

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

September 17, 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 2 – Kenny Thompson
Commissioner District 4 – Vice-Chair Danny Riddick
Commissioner District 5 – Diane Andrews

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Commissioner District 3 – Joseph C. Dougherty

PRESS PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; Clerk of Court Denny Thompson; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Finance Director Dana LaFollette; Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter; and Tax Collector Teresa Phillips.

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

Chair Spooner recognized the passing of Frank Kozdraz (County Manager Scott Kornegay’s stepfather) and his many accomplishments while serving in the US Air Force.

2. FIRE RESCUE AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS.

Chief Carter recognized the following for their rescue efforts of a citizen in a submerged vehicle.

- Bystander Clint Ripley
- Bystander Aaron Crews (former Bradford County Firefighter/EMT)
- Bystander Johnathan Sweat
- Firefighter/EMT John Tallman
- Firefighter/EMT Joel Haas
- Firefighter/EMT Dakota Drummond
- Paramedic McKenzie Pederson
- Firefighter/EMT Jensen Stewart

Chief Carter recognized the following for their rescue efforts of a citizen who suffered a cardiac emergency.

- Bystander Jennifer Redding
- Paramedic McKenzie Pederson
- Firefighter/EMT Jensen Stewart
- EMT Trainee Clint Collins
- Lieutenant Ashley Reul
- Lieutenant Jason Hersey
- Starke Fire Rescue Ashley Moore
- Starke Fire Rescue Kelly Outlaw

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Vyunda Strong

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. MEETING MINUTES FROM 08-15-2024.**
- B. RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT REGISTER(S) FROM 07-10-24 THRU 09-04-24.**
- C. ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE COUNTY CERTIFICATES ELIGIBLE FOR TAX DEEDS.**
- D. A RESOLUTION (*Resolution No. 2024-19*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE 2024 ASSESSMENT ROLLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.323, *FLORIDA STATUTES* AND SECTION 193.122, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- E. INVENTORY SURPLUS/DELETE LIST.**
- F. REINSTATE 2005 FORD DUALY TO COUNTY INVENTORY.**
- G. RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF LETTER OF DESIGNEE FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JAG GRANTS.**
- H. RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SUBAWARD MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE SIGNATURE FOR FDLE GRANTS.**
- I. YEAR 6 PEMT/MCO LETTER OF AGREEMENT (NET REVENUE \$380,178.71).**
- J. ACCEPTANCE OF FIRE ENGINE DONATION FROM CITY OF LAWTEY.**
- K. A RESOLUTION (*Resolution No. 2024-20*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NUMBER 211522-1-52-01.**
- L. A RESOLUTION (*Resolution No. 2024-21*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL PROJECT ID NUMBER 447120-1-58-01 FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION AND CEI MANAGEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BIKE PATH/TRAIL ON CR 325 AT THE HAMPTON TRAILHEAD AT BOBBY SHEPPARD PARK.**
- M. HCA FLORIDA NORTH FLORIDA HOSPITAL CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT FROM THE LOCAL FREESTANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.**

Discussion:

- Agenda items K and L.

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

Motion Carries 4-0

5. APPROVAL OF FMIT AND FACT INSURANCE RATES THROUGH ROBERTS INSURANCE OF STARKE, INC., FOR 2024-2025, INCLUDING PROPOSED OPTION 3 FOR PROPERTY WIND COVERAGE.

Chair Spooner recognized Scott Roberts with Roberts Insurance who reported that there will be a 5% to 6% increase in premium rates for county property, along with an increase in property values. He advised that the county's named storm deductible is now 5% and recommended that the board raise it to 10% which would result in a premium savings of approximately \$75,000. He stated that the county would be qualified to receive federal reimbursement funds in the event that wind damage from a named storm occurred.

Discussion - none

It was MOVED by Commissioner Thompson and SECONDED by Vice Chair Riddick to approve the insurance the rates as presented.

Motion Carries 4-0

6. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON

Clerk Thompson thanked Dana LaFollette for all her efforts in preparing the FY 2024-2025 budget.

7. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH- none

8. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

Mr. Kornegay thanked the board for their sentiments on the passing of his stepfather. He shared that the recent press release issued by the governor's office concerning funds issued to rural counties was to highlight the current year project funds from FDOT SCRAP and SCOP programs – it was not an announcement of additional funds to rural counties.

9. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – RICH KOMANDO – none

10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Overall comments from the board expressing appreciation to the clerk's office and fire rescue.

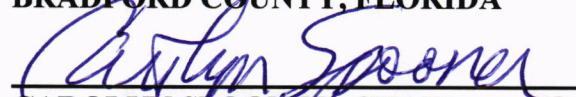
11. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Shared a request from Conner Nugent for sponsors of the Bradford County Highschool Academic Team.
- Encouraged support of community events.
- Comments in support of economic grant opportunities.
- RJE developed a tiny-tot playground with assistance from the City of Starke. RJE is seeking funding for signage and a fence.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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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: October 17, 2024