement is a fiscally sound decision at this time.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to reject the contract.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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 _____