

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 21, 2021  
Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center  
1610 N. Temple Avenue  
Starke, FL 32091

**IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONIC  
(Due to COVID-19)**



Regular Scheduled Meeting  
Meeting Time 6:30 P.M.

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**PRESENT:** Commissioner District 3 - Chair Chris Dougherty  
Commissioner District 4 - Vice-Chair Danny Riddick  
Commissioner District 1 – Carolyn Spooner  
Commissioner District 2 – Kenny Thompson  
Commissioner District 5 – Diane Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:** Will Sexton, Interim County Manager and County Attorney; Alyssa Winston, Administrative Assistant; Rachel Rhoden, Chief Deputy Clerk; Finance Department Accountant Dana Lafollette; Zoning Director Randy Andrews; Building and Zoning Assistant Aleshia Wilsey; Public Works Director Jason Dodds; Community Development Director Kelly Canady; Lt. Emergency Manager Brad Witt; Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish; and Fire Rescue Chief Dylan Rodgers.

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

**1. PUBLIC HEARING – ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES– RANDY ANDREWS, ZONING DIRECTOR**

- 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 TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S201118A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Dougherty opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Vice-Chair Riddick MOVED to deny the Ordinance as read by title. Commissioner Andrews SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

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Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**B. 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 LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 20-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) TO RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Dougherty opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Thompson MOVED to deny the Ordinance as read by title. Vice-Chair Riddick SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**C. 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 TEN OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S201124A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY 1.2.2) AND RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 8 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Dougherty opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Spooner MOVED to deny the Ordinance as read by title. Commissioner Andrews SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**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 LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 20-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) AND RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY (RSF-1) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY-1 (RMF-1) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Dougherty opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Spooner MOVED to deny the Ordinance as read by title. Commissioner Andrews SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL PERMIT FOR FILL BORROW OR BORROW PIT – RANDY ANDREWS, ZONING DIRECTOR**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION 20-04 (RAYONIER FOREST RESOURCES LP) – REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR FILL BORROW OR BORROW PITS (SECTION 14.7, *BRADFORD COUNTY LDRS*).**

Mr. Andrews recognized Alex Acree, Senior Project Manager with MATTHEWS Design Group to provide a [power point presentation](#) concerning construction of pits. [Construction plans](#) included in presentation.

- Phase 1: Digging new portion of pit. Dewatering of the pit will be discharged into the existing pit which will act as settlement basin. Best management practices will be utilized for erosion/sediment control.

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- Phase 2: Fully excavate existing pit area similar to Phase 1 construction. Dewatering to be pumped into Phase 1 pit to allow for settlement.
- Setbacks include a 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer from property line; at least a 150 feet from property line of residents.

Chair Dougherty made comments regarding proposed phases of construction; erosion control; and oversight of the construction project from the Public Works Director Jason Dodds.

Commissioner Spooner made comments regarding erosion control.

Vice Chair Riddick made comments regarding the acreage of borrow pits to be constructed (Phase 1: New pit – 14.7 acres; Phase 2: Existing pit – 10 acres); possibility of additional pits; sediment control; and retention pond.

Mr. Acrey confirmed acreage and that they are in the final stages of permitting through Suwannee River Water Management District. No plans for additional pits on the referenced property at this time.

Mr. Andrews addressed concerns regarding the total parcel acreage versus acreage needed for construction.

Chair Dougherty opened the public hearing. The following individuals presented comments:

- Carol Mosley ([read from written statement](#)).
- Kate Ellison
- Tom Germano ([letter](#) disbursed to the Board).

Commissioner Spooner MOVED to approve the Special Permit for Fill Borrow or Borrow Pit with conditions to stay within acreage stated in application. Commissioner Andrews SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Dougherty recognized the following individuals for public comments:

- Gary Faircloth.  
Chair Dougherty responded to comments made by Mr. Faircloth regarding Engineering.

### **4. PRESENTATION BY PAUL STILL – REQUEST THAT THE BOARD REVIEW ITS AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS IN DOAH CASE 20-000091.**

Item will be addressed at a future meeting.

