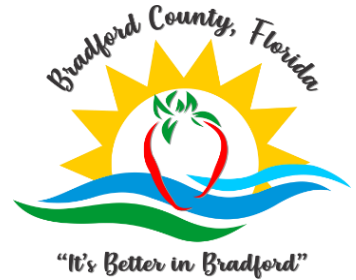


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2020  
**TELEPHONIC**  
**(Due to COVID-19)**

Regular Scheduled Meeting  
6:30 p.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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Lieut. Ray Shuford, Emergency Management Director; and Sheriff Smith.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden presented opening comments regarding the process of the telephonic meeting and verified proper advertisement of the meeting.

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

Ms. Rhoden announced two Addendum Items to the Agenda: Items 2(N) and 5.

Commissioner Durrance 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](#): Payments to OEC, reimbursement from HPSII and OEC future work.

**Paul Still:**

- Blockages in Sampson Canal.
- Cypress Run Boat Ramp Project.
- Item 2(I) on the Agenda.
- Agenda Addendum Item No. 5

**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 EMERGENCY ORDERS ISSUED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DURING A DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- C. MINUTES OF 04-16-2020 TELEPHONIC MEETING**
- D. RENEWAL OF BRADFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES' CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (COPCN) TO PROVIDE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**
- E. APPROVAL OF THE NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AMBULANCE AND NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT.**
- F. APPROVAL OF PROCARE SERVICES STRYKER RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR EMS STRETCHER MAINTENANCE – SERVICE TERM: JUNE 18, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 17, 2021. TOTAL \$6,652.85 (No increase from last year.)**
- G. APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM SMARTCOP FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF STARKE POLICE DEPARTMENT SMARTCOP SOFTWARE. IGCF TOTAL \$5,805.00 (Approved by IGCF on 02-25-2020 – Not to Exceed \$6,500.00)**
- H. APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM SMARTCOP FOR ANNUAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SOFTWARE. IGCF TOTAL \$45,845.00 (Approved by IGCF on 02-25-2020)**
- I. SECOND AMENDMENT TO DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAYONIER FOREST RESOURCES, L.P. AND BRADFORD COUNTY TO CHANGE THE CLOSING DATE FROM (75) DAYS FROM EFFECTIVE DATE TO ON OR BEFORE (115) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- J. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – FILE-VICKERY.**
- K. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE – FILE #2014-5-S.**
- L. REQUEST PERMISSION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 18, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 336, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF 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, FLORIDA.**
- M. REQUEST PERMISSION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 18, 2020 AT 6:30 PM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 336, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN UNOPENED PLATTED STREET LYING NORTH OF NW 251<sup>ST</sup> STREET, SECTION 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST (M. HODGE).**
- N. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – REVIEWED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON (Addendum Agenda)**

Commissioner Riddick **MOVED, to approve the [Consent Agenda](#)**. Commissioner Chandler **SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Dougherty announced the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

(Following Interim County Manager Reports, Deputy Clerk Stafford asked Chairman Dougherty to consider conducting a roll-call vote.)

At that time, 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:

- Recommended conducting the June and possibly July County Commission meetings at the Charley E. Johns Conference in order to accommodate reasonable capacity while practicing social distancing. In addition to meeting in person, staff will make arrangements for alternate participation via WebEx for those with health concerns while we still face COVID-19.
- In June, the Board will begin to hear FY20-21 funding requests from outside organizations.
- Recommended the Board schedule at least three (3) budget workshops to hear budget presentations from Board supervised departments, and possibly an additional workshop to discuss other budget matters. Ms. Rhoden requested that the Board schedule these workshops at the June 1, 2020 Regular Scheduled Meeting.

### 4. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS—Will Sexton: None.

### 5. SHERIFF REPORTS – Sheriff Smith:

**REQUEST TEMPORARY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$747,022.85 FOR ITEMS PURCHASED FOR STATE APPROPRIATION FOR UPGRADE TO THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. ONCE REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE APPROPRIATIONS IS RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE CLERK. (Addendum Agenda Item.)**

Lieut. Shuford presented [the request](#) for consideration. Staff applied for a State appropriation through the Legislature this past year and were awarded \$750,000.00 for the Communications Center upgrade; to include the radio console equipment and all necessary peripheral pieces and furnishings. One of the items is over \$600,000. The Sheriff's Office does not have the funds to pay that invoice.

Lieut. Shuford asked the Board to authorize the Clerk to loan the \$747,022.85 (Jail Set-Aside Fund) to the Sheriff's Office to acquire the equipment. Once the reimbursement is received from the State, the funds will be given back to the Clerk.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to, but included:

- Guarantee of reimbursement of the funds prior to the end of the fiscal year and what to do should the funds not be reimbursed by the end of the fiscal year.
- The reimbursement process and timeline.
- Assurance of the availability of the funds for reimbursement in light of the fiscal impacts of COVID-19.

Lieut. Shuford advised that in speaking with Pam Gerard, Project Manager for the Department of Management Services who holds the funds, has assured him that the funds have not been used elsewhere and are earmarked for Bradford County's use.

Sheriff Smith added that the funds were appropriated and earmarked last year; not this years' appropriations. Therefore, COVID-19 would not be an issue.

Chairman Dougherty expressed appreciation to the staff in Dispatch/Communications Center and supported the need for the upgrades.

***Commissioner Durrance MOVED to loan the Sheriff's Department (not to exceed) \$750,000.00 for the new COM Center equipment with the understanding that it will be paid back by the end of this fiscal year.***

There being no second from the other Board members, Chairman Dougherty relinquished the gavel to Vice-Chairman Thompson. Vice-Chairman Thompson accepted the gavel. *Chairman Dougherty **SECONDED the motion.***

Ms. Rhoden 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.***

Vice-Chairman Thompson relinquished the gavel back to Chairman Dougherty.

**6. CLERK REPORTS—Clerk Norman:** None.

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

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- Thanked everyone for their cooperation, patience, participation and hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking forward to resuming in-person meetings.

## **8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Each Commissioner presented comments specifically expressing appreciation for the cooperation and hard work during COVID-19, and looking forward to resuming in-person meetings.

Chairman Dougherty recognized Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director, who reported that there are full-time crews in the new buildings in both Theresa and Sampson City. Mr. Parrish expressed appreciation to the Board and to the Sheriff's Office for making it possible.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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