

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

June 20, 2024

6:30 P.M.

**Bradford County Courthouse
945 North Temple Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091**

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner District 1 – Chair Carolyn Spooner
Commissioner District 4 – Vice-Chair Danny Riddick
Commissioner District 2 – Kenny Thompson
Commissioner District 3 – Joseph C. Dougherty
Commissioner District 5 – Diane Andrews

PRESS PRESENT: Bradford County Telegraph

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; County Attorney Richard Komando; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Zoning Director Randy Andrews; Chief Dylan Rodgers; Tax Collector Teresa Phillips; and Sheriff Gordon Smith.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING – ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES - ZONING DIRECTOR RANDY ANDREWS**

Chair Spooner announced that items 2 (A)-(D) will be postponed.

- A. **AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240502A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO DWELLING 1 UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
- B. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-04, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
- C. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240502B, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO DWELLING 1 UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

D. AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-05, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) AND INDUSTRIAL (I) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carol Mosley
- Robert Rodgers
- Vyunda Strong
- Dean Traylor

4. PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS – AMERICAN POLICE HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM – SHERIFF GORDON SMITH.

Chair Spooner introduced Sheriff Smith who recognized the following sheriff deputies for the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum Life Saving Award.

- Deputy Wyatt Konkel
- Detective James Hall
- Deputy Trinton Lovell

On December 7, 2023, deputies Konkel, Hall, and Lovell responded to a residence in reference to an unresponsive 66-year-old male who was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The deputies rotated performing CPR until a pulse was obtained.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. MEETING MINUTES FROM 04-18-2024.**
- B. MEETING MINUTES FROM 05-16-2024.**
- C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ANDERSON COLUMBIA FOR THE RESURFACING OF CR 223, FROM SR 16 TO US 301. (FDOT SCOP-FUNDED PROJECT \$4,468,194.14).**
- D. ACCEPTANCE OF EMS STATE MATCHING GRANT AWARD FOR \$107,914.35. (STATE FUNDED: \$97,122.92; COUNTY MATCH: \$10,791.44).**
- E. APPROVAL OF THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FOR \$48,339. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; 51% LETTER FROM BOCC; AND LOBBYING, DEBARMENT, AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION.**
- F. FL WORKFORCE GRANT PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED CPR DEVICES (GRANT FUNDED \$78,000, NO COUNTY MATCH).**

It was MOVED by Vice Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Thompson to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Carries 5-0

6. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALACHUA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF DISALLOWED COSTS FOR CSNCF FY 2017-18, 2018-19, AND 2019-20 (\$113,465.83) – COUNTY ATTORNEY RICH KOMANDO.

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Komando who advised that the purpose of the agreement is establish the terms by which Bradford County will reimburse Alachua County in the amount of \$113,465.83 for disallowable expenses through grants awarded by Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to CareerSource North Central Florida (CSNCF).

Discussion: none

It was MOVED by Commissioner Andrews and SECONDED by Vice Chair Riddick to approve the agreement.

Motion Carries 5-0

7. QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT OF STARKE RADIO TOWER'S TOP LIGHT TO MEET FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) REGULATIONS – MATT ZIEGLER WITH INSPIRED TECHNOLOGY (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY).

- **LUMENSERVE - \$23,845**
- **MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA (MCA) - \$17,650**
- **MCDONALD TOWER SERVICE, INC. - \$12,000**

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Ziegler who reported that the Starke radio tower's top light is currently not compliant with the FAA's 7/8-inch rule that requires two top lights on top of a structure with any obstruction. In the case of the Starke radio tower (located on county public works grounds) the obstruction that exists is an antenna. Mr. Ziegler recommended that the board consider the quote with Lumenserve to provide the solution for compliance of FAA regulations, which also includes reporting outages to FAA within 30 minutes of the outage occurring. He advised that if there are any issues with the lights during the term of the agreement, Lumenserve will repair or replace the equipment at no additional cost.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Vice Chair Riddick to approve the quote with Lumenserve.