**5. APPROVAL AND/OR ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. PAYMENT OF BILLS – REVIEWED BY COMMISSIONER ANDREWS.** (The payment of bills distribution list is on file in the finance department of the clerk of court's office).
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF: A RESOLUTION ([Resolution No. 2021-02](#)) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING PROCLAMATIONS OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- C. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2020.**
- D. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2020.**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF: A RESOLUTION ([Resolution No. 2021-03](#)) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING EXECUTION OF A STATE-FUNDED GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF S.W. C.R. 227 FROM C.R. 18 TO S.W. S.R. 200; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- F. INCREASE MAXIMUM ALLOCATION (FOR EXITING APPROVED, APPLICANTS) OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND – HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO \$3,000.00 PER APPLICANT.**
- G. PERMISSION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PARTIALLY CLOSE THAT PART OF A DEEDED COUNTY ROAD THAT LIES NORTH OF THE R/W OF SE 150<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND SOUTH OF THE R/W OF STATE ROAD 230 EAST, LYING IN THE NE ¼ OF THE NW ¼, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY FLORIDA.**
- H. PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A STATE EMS MATCHING GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$148,000.00 (75/25 OR \$37,000.00 COUNTY MATCH) TO PURCHASE (4) CARDIAC MONITORS/DEFIBRILLATORS.**
- I. PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A STATE EMS MATCHING GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$39,000.00 (90/10 OR \$3,900.00 COUNTY MATCH) TO PURCHASE A F-150 4X4 TRUCK TO BE USED AS A QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLE.**
- J. APPROVAL OF SURPLUS INVENTORY LIST.**
- K. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2021 DODGE RAM 2500 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,828.00 FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Thompson MOVED to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Spooner SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:  
Commissioner Spooner: Aye

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Commissioner Thompson: Aye  
Commissioner Andrews: Aye  
Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye  
Chair Dougherty - Aye  
THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

## 6. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – WILL SEXTON

### A. SCHEDULING FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mr. Sexton presented the Board with a [calendar](#) of available dates to schedule a workshop.

After discussion from the Board, there was a consensus to wait and schedule a Strategic Planning Workshop until a County Manager/Coordinator is hired so that he/she can be part of the discussion.

### EMERGENCY ITEM:

### B. A RESOLUTION ([Resolution No. 2021-04](#)) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA MAKING SPECIFIC FINDINGS; CERTIFYING THE PUBLIC PURPOSE STATUS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION FACILITY; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE BRADFORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION IN THEIR EFFORT TO OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Thompson MOVED to declare item as an Emergency Item. Commissioner Riddick SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:  
Commissioner Spooner: Aye  
Commissioner Thompson: Aye  
Commissioner Andrews: Aye  
Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye  
Chair Dougherty - Aye  
THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Commissioner Thompson MOVED approve the Resolution. Commissioner Riddick SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:  
Commissioner Spooner: Aye  
Commissioner Thompson: Aye  
Commissioner Andrews: Aye  
Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye  
Chair Dougherty - Aye  
THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

## 7. PUBLIC Works Reports – Jason Dodds

**A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SOLICITATION OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - JASON DODDS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.**

Mr. Dodds recommended resubmission of the following projects. [Agenda item backup documentation](#).

- S.W.C.R. 237
- C.R. 21B (between S.E. 8<sup>th</sup> and S.E. 43<sup>rd</sup> St.)
- N.W. C.R. 177<sup>th</sup> Street (between S.R. 16 and C.R. 229)

Chair Riddick MOVED to approve the recommended projects. Commissioner Thompson SECONDED the motion.

Chair Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote:

Commissioner Spooner: Aye

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Andrews: Aye

Vice-Chair Riddick: Aye

Chair Dougherty - Aye

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Mr. Dodds made comments regarding a request from [Anderson Columbia](#) for a temporary detour for Road Construction on C.R. 231. Commissioner Andrews made comments regarding recommended detour route.

Commissioner Spooner made comments regarding potential road projects for future consideration in FDOT solicitation of transportation projects.

**8. FIRE RESCUE REPORTS – ALLEN PARRISH**

Mr. Parrish made the following comments:

- Thanked Public Works Director Jason Dodds for assistance on a structure fire.
- Grants approved on the Consent Agenda.
- COVID-19.
- 5-year plan for Fire Rescue.

Vice-Chair Riddick made comments praising Fire Rescue for their on-going training efforts.

Chair Dougherty made comments regarding Fire Rescue operations.

Commissioner Spooner made comments about a new commissioners training she and Commissioner Andrews recently participated in where the topic of COVID-19 was discussed.

**9. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – WILL SEXTON.** None.

**10. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH.** None.

**11. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON:** None.



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**12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Spooner provided information regarding scheduled food distribution at RJE on January 26, 2021.

**13. CHAIR COMMENTS.**

Thanked all those that participated in the meeting.

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

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

**Minutes Approved By BoCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting on February 18, 2021.**