

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

October 1, 2024

9:30 A.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: None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; County Attorney Rob Bradley; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter; Division Chief Dylan Rodgers; David Weeks; Community Development Director Kelly Canady; Solid Waste Director Bennie Jackson; Public Works Director Jason Dodds; and Sheriff Gordon Smith.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

3. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. **MEETING MINUTES FROM 7-18-2024.**
- B. **AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED IN THE AUGUST 6, 2024, MEETING MINUTES. UNDER ITEM 4(F) THE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-08 SHOULD BE 2024-13. UNDER ITEM (5) THE RESOLUTION NUMBER OF 2024-09 SHOULD BE REMOVED.**
- C. **RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 (NO COUNTY MATCH).**
- D. **RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT THROUGH FLORIDA COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 (NO COUNTY MATCH).**
- E. **AWARD SHIP REHAB FILE #2020-1-S TO M & R CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,170.00 (LOWEST BIDDER).**
- F. **CONTRACT BETWEEN BOCC AND M & R CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,170.00.**
- G. **DEVIATION FROM SHIP LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN ON SHIP REHAB FILE 2020-1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,170.00.**
- H. **CHANGE ORDER NO.1 ON SHIP DEMO/REPLACEMENT FILE #2019-6-S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,620.00 FOR A NEW SEPTIC, DRAIN FIELD, AND ELECTRICAL CONNECTION.**
- I. **FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) AGREEMENT NO. 19022, AMENDMENT 4 ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT WITHOUT FINALIZATION OF PERMITTING.**

Discussion: none

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Dougherty and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Thompson to approve

the consent agenda.

Motion Carries 5-0

4. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 6-12, 2024 AS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN BRADFORD COUNTY.

Chair Spooner read the proclamation into the record. She recognized the 4-H youth in the audience as well as Bailea Scarbrough, the UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent.

Discussion: none

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Commissioner Andrews to approve the proclamation as presented.

Motion Carries 5-0

5. ACCEPTANCE OF BID FROM THOMAS HAMILTON WITH HAMILTON CUSTOM SERVICES, LLC FOR SALE OF BROOKER PROPERTY – 18853 CHARLOTTE AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,000 (GOV DEALS 12% FEE - \$7,250; TOTAL SALE - \$65,250).

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Kornegay who recommended that the board approve the bid of \$58,000 acknowledging that the bid does not meet the reserve previously set by the board.

Discussion: none

It was MOVED by Commissioner Thompson and SECONDED by Commissioner Dougherty to accept the bid.

Motion Carries 5-0

6. COMMUNITY RESOURCE PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM UPDATE – LT. DAVID WEEKS

Chair Spooner recognized Lt. Weeks who shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Naloxone cabinet initiative
- University of Florida internship program
- Meridian partnership
- Mobile support unit
- Future events: Deterra Drug Destruction System; Drug Take Back Day; Coordination with GFR MAT

Discussion:

- Comments expressing thanks for partnership with Meridian.
- Placement of naloxone throughout the county.
- Chief Carter commended Lt. Weeks on overseeing the program.

7. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON

Clerk Thompson advised that the board consider setting a calendar for budget workshops and to coordinate said workshops after a morning board meeting.

Discussion:

- Interest expressed in scheduling budget workshops in January, starting with the sheriff, fire rescue, and public works. Smaller budgets can be combined.
- CIPs (Capital Improvement Project) for constitutional officers are usually known; board department CIP needs should be discussed further.
- In response to Mr. Kornegay’s inquiry on board interest to include constitutional officers in the budget workshops, Chair Spooner stated, “to answer your question, do we want to include the constitutionals in the CIP plan, it involves them as well, but not their detailed budget so to speak, so yes”.
- Commissioner Dougherty shared that everyone should be included in the budget workshops.
- Clerk Thompson shared comments on the need to include securing his office in the CIP.

Chair Spooner directed the county manager to bring back proposed dates for budget workshops to the board for consideration.

8. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH

With respect to Hurricane Helene, Sheriff Smith reported the following:

- Thanked everyone who provided support during Hurricane Helene.
- Will send a team to Taylor County for cleanup assistance.
- Mosley Tire has a trailer setup for donations to take to the Taylor County area.
- Recognized Emergency Management Director, Captain Brad Witt who reported the following:
 - Recognized the hardships that the big bend counties have been through with recent storm events.
 - Expressed appreciation to the board and county departments.
 - Staff is performing storm damage assessments to share with the state for potential assistance.
 - Staff is removing debris from roadways, called “cut and toss” operations.
 - State crews will be removing debris from state roads in the coming days.
 - Bradford County, as a fiscally constrained eligible county, has put in a request to have the state remove debris from county roads.

Discussion:

- Acknowledgement of partnerships during the storm.
- Representative Bobby Payne’s office encourages senior citizens to contact his office at (386) 312-2247 for assistance with post storm cleanup.
- Mr. Kornegay encouraged the board to contact Senator Bradley and other legislative leaders to thank them for their support of state funding for debris removal in fiscally constrained counties.

9. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

Mr. Kornegay recognized Chief Carter who applied for and was awarded a grant for eight Lucas 3 devices (automated CPR devices). Chief Carter called upon his staff to demonstrate the use of said equipment, highlighting the following features of the device:

- Battery life of 45 minutes
- Allows for safer, more efficient transport of a patient needing CPR
- Can utilize on a patient in a sitting upright position
- All 3 engines, 4 front line rescues, and 1 battalion truck have these devices
- There is a size limit for use of the device
- Device will allow for the transport of a patient in cardiac arrest to Gainesville to access a cath lab (cardiac catheterization lab), which is not available in Starke.

Mr. Kornegay commended Capt. Witt on his leadership during Hurricane Helene and recognized Chair Spooner for her participation in all scheduled EOC meetings.

10. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – ROB BRADLEY - none

11. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Comments from all the board members expressing thanks to all departments, offices, and outside partners for their participation and response during Hurricane Helene.

Commissioner Andrews:

- Acknowledged the Green family’s tragic loss of a young child.
- Expressed gratitude for the state appropriations for a new fire station in Brooker.

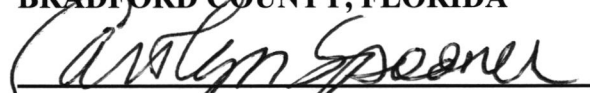
Commissioner Dougherty

- Comments commending the board for the steps it made to sell the former pizza hut building that allowed a new business, G’s BBQ, to open in its place.

12. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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


CAROLYN SPOONER, CHAIR

October 1, 2024
BoCC Meeting Minutes

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: November 5, 2024