

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Dougherty; Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Chandler. (Chairman Durrance absent.)

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste and Mosquito Control Director; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Teresa Phillips, Tax Collector; Jason Dodds, Road Superintendent; Troy Fornshell, Assistant Road Superintendent; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Chip Ware, Fire Chief; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Mark Crawford, Press; Tammy Still, Legislative Aide; and Sheriff Smith.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Forms):

Tom Smith:

- Expressed appreciation for the improvements made to the Lost Valley Campground.

Jim Tatum:

- Phosphate mine: Cited cases where other agencies denied permits for projects harmful to the environment.

Paul McDavid (Distributed copies of a map delineating a five-mile mark and existing volunteer fire stations.):

- Fire protection proposal.

Debbie Rotstein:

- As a landowner of farmland located to the west of the proposed mine site, Ms. Rotstein expressed opposition to the proposed phosphate mine.
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CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES OF 01-07-19 REGULAR MEETING**
- B. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 11-15, 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN BRADFORD COUNTY**
- C. SURPLUS INVENTORY LIST**
- D. CAREERSOURCE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA – LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD REGION 9 – REQUEST OF WAIVER OF 50% INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT (ITA) EXPENDITURES**
- E. AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND PbO3 ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND SERVICE CO., INC. FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION, LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT AND CLEARANCE TESTING SERVICES**

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 4-0, to approve the Consent Agenda.



APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—Vice-Chairman Dougherty:

Vice-Chairman Dougherty advised that he reviewed the bills.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve payment of the bills. (The Distribution List is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Courts.)



CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) GRANT REQUEST MADE BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FOR ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE 69TH ANNUAL BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR (TDC Approved 01-17-19)—Pam Whittle, Chamber President:

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$7,500

RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to approve this request, the following motion is recommended:
 “To approve a Tourist Development Council Grant request made by the Bradford County Fair in the amount of \$7,500 for advertisement and promotion of the 69th Annual Bradford County Fair.”

Chairman Durrance recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the TDC grant request for consideration.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the request for \$7,500.00 for the 69th Annual Bradford County Fair.



CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) GRANT REQUEST MADE BY THE BRADFORD SPORTSMAN FARM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FOR ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE FLORIDA CHALLENGE (TDC Approved 01-17-19)—Pam Whittle, Chamber President:

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$7,500

RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to approve this request, the following motion is recommended:

“To approve a Tourist Development Council Grant request made by the Bradford Sportsman Farm in the amount of \$7,500 for advertisement and promotion of The Florida Challenge.”

Ms. Whittle presented the TDC grant request for consideration.

Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 4-0, to approve the request.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) GRANT REQUEST MADE BY THE GREEN ON THE GREEN/AMERICAN LEGION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FOR ADVERTISEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE GREEN ON THE GREEN EVENT (TDC Approved 01-17-19)—Pam Whittle, Chamber President:

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$7,500

RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to approve this request, the following motion is recommended:

“To approve a Tourist Development Council Grant request made by Green on the Green/American Legion in the amount of \$7,500 for advertisement and promotion of the Green on the Green event.”

Ms. Whittle presented the TDC grant request for consideration.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 4-0, to approve the request.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—Will Sexton:

A. RESOLUTION—APPROVING EXECUTION OF A SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF CR325 FROM THE ALACHUA COUNTY LINE TO CR18

ASSOCIATED COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution as read by title.

Mr. Sexton read the resolution by title and presented it for consideration.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to adopt the resolution as read by title. (Resolution No. 2019-05.)

B. RESOLUTION—AMENDING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED UNIFORM POLICY FOR VEHICLE USE AND MAINTENANCE

ASSOCIATED COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution as read by title.

Mr. Sexton read the resolution by title and presented it for consideration. The only change to the policy is the list of County employees authorized to take a vehicle home.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 4-0, to adopt the resolution. (Resolution No. 2019-06.)



SHERIFF REPORTS—Sheriff Smith:

A. RESOLUTION—CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (Jan. 23-29)

ASSOCIATED COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution as read by title.

Sheriff Smith read the resolution by title and presented it for consideration.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to adopt the resolution. (Resolution No. 2019-07.)

B. RESOLUTION—CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (Jan. 30-Feb. 5)

ASSOCIATED COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution as read by title.

Sheriff Smith read the resolution by title and presented it for consideration.

Commissioner Riddick moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried 4-0, to adopt the resolution as read by title. (Resolution No. 2019-08.)



CLERK REPORTS—Clerk Norman: Expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the TDC grant, supporting the Bradford County Fair.



COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—Brad Carter:

Mr. Carter introduced the newly hired Road Superintendent, Mr. Jason Dodds.

A. PRESENTATION OF PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER STAFF PROPOSAL—Chip Ware, Fire Chief

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$104,720.00

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to staff part-time firefighters at the Sampson City Volunteer Fire Department, the following motion should be made:
“To approve part-time firefighter staff, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 to come out of the existing Fire Department budget.**

Mr. Ware presented a proposal for part-time firefighter staff. The proposal would cover the next seven (7) months, achieved by savings within the existing budget, and at no additional cost to the County. The seven (7) months will give the Board time to evaluate and consider the Fire Assessment consultant’s findings/recommendations. The presentation was not limited to, but included:

- The decline in volunteerism.
- Statistical data regarding response times.
- Staff, salaries and proposed roster.

Vice-Chairman Dougherty expressed appreciation to Mr. Ware for his efforts.

Commissioner Riddick presented comments supporting the proposal.

Commissioner Riddick moved to approve the part-time firefighter staff in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 to come out of the existing Fire Department budget. Commissioner Chandler seconded the motion.

Responding to inquiry by Vice-Chairman Dougherty, Mr. Ware stated that the proposal has the part-time firefighters housed at Station 9 in Sampson City.

There being no further discussion, the *motion carried 4-0*.

Mr. Carter added that the use of the Starke Fire Department was discussed during the last workshop with the Starke City Commission, and a tentative agreement for a “per trip” cost was reached. This could help augment this system where gaps exist, once finalized.

Mr. Ware announced that the truck donated to the County by Orange Park is available for inspection in the parking lot.

B. DISCUSS PURCHASING A 2017 75G EXCAVATOR. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$84,322.00

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$84,322.00

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to purchase the rented 2017 75G Excavator, the following motion should be made:
“To purchase the 2017 75G Excavator that the county currently rents with Beard Equipment Co., in the amount of \$84,322.00”**

Mr. Carter presented the request as outlined above.

For clarification purposes, Mr. Fornshell and Mr. Carter advised that the County has been renting this excavator and the rental expenses were applied as a credit toward the purchase price.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick, and carried 4-0, to approve the purchase.

C. DISCUSS LEASING A JOHN DEERE 524L WHEEL LOADER. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$221,850.00. LEASE OPTION: 60 mo. term or 5,000 hours max – Annual Payment = \$27,840.00

ASSOCIATED COSTS: \$221,850.00

Lease Option: 60 mo. term or 5,000 max – Annual payment of \$27,840.00

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the Board desires to enter into a lease agreement with Beard Equipment Co., the following motion should be made:
“To enter into a Lease Agreement with Beard Equipment Co. for one (1) John Deere 524L Wheel Loader, under a 60-month or 5,000 hours max – Annual Payment of \$27,840.00.”**

Mr. Carter presented the request as outlined above. Items “C” and “D” will replace the two (2) loaders currently leased.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the request.

D. DISCUSS JOHNS DEERE 524L WHEEL LOADER. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$209,760.00. LEASE OPTION: 60 mo. term or 5,000 hours max – Annual Payment = \$25,745.00

ASSOCIATED COSTS: Total Purchase Price = \$209,760.00
Lease Option: 60 mo. term or 5,000 hours max – Annual payment of \$25,745.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION: If the board desires to enter into a lease agreement with Beard Equipment Co., the following motion should be made:
“To enter into a lease agreement with Beard Equipment Co., for one (1) John Deere 524L Wheel Loader, under a 60-mo. term or 5,000 hours max – Annual payment of \$25,745.00”

Mr. Carter presented the request as outlined above.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and carried 4-0, to approve the request.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

Vice-Chairman Dougherty:

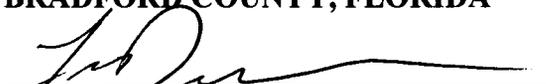
- Expressed appreciation to Ms. Whittle and Sheriff Smith (MC) for a successful Chamber Banquet.
- Welcomed the new Road Superintendent.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS: None.

Ms. Rhoden reminded everyone of the Workshop with the School Board this Thursday, the 7th, 6:00 p.m. to discuss Safe Routes to School.

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

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FRANK DURRANCE, 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 2-21-19