

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

October 1, 2024
9:30 AM
Bradford County Courthouse
945 North Temple Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091

AGENDA

1. Chair to call meeting to order.
2. Public Comments
 - Three (3) minutes per speaker;
 - Comments will not be accepted after the meeting begins;
 - State your name and address into the record before addressing the board;
 - Address your questions to the board, not county staff;
 - Refrain from demands for an immediate board response; and
 - No boisterous behavior, personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda ACTION
 - 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
 - D. Retroactive Approval of Application for Rural Infrastructure Grant through Florida Commerce
 - E. Please consider approval of Awarding SHIP Rehab File #2020-1-S to M & R Construction in the amount of \$46,170.00 (lowest bidder).
 - F. Please consider approval of a Contract between BOCC and M & R Construction in the amount of \$46,170.00.
 - G. Please consider approval of a deviation from our SHIP Local Housing Assistance plan on SHIP Rehab File 2020-1 in the amount of \$46,170.00.
 - H. Please consider approval of 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. Approval of Amendment 4 to FWC Agreement No. 19022
4. Proclamation Declaring October 6-12, 2024, as National 4-H Week in Bradford County ACTION
5. Acceptance of Bid for Sale of Brooker Property (\$58,000) ACTION

6. Community Resource Paramedicine Program Update – Lt. David Weeks
7. Clerk Reports – Denny Thompson, Clerk to the Board and Clerk of the Circuit Court
8. Sheriff Reports – Gordon Smith, Sheriff
9. County Manager Reports – County Manager, Scott Kornegay
10. County Attorney Reports – Rob Bradley
11. Commissioner’s Comments
12. Chair’s Comments

NOTICE:

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby provided that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET (AIIS)

DATE OF MEETING: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Meeting minutes from 07-18-2024.

DEPARTMENT: Clerk's Office

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

July 18, 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: none

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

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

Chair Spooner acknowledged County Manager Scott Kornegay who stated that he will pull items 5 and 6 from the agenda to review updated information and present to the board at a later meeting.

Chair Spooner introduced Sheriff Smith who recognized the following staff promotions:

- Andy Johnson was given a promotion to lieutenant and jail inspector.
- Brad Witt, the director of emergency management, was given a promotion to captain. Sheriff Smith presented Mr. Witt with a badge, insignia, and a marine sword.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

A. AN ORDINANCE (Ordinance 2024-07) OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE PROVISION AND FUNDING OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, AND FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITTED BY THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES AND FACILITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY HEREUNDER; PROVIDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSING, COLLECTING AND ADMINISTERING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON ASSESSED PROPERTY EQUAL IN RANK AND DIGNITY WITH THE LIENS OF ALL STATE, COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR MUNICIPAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND SUPERIOR IN DIGNITY TO ALL OTHER PRIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES, TITLES, AND CLAIMS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chair Spooner opened the public hearing for comments

Public Comments:

- Anita Baker
- Lloyd Donley
- Paul Still
- Tommy Tatum
- Kate Ellison
- Vyunda Strong

After public comments, Chair Spooner recognized Fire Rescue Chief Carter and Jeff Rackley, consultant with Stantec, to address general questions about fire operations and the fire assessment.

Discussion:

- Data from the property appraiser's software was used to help calculate the fire assessment.
- Three key pieces to determine how to legally assess a fire rate: 1) examine the budget to determine what portion can be legally funded by the assessment; 2) use call for service data to all properties within the assessment area and use those proportions of calls to split the budget amongst the property categories (residential, non-residential, and vacant land); 3) take the dollar amounts and divide amongst the categories based on the units within the categories to make up the full budget needed to fund fire. After the assessment study is completed, the board makes the decision on what percentage/rate it wants to fund the budget needed for fire operations.
- If the property appraiser's data identifies a primary structure on a parcel, regardless of value, a charge will be assessed.
- Residential - taxpayer will be assessed on a dwelling unit. Generally, you will not pay on residential properties for any type of out-buildings, backyard sheds, lean-to structures, screened porches, and the like.
- Non-residential – taxpayer will be assessed on the square footage of non-residential structure.
- Vacant lands – taxpayer will be assessed a flat rate per parcel regardless of acreage.
- There exist several techniques for ascertaining assessment rates. Stantec employed a common, widely accepted methodology that has been in use for more than 30 years, has been tested, and has gone through the legal system.
- There are issues with using a residential square footage methodology because the square footage data is not always accurate.
- Only residential dwelling units will be assessed on agriculture exempt properties.
- Exceptions/exemptions from paying the fire assessment will need to be determined by the board prior to final decision of imposing the fire assessment.
- A process could be implemented by the board where the fire marshal evaluates requests for exception/exemption to determine whether the property should or should not be assessed.
- Timeline steps for implementing the fire assessment: 7/18/24 – adopt an ordinance that establishes procedures; 8/6/24 (or thereabout) adopt a resolution setting the initial rate and exemption – after adoption the county will mail out first-class notices to all property owners and publish notice in the newspaper stating the rates. The mailed notices will list each unit to be assessed, the total amount to be paid, who to contact with questions, and the date, time and location of the scheduled public hearing. In early September, the board will set the final exemptions and rate for the fire assessment to be collected in fiscal-year 2024-2025.

