

(05-02-16 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 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, Commissioner Riddick 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; Dean Bennett, Facilities Maintenance Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; Terry Vaughan, Supervisor of Elections; Mark Crawford, Press; and Robert Perone, Library Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals addressed the Commission with comments and questions regarding the **HPSII Phosphate Mining Permit application and phosphate mining in general:**

Stashia Rudolph

Jim Tatum

Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson

Terry Phelan

Frieda Kassetas

Debbie Davey

Paul Still (Mr. Still requested a copy of the Permit Application and the receipt for the application fee.)

Paul Still also addressed the Commission regarding the possible expansion of the **Rails for Trails** project to include a trail from Edwards Road ball field. He mentioned the possibility of a DEP grant to fund the project.

Chairman Lewis asked staff to look into the availability of a grant.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF AND FY16-17 BUDGET WORKSHOP FROM MARCH 31, 2016**
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH ANDY EASTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PHASE 2 - FY 2016-2017 FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) GRANT FOR SPEEDVILLE PARK. CONSULTANT FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RENEW ALADTEC ONLINE EMPLOYEE SCHEDULING AND WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. TOTAL \$1,995.00 (No Increase From Last Year)**
- D. CONSIDER RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SALE OF 2012 BADGER FOR \$65,000.00 TO MIDWAY AUCTION (Approved by County Manager on 04-25-16)**

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER RIDDICK:

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

GRANT APPROPRIATION FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT (Grant Total up to \$2,600.00/15% County Match up to \$393.77)--TERRY VAUGHAN, Supervisor of Elections:

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. Vaughan reported on the success of the new voting equipment. The equipment was well received by the voting public and poll workers. Bradford County had the results to the State seventeen (17) minutes after the polls closed for the March 15 Presidential Preference Primary.

Mr. Vaughan advised of \$2,625.14 in grant funds made available to Bradford County through the state (Help America Vote Act Federal Funds) called the Federal Election Activities Grant. The grant requires a small county match of \$393.77. The funds can be used to help offset poll worker training, publishing of sample ballots and advertising.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to approve the County Match of \$393.77 as requested.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Mr. Sexton presented each of the following resolutions for consideration. The titles were read into the record.

- A. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON THE ALLEYWAY LYING WITHIN BLOCK 42 AND BLOCK 45 OF NEW RIVER SUBDIVISION, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS**

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioners, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-19.](#))

- B. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON BELMONT STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 2 AND BETWEEN BLOCKS 56 AND 57, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS**

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-20.](#))

- C. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON DUKE STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 11 AND BETWEEN BLOCKS 2 AND 10, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS**

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-21.](#))

- D. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON ESSIE STREET BETWEEN BLOCK 46 AND AN UNNUMBERED LOT, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS**

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-22.](#))

- E. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON SAM STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 42 AND 48, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS**

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-23.](#))

F. DECLARING A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY TO CLOSE AND ABANDON ST. JOHNS STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 32 AND 42, BASED ON A REQUEST BY D.W. ODEN, BARBARA ODEN, EDWARD DROW, MICHAEL DAVIS AND BRITTANY DAVIS

Commissioners Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to adopt the Resolution as presented. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2016-24.](#))

G. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LANDING AUTHORIZATION--SANTA FE LAKE BOAT RAMP

APPLICANT: DHL RECOVERY, LLC (Aaron Matthews)
140 Morris Lake Drive, Hawthorne, FL
PURPOSE: DHL is requesting permission to access Lake Santa Fe using Bradford County's public boat ramp for deadhead logging. This permission is required to be submitted by DHL as a part of their application to FDEP.

Mr. Sexton advised that Mr. Matthews was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included liability for any damages to the boat ramp, the deadhead logging process, the DEP permit process, and weight of the logs.

Commissioner Riddick advised that the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers are concerned about disturbing the bottom of lake and use of the boat ramp. Mrs. Jill McQuire, on behalf of Santa Fe Lake Dwellers, has asked that the Board to deny this request.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars, and carried 4-1 (Commissioner Riddick dissenting), to approve use of the boat ramp as requested, contingent upon Mr. Matthews executing a document to cover liability for any damages.

