

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**
June 7, 2021
Bradford County Courthouse – Commission Chambers
945 N. Temple Avenue
Starke, FL 32091
IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC
(Due to COVID-19)



Budget Workshop
Meeting Time 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner District 3 – Chair Joseph C. Dougherty
Commissioner District 1 – Carolyn Spooner
Commissioner District 2 – Kenny Thompson

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner District 4 – Vice-Chair Danny Riddick
Commissioner District 5 – Diane Andrews

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager/County Attorney Will Sexton; Executive Assistant Alyssa Winston; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Finance Director Dana Lafollette; Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish; and Emergency Medical Services Division Chief Dylan Rodgers.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dougherty called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**1. FISCAL-YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – WILL SEXTON,
COUNTY MANAGER.**

- **ACORN CLINIC**

PRESENTER OF SERVICES/OPERATIONS: Executive Director Joseph Benton

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: No dollar amount for funding support was announced into the record for FY 21-22. Budget presentation [materials provided](#) for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Plans to increase services.
Grant funded sponsorship program based on income levels.

- **ARC OF BRADFORD COUNTY**

PRESENTER OF SERVICES/OPERATIONS: Executive Director Sherry Ruskowski,

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Ruskowski requested continued funding support – a dollar amount was not specified into the record for FY 21-22. No budget presentation materials provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Entry level wages of staff.
Partnership with local businesses.

- **COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS)**

PRESENTER OF SERVICES/OPERATIONS: Executive Director Casey Bennett.

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Bennett requested the same amount as last year - a dollar amount was not specified into the record for FY 21-22. Budget presentation materials provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Fundraisers.
Opportunities through the Florida Technical College.

- **CONCERNED CITIZENS**

PRESENTER OF OPERATIONS/SERVICES: Representative Glenda Ruise

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Ruise recognized past allocations of \$7,500.00 and \$10,000.00. No dollar amount for funding support was announced into the record for FY 21-22. No budget presentation materials provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Comments on a Junior NBA event.

NO BOARD ACTION TAKEN ON BUDGET PRESENTATION.

- **EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

PRESENTER OF OPERATIONS/SERVICES: Representative Teresa Mathany

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Mathany requested \$5,000.00. Budget presentation [materials](#) provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Access to child care vouchers.

- **MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**

PRESENTER OF OPERATIONS/SERVICES: Chief Operating Officer Lauren Cohn

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Cohn requested a restoration to the funding previously received in 2019 - a dollar amount was not specified into the record for FY 21-22. Budget presentation [materials](#) provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS:

Outreach services.
Telehealth services and issues.

- **NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PRESENTER OF OPERATIONS/SERVICES: Chamber President Pam Whittle

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Whittle indicated that she is not asking for an increase in funding support – a dollar amount was not specified into the record for FY 21-22. Budget presentation [materials](#) provided for inclusion into the record.

DISCUSSIONS: No discussion.

- **SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL**

PRESENTER OF OPERATIONS/SERVICES: Director Matt Pearson.

FY 2021-2022 BUDGET REQUEST: Mr. Pearson requested \$8,617.00.

DISCUSSIONS:

Process to request transportation services.

2. DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Spooner – No Comments.

Commissioner Thompson – No Comments.

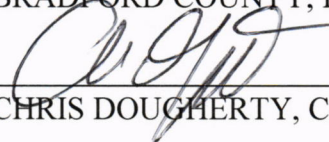
Chair Dougherty

- Comments regarding Bradford County funding support and state appropriation cuts.

Chair Dougherty recognized Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden to provide [calendar dates](#) of upcoming budget public hearings and value adjustment board meetings.

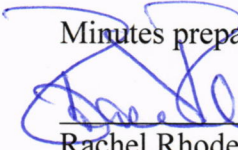
ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA


CHRIS DOUGHERTY, CHAIR

ATTEST: 
DENNY THOMPSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by:


Rachel Rhoden, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BoCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting on July 15, 2021.