- Concerns expressed with the ordinance stating that the board will take foreclosure action if the assessment is not paid. In response, Mr. Rackley advised that the board could come up with hardship programs. Commissioner Andrews asked Mr. Rackley to explore and share where counties may have hardship programs in place.
- Potential exceptions/exemptions can be fully addressed after the board issues notice. At that point the individual can request an exception/exemption and the property can be evaluated to determine if it should or should not be assessed.
- Mobile home parks - a mobile home is equal to a dwelling unit and would be assessed.
- RV parks – RV’s by statute must be treated the same as hotel/motel properties – a non-residential property assessed by square footage.
- If an RV park is on agricultural land with a special exception and the spaces are not residential, the RV units would not be assessed.
- Call assessment methodology only included fire response calls to residential, non-residential, and vacant properties.
- Tax collector needs all information concerning the fire assessment by September 15.

It was MOVED by Vice Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the ordinance.

Motion Carries 3-2 (Chair Spooner and Commissioner Thompson dissenting votes)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marie Gaskins
- Paul Still
- Vyunda Strong

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT REGISTER(S) FROM 04-04-24 THRU 07-09-24.**
- B. CAREERSOURCE NORTH CENTRAL FL 2023-24 BRADFORD COUNTY SERVICES AND STATISTICS REPORT.**
- C. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT FOR THE COMPETITIVE FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP GRANT (CPTA) AND ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN. COST - \$75.00 PER HOUR FOR SERVICES RENDERED.**
- D. AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST (AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FM580) FOR STATION 90 – SAMPSON AND STATION 20 – THERESA. (AMENDMENT AGREEMENT INCLUDES COMPLETED DESIGN COST FOR STATION 40 – HEILBRONN).**
- E. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR TAX COLLECTOR.**
- F. PLANET BIDS SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT. TOTAL SETUP AND YEAR ONE COST - \$2,500 (5% INCREASE EACH UPON EACH RENEWAL YEAR).**

- G. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 23PLN03 WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT,**
- H. SHIP REHABILITATION LOAN APPROVAL: FILE 2020-3, 2020-4, 2020-5.**
- I. SHIP REHABILITATION CHANGE ORDER NO.1 ON FILE 2019-7-S.**
- J. A RESOLUTION (Resolution 2024-08) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- K. A RESOLUTION (Resolution 2024-09) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2020 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PREPARED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Discussion:

- 4(C) - concerns expressed about working with an outside agency for the CPTA grant. Mr. Kornegay advised that Amber Sheperd, strategic alliances business partner with Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation, has the expertise and experience to apply for the CPTA grant and to develop a regional strategic plan specific to economic development.

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

Motion Carries 4-1 (Commissioner Andrews dissenting vote)

- 5. CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH ROADWAY MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES – ANNUAL COST \$50,000 – Item postponed**
- 6. LOADER LEASE EXPIRED - Item postponed**
- 7. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON**
 - A. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON DECEMBER SPENDING (APRIL – JUNE 2024).**

Finance Director Dana LaFollette reported on spending and use/saving of fund balance through quarter 3 in the following departments, as of June 30, 2024.

- 001-General Fund

Expenditures exceeded revenue by \$1,061,638.10 necessitating the use of fund balance. The current fund balance is \$16,259,071.64.

- 111 – Fire Rescue

Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$378,677.34 causing a savings to fund balance. The current fund balance is \$1,184,878.93.

- 105 – Road

Expenditures exceeded revenue by \$431,443.10 necessitating the use of fund balance. The current fund balance is \$1,228,907.65.

