

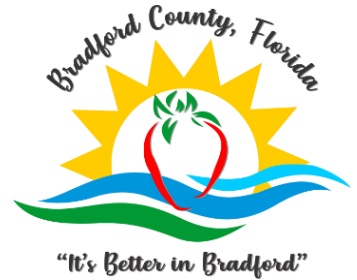
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 18, 2020

Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center
1610 N. Temple Avenue
Starke, FL 32091

**IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC
(Due to COVID-19)**

Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:30 p.m.



PRESENT: 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: Rachel Rhoden, Interim County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; Mark Crawford, Press; Ben Riggs, I.T., Systems Administrator; and Randy Andrews, Zoning Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Chairman Dougherty apologized for the technical difficulties preventing telephonic call-in participation for this meeting.

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden presented opening comments specific to the format of the meeting being held both in-person and telephonically, due to COVID-19.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS—Randy Andrews, Zoning Director:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION (SU-20-01; Charles Baker, et al/Verizon) FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER:

Mr. Andrews presented the application for consideration. The Verizon Agent is aware that the County requested free tower space up to 100'. The County Engineer has reviewed the site plan application and submitted a [response letter](#). Said letter was provided to the Developers.

Chairman Dougherty opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Riddick **MOVED** to approve [Special Use Permit SU 20-01](#), Vice-Chairman Thompson **SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Commissioner Riddick: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

B. RESOLUTION—CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED PLATTED STREET LYING NORTH OF N.W. 251st STREET, SECTION 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST:

Mr. Andrews presented the resolution for consideration; reading the title into the record.

Chairman Dougherty opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

*Vice-Chairman Thompson **MOVED** to accept the resolution as read. Commissioner Durrance **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Commissioner Riddick: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-22.](#))*

C. RESOLUTION—CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED PLATTED STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCK 28 AND BLOCK 29 OF CROSBY LAKE SHORES, PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY:

Mr. Andrews presented the resolution for consideration; reading the title into the record.

Chairman Dougherty opened the public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Durrance **MOVED** to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Riddick **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Commissioner Riddick: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-23.](#))*

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Prior to the meeting, Ms. Carol Mosley submitted a written statement for inclusion in the record. Ms. Mosley was unable to read the statement due to the technical difficulties. That statement addressed issues with OEC and is attached to these minutes [here.](#))

Chairman Dougherty recognized the following individuals who presented comments on the subject matter(s) noted ([Public Comment Forms](#)):

Kate Ellison:

- Deficiency in quality of audio of telephonic meetings.
- Still unable to access the budget packet.
- Budget process.
- Recommended increasing the millage rate and fees.

Nadine Meinhardt, Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau

- The Census process, benefits and participation.

Paul Still:

- Trees and debris in the canal that runs from Lake Sampson to Three Pipes. (Requested the middle gate be opened to allow water to flow out.)
- Asked the Board to schedule a settlement discussion regarding Division of Administrative Hearings Case No. 20-000091; Paul Still vs. Suwannee River Water Management district and Bradford County.
- FWC Boat Ramp grant application for Cypress Run.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ALLDATA SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FOR EMS AMBULANCE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE (No increase from last year). SERVICE TERM: July 19, 2020 through July 19, 2021.**
- B. SURPLUS INVENTORY**
- C. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS—Reviewed by Commissioner Riddick (The Distribution List is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk of Court.)**
- D. RESOLUTION-ADOPTING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING EMERGENCY ORDERS ISSUED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DURING A DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (Resolution No. 2020-24.)**
- E. MINUTES OF 05-04-2020 REGULAR MEETING**
- F. MINUTES OF 05-21-2020 REGULAR MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Thompson **MOVED** to approve the [Consent Agenda](#). Commissioner Durrance **SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Commissioner Riddick: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

4. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL-YEAR 2020-2021 FUNDING REQUESTS:

**A. ACORN CLINIC, INC.—Joseph Benton, Executive Director:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$26,250.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Mr. Benton, who reviewed the services provided by the ACORN Clinic and presented the FY20-21 funding request.

**B. ARC OF BRADFORD COUNTY—Sherry Ruszkowski, Executive Director:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$15,000.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Ms. Ruszkowski, who reviewed the programs and services provided through ARC and presented the FY20-21 funding request. ([Handout Provided](#))

**C. BRADFORD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY—Bob Milner, Board Member:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$7,500.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Mr. Milner, who relayed the importance of unified efforts for economic development and presented the FY20-21 funding request for the Bradford County Development Authority. Mr. Milner announced 2021 Rural Counties Day in Tallahassee – March 11, 2021.

- Requesting \$7,500.00. However, whatever the Board can manage would be greatly appreciated.

There was brief discussion regarding getting back on track with meetings with the City of Starke to discuss Economic Development opportunities.

**D. BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION—Dale Woodruff, Fair Manager:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$3,750.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Mr. Woodruff, who presented the [FY20-21 funding request](#) for the Bradford County Fair Association.

- \$3,750.00 (same as last year), if the Board is unable to increase it back to the FY18-19 funding level of \$5,000.00.

**E. BRADFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD—Pam Whittle, Board Member:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$2,870.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the FY20-21 funding request for the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation Board.

- Requested the same level of funding as last year - \$2,870.00

**F. NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Pam Whittle, President:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$9,375.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Ms. Whittle, who reviewed accomplishments and future goals of the Chamber and presented the [FY20-21 funding request](#).

- Requested the same level of funding as last year, if possible - \$9,375.00

**G. CONCERNED CITIZENS—Alica McMillian, President:
FY 19-20 Approved Funding \$7,500.00**

Chairman Dougherty recognized Linda Ruis and Alica McMillian, who reviewed the programs and services provided by the Concerned Citizens and presented the FY20-21 funding request.

H. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL—Scott Koons, Executive Director (Telephonically)

Call-in telephonic mechanism inoperable. Move to another meeting

I. NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP—Jeff Hendry, Executive Director (Telephonically)

Call-in telephonic mechanism inoperable. Move to another meeting

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—Will Sexton: None.

6. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS—Rachel Rhoden:

- **REQUEST PERMISSION TO PURCHASE SIX (6) PORTABLE VENTILATORS/CHARGING SYSTEMS AND SIX (6) – TWO (2) CHANNEL IV PUMPS FOR THE EMS DEPARTMENT. TOTAL - \$125,000.00—Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director:**

Ms. Rhoden presented the [purchase request](#) for consideration and recommended Fiscally Constrained funds as the funding source for the purchase. At Ms. Rhoden's request, Mr. Parrish presented comments regarding the necessity of the equipment.

*Commissioner Riddick **MOVED** to approve the purchase. Commissioner Durrance **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Commissioner Riddick: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.***

7. SHERIFF REPORTS—Sheriff Smith: None.

Chairman Dougherty stated an item received today from the Sheriff will be presented at the next meeting.

8. CLERK REPORTS—Clerk Norman: None.

9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—Chairman Dougherty:

- Offered apologies to the scheduled presenters who were unable to address the Commission due to the technical difficulties.
- Reiterated the importance of completing the 2020 Census.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Riddick: Expressed appreciation to the attendees and for the information provided. The Board has a lot to consider moving forward with the budget

Commissioner Durrance: Expressed appreciation to Mr. Parrish for his efforts in procuring the extra funding source with hospital transports.

Commissioner Chandler: Expressed appreciation to his fellow Commissioners for all that is being done for the betterment of the community.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

These Minutes approved by BoCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of 08-03-2020.