

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 13, 2019
Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center
1610 North Temple Avenue
Starke, FL 32091
Joint Workshop with the City of Starke
6:30 p.m.



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

CITY COMMISSION: Mayor Nugent, Commissioner Chastain, Commissioner Mortimer, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Waters. City Staff: Bob Milner, City Manager; Ricky Thompson, City Clerk; Chief Wise, Fire Chief; Chief Johnson, Police Department; Clay Martin, City Attorney.

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; Randy Andrews; Zoning Director; Tammy Still, Legislative Aide; Major Smith; Sheriff Smith; Lt. Shuford; Capt. Konkel; Mark Crawford, Press; and Ben Riggs, I.T. Support Specialist.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Durrance called the workshop to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Durrance announced a consensus between the two commissions to remove items 4 and 5 a. & b. from the agenda in order to concentrate on economic development.

1. URBAN LAND INSTITUTE (ULI) NORTH FLORIDA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE—Technical Assistance Panel's Overview of Bradford County and the City of Starke:

At the request of Chairman Durrance, Vice-Chairman Dougherty presented opening remarks and asked the members of the ULI Technical Assistance Panel to introduce themselves:

Marc Hudson, Land Protection Director, North Florida Land Trust
Tony Pooley, Environmental Services, Inc.
Russell Yaffee, Peters and Yaffee, Inc. (Transportation Engineering)
Gerry Dedenbach, CHW, Inc. (Civil Engineering)
Carolyn Clark, Director for the Urban Land Institute in North Florida

Vice-Chairman Dougherty recognized Mr. Patrick Krechowski, Chair of the TAP Panel Committee. Mr. Krechowski explained the TAP process. The scope of work developed for Starke/Bradford County was divided up into groups, who ultimately developed collective recommendations and who will each review their findings and recommendations. Following this presentation, ULI North Florida will provide a written report.

Each presenter, via [PowerPoint](#), addressed their findings and recommendations for their respective scope of work:

- Marc Hudson – Recreation and Activating Call Street
- Tony Pooley – Industrial Hemp (Agriculture) – Sustainable and Resiliency Development
- Russell Yaffee – Complete Streets – Traffic and Transportation Engineering
- Gerry Dedembach – Civic Collaboration
 - HWY301 Bypass – Developing a strategy moving forward.
 - Land Use and Zoning
 - Starke Overpass
 - Community Priorities and Vision

Vice-Chairman Dougherty expressed appreciation to ULI for their time, effort and generosity.

2. NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP—Overview of Bradford County's Economic Development Future—Jeff Hendry:

Vice-Chairman Dougherty recognized Mr. Jeff Hendry, who gave a [PowerPoint presentation](#) in overview of the future of Economic Development in Bradford County. Mr. Hendry's presentation covered the following topics:

- Keystone Airport - \$2.3 million Florida Jobs Growth Grant Project; Seeking Rural Infrastructure Grant for Environmental Assessment (as required by FAA)
- HWY301 Truck Route/Bypass - Downtown
- Employment Metrics for Bradford County
- Education Data for Bradford County

3. PRESENTATION ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BRADFORD COUNTY—Dr. Ed Bonahue, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Santa Fe College:

Vice-Chairman Dougherty recognized Dr. Bonahue, who addressed Workforce Development. Dr. Bonahue covered the following topics:

- Santa Fe College Mission and Vision.
- Workforce Data for Bradford County.
- Santa Fe College and the Vocational Technical Training.
- Solicited partners in the community to assist Santa Fe in developing workforce training programs that will bring the greatest benefit to Bradford County.
- Commitment to continue the dialogue regarding workforce development.

4. BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- A. DISCUSS HIRING A FULL-TIME COUNTY ENGINEER AND SHARING SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF STARKE:** Not addressed.

5. CITY OF STARKE COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- A. RECREATION—Partnership with the BoCC Regarding the Significant Number of Recreational Properties in the City to Include the Soon to be Completed Splash Park:** Not addressed.
- B. MUTUAL AID OF FIRE SERVICE—Review and Clarify the Role of Each Responding Entity and Assignment of Cost Associated with the Response:** Not addressed.
- C. COMBINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**
(The City has received a number of inquiries regarding the ability of the City to expand utilities outside the current corporate limits, particularly to areas adjacent to the soon to be opened bypass (SR223). The Bradford county Fairgrounds has in their expansion plans a building to serve as an emergency shelter which will serve both governments and citizens of the County. To that end, the City wants to advise the BoCC of the additions needed to water supply system to make the Fair Association plan a reality, let alone expand water services to other currently unserved areas.)

Chairman Durrance presented comments.

At the request of Mayor Nugent, City Manager Bob Milner addressed the following:

- The importance of the two commissions working together on economic development and improving utility infrastructure.
- Keystone Airpark Development – Dire need for water and sewer infrastructure.
- Asked the two commissions for permission for staff to engage and present to each commission unified proposed utility infrastructure improvements with mutually beneficial results.

Chairman Durrance called for Commission comments.

Vice-Chairman Dougherty presented comments expressing the importance of:

- Water and sewer infrastructure to economic development.
- Land Use Planning and opportunities for commercial development.
- Staying on top of legislative appropriation opportunities and having the ear of the state legislators.

Chairman Durrance presented the following comments:

- Expressed the importance of staying informed of legislative appropriation opportunities.
- Encouraged involvement in the Communities in Schools Golf Tournament, October 4 at Ironwood Golf Club.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate Ellison:

- Developing Rails-to-Trails (Bike Trail)
- Developing Brooks Sink – Potential Ecotourism Attraction
- Developing Utility Infrastructure

Paul Still:

- Brooks Sink – Potential for Ecotourism Attraction
- Real Estate near Camp Blanding – Great location for nature trail and wetlands treatment system and flood mitigation.
- Identifying areas for ecotourism.

Kristina Libby Crawford (Owner of Libby's Massage and Wellness on Call Street):

- Invite to: Downtown Merchant Association meeting, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Downtown Grill.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 8:10 p.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 10-07-19