Discussion:

- In response to why the quote amounts vary, Mr. Ziegler advised that the other two vendors (MCA and McDonald Tower Service, Inc.) only quoted a one-time installation cost with only one lamp and no monitoring service.
- Lumenserve monthly maintenance cost during the 5-year term is \$184.00. After the 5-year term, if the county decides to not continue the maintenance service, a \$1.00 transfer fee be required, and the county will be responsible to maintain and monitor the tower lights.

Motion Carries 5-0

8. BRADFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRESENTATION REGARDING AQUATIC PLANT REMOVAL AT THE LAKE SAMPSON EFFLUENTS INTO THE SAMPSON RIVER CANAL.

Chair Spooner recognized Paul Still who presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Drainage area for surface water flows under CR 225 in Sampson City
- Concerns with aquatic plants in Lake Sampson at the Sampson Canal
- Table of water flow through 3-pipes box culvert.

Mr. Still asked the board to consider funding the removal of aquatic plants at Lake Sampson effluents into the Sampson River canal to help the flow of water. He estimated the cost to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Discussion:

- Elevation of water in Lake Crosby and Lake Sampson.
- Past efforts through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) to remove invasive plants.
- Unsuccessful past efforts to apply for RIVER grant funding through Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD).

Chair Spooner asked staff to explore funding resources for plant removal in compliance with SRWMD regulations.

9. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON - none

10. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH – none

11. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY
A. FIRE ASSESSMENT FAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

Mr. Kornegay reported that the board and the general public have access to a FAQ document regarding the fire assessment, and that it would eventually be placed on the county website.

B. NEW BRADFORD COUNTY WEBSITE

Mr. Kornegay introduced Nathan Thornton who shared images of the new county website which is at 95% completion.

Discussion:

- Comments in favor of adding a public feedback form, details on county grants, opioid abatement, fire statistics, and monthly updates for each county department on the website.

❖ IMPACT FEES

Mr. Kornegay advised that although the impact fee study is being worked on gradually, Stantec, the consultant, is devoting all of its attention to the fire assessment study.

Discussion:

- Suggestion to investigate alternative funding options, such as impact fee adoption, prior to determining the appropriate amount for a fire assessment.
- Comments expressing the need to discuss the fire assessment study with the property appraiser.
- Per Mr. Kornegay, impact fees can only be used for capital improvement infrastructure, it cannot be used for operational day-to-day expenses.

❖ FIRE ASSESSMENT

In order to provide the public a chance to voice their opinions on the fire assessment, Chair Spooner announced that the board will host two public hearings.

Discussion:

- Comments in favor of soliciting public input on the fire assessment before taking action.

12. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – RICHARD KOMANDO

- Reminded the board to file their financial disclosure forms before July 1.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

14. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

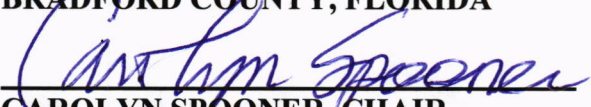
- Thanked law enforcement officers and correctional committee for involvement in a memorial celebration on May 23rd at North Side Baptist Church.
- Memorial Day celebration and ribbon cutting held on May 31st at the new Veterans' Park.

- Requested that Mr. Kornegay explore the implementation of cool stations in the county during the hot summer months.
- Thanked the board for approving the Juneteenth celebration.
- Star Spangled Splash event to be held on July 3-4 at the fairgrounds.
- Through July, free school lunches will be available to students at the Bradford High School Watson Center and Church of God by Faith.
- On June 21st, RJE will receive a science bus from Gainesville.
- Reminder that the board will host two public hearings on the fire assessment – one on July 2nd and one on September 5th.
- Thanked Commissioner Andrews and the board for coordinating employee recognition day on June 6th.


Tax Collector Teresa Phillips announced from the audience that the Fire Assessment FAQ needs to be corrected about lien information.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**


CAROLYN SPOONER, CHAIR

ATTEST:


DENNY THOMPSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


RACHEL RHODEN, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Minutes approved by the BOCC during a scheduled meeting on: August 6, 2024