Mr. Matthews advised that he would be glad to speak to any of the lake dwellers about the process.

SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH: None.

CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN: None.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (UF/IFAS), THE BRADFORD COUNTY AG EXTENSION DEPARTMENT-- DR. SIMMONE, Northeast District Extension Director

- **HIRE DEBBIE NISTLER AS THE BRADFORD COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR (CED) WITH AN ANTICIPATED TOTAL SALARY OF \$87,000.00 (60% State-\$52,200.00 / 40% County-\$34,800.00)**
- **HIRE LIVESTOCK AGENT I OR II, ESTIMATED TOTAL SALARY OF \$70,000.00 (60%-State / 40% County-\$28,000.00)**
- **BRADFORD COUNTY ESTIMATED BUDGET INCREASE--\$17,748.32**

Chairman Lewis recognized Dr. Simmone, who presented the proposal. Dr. Simmone explained that former CED, Mr. Tim Wilson, also served as the County Agricultural Agent. The current County 4-H Agent, Debbie Nistler, has qualified for the CED position and will serve as 4-H Agent. If this is approved, the next step would be to advertise the position of Agricultural/Livestock Agent.

Dr. Simmone asked the Commission to approve the salary for Dr. Nistler at \$87,000.00 and an estimated salary of \$70,000.00 for an Agricultural/Livestock Agent (breakdown above).

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 5-0, to approve the salary for Dr. Nistler, as presented.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to approve the estimated salary of \$70,000.00 for a Livestock Agent I or II.

Should the County's match end up being more than the estimated \$28,000.00, Chairman Lewis asked Dr. Simmone to bring it back to the Board.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN EXTERIORS FOR SHIP REHAB FILE 2014-25-S (Bid Awarded on 04-21-16 in the Amount of \$17,584.00)--KELLY CANADY, Community Development Director:

Chairman Lewis recognized Ms. Canady presented the contract for consideration. The Commission awarded the bid at the April 16, 2016 Regular Meeting for \$17,584.

Commissioner Sellars moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 5-0, to approve the contract as presented.

C. DISCUSS IMPOSING RECOMMENDED MUD-BOGGING REQUIREMENTS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS -- RANDY ANDREWS, Zoning Director:

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Andrews, who approached the Commission. Mr. Andrews advised that an individual approached the Zoning Office last summer inquiring about opening a mud bogging establishment. The County's LDR is lax when it comes to mud bogging requirements. He presented some [recommendations for changes](#) to the LDR. The recommendations are being presented to the Board for review. At a later date, he will get with Mr. Sexton and possibly present a text amendment to the LDR in regards to mud bogging to the Board for consideration.

There was brief discussion.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD BID ON LIME ROCK AND HAULING TO PRITCHETT TRUCKING, INC. (Low Bid)--TOTAL \$33.30 per ton(lime rock and hauling)--PAUL FUNDERBURK, Road Superintendent:

Chairman Lewis recognized Mr. Funderburk, who recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Pritchett Trucking.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 5-0, to award the bid to Pritchett Trucking, Inc., as recommended.

Mr. Carter advised that the Chairman of the Alachua County Commission has requested a representative from Bradford County attend their Special Meeting scheduled for tomorrow (**proposed phosphate mine**).

There was a consensus for Mr. Sexton to attend the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Riddick commented on the following:

- Reminded everyone about the Old Time Gospel Sing, Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Advised that he did hear about the **phosphate mining permit application** prior to the April 21 meeting and choose to hear from the public, hoping to find a flaw in the permit application. He subsequently met with Mr. Sexton and Scott Koons to review the application. Mr. Sexton and Mr. Koons both advised that it was a legally submitted application.

Commissioner Sellars commented on the following:

- Announced the "Concert on the Green" this Friday night. Encourage everyone to attend to support the students.

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CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--EDDIE J. LEWIS:

- Expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing Mr. Sexton to attend the Alachua County Commission Special Meeting regarding the proposed phosphate mine.

Mr. Carter announced the attendance Mr. Juliano, Aide to Jeff Attewater, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Juliano has indicated that he does not wish to address the Board, but he wanted to recognize him and thank him for visiting the County.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.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 _____