Discussion:

- Use of state and LSF opioid abatement funding.

B. BOARD SET PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025.

With respect to setting the proposed millage rate, Clerk Thompson read from a letter highlighting the following points:

- Cautioned that it would not be advisable for the board to lower its existing millage rate of 10.0000 mills unless it is willing to cut its budget/spending by the reduced revenue.
- Budget cuts should not be made from reserves but from actual spending such as positions, operational sites, hours of operation, benefits.
- For the first time in years, the county is growing its reserve fund and that is a direct result of setting the millage rate at 10.0000 mills to handle expenses.
- Adoption of any additional revenue sources such as a fire assessment would not come online immediately in FY 24-25; therefore, it would be fair to consider lowering the millage rate next FY once funds are available.
- Advised that the board should keep its capital improvement plan (CIP) in mind while determining the millage rate for this year and in future years.

Clerk Thompson recognized Finance Director Dana LaFollette to present the board with the following options to set the millage rate for FY 24-25.

Proposed Millage Rate for FY 24-25	Expected Revenue for FY 24-25	Increase from FY 23-24
10.000	\$14,045,335	\$1,134,314
9.7500	\$13,694,201	\$783,180
9.5178 (rolled back rate)	\$13,368,069	\$457,048
9.5000	\$13,343,068	\$432,047
9.1104	\$12,795,862	Decrease of \$115,159
9.0000	\$12,640,801	Decrease of \$270,220

Ms. LaFollette shared that the millage rate set tonight will go on the TRIM notices that the property appraiser will mail out to all taxpayers on August 15th. On September 3rd, the board will hold its first public hearing to adopt a tentative millage rate. Furthermore, Ms. LaFollette advised that it is not advisable to increase the proposed millage rate set tonight – an increase would have an impact to the TRIM timetable, and it would require the property appraiser to mail out new TRIM notices.

Discussion - none

It was MOVED by Vice Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Andrews to set the millage rate at 10 mills until we get other revenue sources in place.

Motion Carries 5-0

8. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH – none

9. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

A. FUNDING REQUESTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR FY 2024-2025.

Mr. Kornegay recommended that the board fund outside organizations at the same funding level in FY 24-25 and fund the new requests. The following funding request table was in the board packet.

Organization	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Amount Requested
Acorn Clinic	\$26,250	\$40,000
The ARC of Bradford County	\$15,000	\$15,000
Bradford Fair Association	\$3,750	\$3,750
Bradford Soil and Water Conservation	\$5,000	\$5,000
Communities In Schools	\$3,750	\$5,000
Concerned Citizens of Bradford County	\$7,500	\$7,500
Episcopal Children’s Services	\$3,750	\$3,750
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	\$83,019	\$83,018
North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$9,375	\$9,375
Suwannee River Economic Council	\$6,463	\$6,463
The Original Florida Tourism Task Force	\$3,000	\$2,000
Bradford Cowboys Athletic Association	\$7,500	\$15,000
Bradford Tornadoes Pop Warner	New	\$10,000
UF IFAS 4H Program	New	\$2,500
NEFEDC – Amber Shepherd	New	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$174,357	\$218,356

It was MOVED by Vice-Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Dougherty to fund everything at the same level, except for The Original Florida Tourism Task Force which should be funded at \$2,000 and Bradford Tornado Popwarner which should be funded at \$7,500, and to fund the two remaining new agencies at the requested level.

Motion Carries 5-0

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE.

Mr. Kornegay recognized Amber Sheperd, strategic alliance business partner with Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Sheperd reported highlights from her recent trip to Washinton, D.C. where she met with federal representatives to establish relationships for potential grant opportunities. After coming back from Washington, D.C., Bradford County leaders organized a workshop to identify key objectives in the community. The objectives discussed will be included in a strategic plan to guide economic activity. Potential business opportunities pertaining to Bradford County were mentioned by Ms. Sheperd.

Discussion - none

10. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – RICH KOMANDO - no reports

11. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Commissioner Dougherty

- In the upcoming year, Cox Communications intends to expand broadband services throughout Bradford County.

12. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 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: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET (AIIS)

DATE OF MEETING: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 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.

DEPARTMENT: Clerk's Office

JUSTIFICATION: Per Roberts Rule of Order 12th Edition – 48:15, the following steps are advised: If the existence of an error or material omission in the minutes becomes reasonably established after their approval – even many years later – the minutes can be corrected by means of a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, which requires a two-thirds vote, or a majority vote with notice, or the vote of a majority of the entire membership, or unanimous consent. In such a case the content of the original minutes must not be altered, although it may be advisable for the secretary to make a marginal notation indicating the corrected text referring to the minute of the meeting at which the correction was adopted. The minutes of the later meeting must include the full text of the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, which necessarily includes all information required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

August 6, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Charley E. Johns Conference Center

1610 N. 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; Clerk of Court Denny Thompson; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Finance Director Dana LaFollette; Zoning Director Randy Andrews; Public Works Director Jason Dodds; Community Development Director Kelly Canady; Sheriff Gordon Smith; Col. Brad Smith; Capt. Brad Witt; Tax Collector Teresa Phillips; Alachua County Extension Director Cindy Sanders; and Assistant Library Director Kimberly Crawford.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 9:39 A.M.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – RANDY ANDREWS, ZONING DIRECTOR

A. AN ORDINANCE (*Ordinance No. 2024-08*) 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, 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 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; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Andrews, who read the ordinance title into the record. Chair Spooner opened the public hearing for public comments.

Public Comments:

- Vyunda Strong

After public comments, the public hearing was closed.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

- B. AN ORDINANCE (*Ordinance No. 2024-09*) 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 24-04, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Andrews, who read the ordinance title into the record. Chair Spooner opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Commissioner Andrews to approve the ordinance.

Motion Carries 5-0

- C. AN ORDINANCE (*Ordinance No. 2024-10*) 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, S240502B, 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 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; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Andrews, who read the ordinance title into the record. Chair Spooner opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by Vice Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the ordinance.

Motion Carries 5-0

- D. AN ORDINANCE (*Ordinance No. 2024-11*) 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; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chair Spooner recognized Mr. Andrews, who read the ordinance title into the record. Chair Spooner opened the public hearing; there being no response, the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Andrews and SECONDED by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the ordinance.

Motion Carries 5-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carol Mosley
- Paul Still
- Bonnie Cannone
- Kate Ellison
- Marshall Clayton Rawson
- Brandon Elixson
- Vyunda Strong
- Nansee Markham

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. MEETING MINUTES FROM 06-20-2024.**
- B. MEETING MINUTES FROM 07-02-2024.**
- C. CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR SHIP REHAB FILE 2019-7-S, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,637.50.**
- D. DEVIATION FROM SHIP LHAP ON SHIP REHAB FILE 2019-7-S.**
- E. SHIP REHAB LOAN, NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 FOR SHIP FILE 2020-6-S.**
- F. A RESOLUTION (*Resolution No. 2024-08*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A SIGNATORY FOR SAID AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- G. AVMED RATES FOR 2024-2025.**
- H. RFQ 2024-001 FOR CONTINUING CONTRACTS FOR ENGINEERING AND/OR SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES.**

Discussion:

- Clarification that item 4(G) adopts option 3 renewal.

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Thompson and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Andrews to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Carries 5-0

5. A RESOLUTION (*Resolution No. 2024-09*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL PROVISION AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT AND THE IMPOSITION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS THEREIN; ESTIMATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25; ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING REAL PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE COUNTY'S PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES; DESIGNATING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE THEREOF AS ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25; DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chair Spooner recognized County Attorney Rob Bradley who read the resolution title into the record.

Discussion:

- Comments in favor of levying the fire assessment tax in fiscal year (FY) 24-25.
- Comments in favor of levying the fire assessment tax in FY 25-26.
- Comments not in favor of levying any new taxes in the current economic state.
- Comments confirming that the board can levy the fire assessment tax at any time after adoption of resolution.
- Comments in favor of holding workshops to discuss the fire assessment and fire rescue operations.
- Comments expressing thanks to Chief Carter and County Manager Kornegay on addressing questions about the fire assessment.
- Comments in favor of funding the fire operations at the 50% assessment rate.

It was **MOVED** by Vice Chair Riddick and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the resolution.

Motion Fails 4-1 (Vice Chair Riddick assenting vote)

6. A RESOLUTION (*Res. No. 2024-10*) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA OPPOSING THE PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

Discussion:

- Comments for and against the resolution.

It was **MOVED** by Vice Chair Riddick and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dougherty to adopt the resolution.

Motion Carries 4-1 (Chair Spooner dissenting vote)

- 7. CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH ROADWAY MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES (RMT) FOR HARDWARE/SOFTWARE TO PROACTIVELY PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF ROADWAY DETERIORATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY - \$50,000 ANNUALLY – JASON DODDS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.**

Discussion:

- Service will be paid for from gas tax revenue.

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Dougherty and **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Riddick to approve item 7.

Motion Carries 5-0

- 8. PERMISSION TO EXTEND LEASE AND PURCHASE EQUIPMENT – JASON DODDS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.**
 - A. EXTEND AN EXPIRED LEASE ON 644 JOHN DEERE LOADER (SERIAL NUMBER 1DW644KZTKF696199) FOR 2 YEARS AT A COST OF \$20,625.92 PER YEAR, WITH A BUYOUT OPTION OF \$133,929.56 AT THE END OF THE 2-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT.**
 - B. RETURN EXPIRED LEASE EQUIPMENT – 644 JOHN DEERE LOADER (SERIAL NUMBER 1DW644KZCKF696234).**
 - C. PURCHASE A 2022 JOHN DEERE 2441 COMPACT WHEEL LOADER FOR A COST OF \$93,700.**

Discussion -none

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Thompson and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dougherty to approve item 8 A-C.

Motion Carries 5-0

Mr. Dodds thanked the sheriff's office, fire rescue, FPL, Clay Electric, and the community with assisting in storm recovery efforts.

- 9. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA, BRADFORD, COLUMBIA, DIXIE, GILCHRIST, AND UNION REGARDING LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 26.**

Chair Spooner recognized Phillis Marty, Chief Executive Officer of CareerSource North Central Florida to present an interlocal agreement for local workforce development – area 26, for board consideration.

Discussion:

- One representative represents the interests of each county mentioned in the interlocal agreement.
- Remarks highlighting the necessity of ensuring the availability of resources at the local HUBS and the local office.
- CareerSource partnership with Communities in Schools (CIS) in Bradford County.
- In the prior year, Bradford County reimbursed the state for disallowable costs with CareerSource. Moving forward, liability insurance will be in place to reduce the risk of disallowed expenses.

Chair Spooner recognized Cindy DeValerio, executive director for Bradford County CIS to present the following highlights of the CIS program:

- Served 110 students, grades 6th through 12th.
- Offer scholarships: three partial scholarships; five two-year scholarships; and added six new scholarships.
- Program has 5 part-time employees.
- Fundraising activities, such as monthly bingo games and an annual golf tournament.
- Life Spring Church provided Christmas support to 21 underprivileged students.
- Backpack Weekend program benefited 117 students in the district, with 18 of those students coming from Bradford County
- The school district provides in-kind services, such as office space, phones, computers, and internet.
- The Hanger: a resource room for clothes, work materials, school supplies, shoes, and other items.
- Partnered with Achievers for Life Club to implement a tobacco-free initiative.
- All enrolled students received 100% of their diplomas.
- CIS is able to work with students in a summer youth employment program because of funding provided by CareerSource.

Discussion:

- Positive comments on fundraising events such as Bingo.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

10. CONSIDER FUNDING \$8,000 OF AN ESTIMATED \$10,000 FOR AQUATIC PLANT SHREDDING FOR THE OVERGROWTH IN LAKE SAMPSON WHERE WATER FLOWS FROM THE LAKE INTO THE SAMPSON RIVER CANAL. BSWCD (BRADFORD SOIL WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT) APPROVED TO FUND \$2,000 TOWARDS THE ESTIMATED COST.

Chair Spooner recognized Commissioner Andrews who recommended that agenda item 10 be tabled once an actual quote is submitted. The board was in consensus to table the agenda item 10.

11. OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING ALLOCATION – USE OF UNSPENT FUNDS - \$87,271.84

Chair Spooner opened discussion from the board on use of unspent opioid abatement funds.

Discussion:

- Interest expressed in allocating the unspent opioid abatement funds to Meridian for opioid treatment.
- Interest expressed to partner with the jail to help inmates and their families who are affected by substance abuse.

12. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON

A. PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE FISCAL-YEAR (FY) 2024-2025 BUDGET SUMMARY.

Clerk Thompson recognized Finance Director Dana LaFollette who presented the board with a tentative budget summary for FY 2024-2025, totaling \$75,532,884.00 (not including Florida Department of Transportation grants). Ms. LaFollette advised that there is enough money in the unrestricted general fund balance of \$13,885,812 to handle two months' worth of emergency recurring expenses.

Clerk Thompson cautioned the board on county spending.

Discussion -none

13. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH

