

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 4, 2020  
**TELEPHONIC**  
**(Due to COVID-19)**  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
9:30 a.m.



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**PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:** Commissioner District 3 Chairman Chris Dougherty  
Commissioner District 2 Vice-Chairman Kenny Thompson  
Commissioner District 1 Commissioner Ross Chandler  
Commissioner District 4 Commissioner Danny Riddick  
Commissioner District 5 Commissioner Frank Durrance

**ALSO PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:** Rachel Rhoden, Interim County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; and Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden presented opening comments regarding how the meeting will be conducted and how it was advertised.

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden performed a roll-call of the public participating on the call. The following individuals were present: Carol Mosley, Paul Still.

Commissioner Riddick gave the Invocation; Chairman Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dougherty performed a roll-call of the Commissioners; all Commissioners were present.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden recognized the following individuals who presented comments on the subject matter(s) noted:

**Carol Mosley:**

- Read [written statement](#): OEC Contract invoices, payments, and reimbursement from HPSII.

**Paul Still:**

- Agenda Item 4A

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. RESOLUTION--CONFIRMING PROCLAMATIONS OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- B. RESOLUTION--ADOPTING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DURING A DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND SOUTHEASTERN PIZZA GROUP, LLC.**
- D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RAYONIER FOREST RESOURCES, L.P.**
- E. RENEWAL ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND BRADFORD COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ALADTEC, INC. FOR ONLINE EMPLOYEE SCHEDULING AND WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. SERVICE TERM: JUNE 3, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 2, 2021. ANNUAL TOTAL - \$3,484.00 (INCREASE OF \$102.00 FROM LAST YEAR).**
- F. REQUEST TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) STIMULUS PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,046.39, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EMS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A SIGNED ATTESTATION IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS & CONDITIONS TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS IN THE CARES ACT PROVIDER RELIEF FUND PORTAL.**
- G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON SHIP DEMO/REPLACEMENT FILE 2017-10-S IN THE AMOUNT OF 5,120.00 FOR A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM AND DRAIN FIELD. NEW CONTRACT TOTAL - \$87,209.65. THE NEW CONTRACT TOTAL EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$84,500.00 WHICH REQUIRES BOARD APPROVAL – SEE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(F).**
- H. (CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(E)). REQUEST PERMISSION TO DEVIATE FROM THE MAXIMUM PROJECT COST OF \$84,500.00 ON SHIP DEMO/REPLACEMENT FILE 2017-10-S TO ACCEPT NEW CONTRACT TOTAL - \$87,209.65.**
- I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CDBG-DEO-CONTRACT NO. 18DB-OM-13-14-01-H09, UNIT NO. 16-3, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,406.00 TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL A NEW 81-GALLON PRESSURE TANK. NEW CONTRACT TOTAL - 80,903.00.**
- J. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CDBG-DEO-CONTRACT NO. 18DB-OM-13-14-01-H09, UNIT NO.16-7, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,449.00 TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL A NEW 2” WELL WITH A1 HP JET PUMP AND A 33 GALLON TANK. NEW CONTRACT TOTAL - \$81,443.00.**
- K. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CDBG-DEO-CONTRACT NO. 18DB-OM-13-14-01-H09, UNIT NO. 16-9, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,720.00 TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL A NEW-SEPTIC SYSTEM, A NEW 900-GALLON TANK ALONG WITH 160’ OF DRAIN FIELD, AND A 26’EXCAVATION OF SPODIC LAYERS REQUIRED**

**FOR DRAIN FIELD. DUE TO EXISTING PLUMBING AND NEW TANK, A GRINDER PUMP MAY BE NEEDED WHICH WILL BE COVERED UNDER THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT.**

Commissioner Durrance **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Riddick **SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Vice-Chairman Thompson: *Aye*

Commissioner Chandler: *Aye*

Commissioner Riddick: *Aye*

Commissioner Durrance: *Aye*

Chairman Dougherty: *Aye*

The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**3. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—Rachel Rhoden:**

Ms. Rhoden provided the following:

- COVID-19 update: The Board supervised departments have begun to reopen their offices as of today, following Gov. Ron DeSantis' Phase I guidelines under Executive Order No. 20-112. Ms. Rhoden encouraged everyone to contact each Constitutional Officer for re-opening specific to their offices. The Executive Order does not include the re-opening of certain personal care services, such as salons, barber shops, nail salons and fitness centers. The County Manager's Office is in the process of finalizing a letter to Gov. DeSantis requesting consideration to expand the Executive Order to allow the re-opening of these businesses.
- The hospital is now operating as an emergency care center, for which Bradford County EMS is performing transport services; averaging three (3) transports per day. An agreement for those services between Bradford County and North Florida Regional Medical Center has been drafted and is under review.

Chairman Dougherty expressed appreciation to Ms. Rhoden for an excellent job and keeping the Commissioners informed.

**4. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—Will Sexton:**

**A. CONSIDER SETTLEMENT OFFER IN DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS CASE 20-000091; PAUL STILL V. SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND BRADFORD COUNTY.**

Mr. Sexton presented the Settlement Agreement for consideration. He reviewed the five (5) criteria Mr. Still presented with Chad Rischar with DRMP and Public Works Director, Jason Dodds. In short, Mr. Still is looking for two (2) things:

- Preventing millings from the roadway from washing onto his property;
- Insuring a reduced flow rate of water onto his property through the County's drainage system.

While Mr. Rischar and Mr. Dodds agree that Bradford County has taken and can continue to undertake measures to address those two issues, staff does not recommend that the Board agree to the five (5) criteria contained in Mr. Still's settlement offer.

Chairman Dougherty asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in accepting or entertaining Mr. Still's settlement offer; calling for a motion. There being no response, Chairman Dougherty advised that staff may continue to pursue litigation in the case.

**5. SHERIFF REPORTS – Sheriff Smith:** None.

**6. CLERK REPORTS—Clerk Norman:**

On behalf of Clerk Norman, Ms. Stafford expressed appreciation to everyone for doing a fantastic job during the pandemic; especially considering the fact that this is the first time Bradford County has ever faced anything of this nature.

**7. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--Chairman Dougherty:**

- Echoed the sentiments of Ms. Stafford.
- Encouraged everyone to continue to follow CDC guidelines.

**8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Chandler:** Expressed appreciation for working successfully through the pandemic.

**Commissioner Riddick:**

- Echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Chandler regarding the pandemic.
- Hoping for good results from the letter to Gov. DeSantis regarding the re-opening of other businesses, and encouraged the support of businesses when they do re-open.

**Commissioner Durrance:**

- He also expressed his appreciation to everyone for an outstanding job in handling the pandemic.
- Encouraged all the Constitutional Offices to get back to full staff as quickly as possible, while adhering to the CDC guidelines.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

**Minutes approved by the BoCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of June 18, 2020.**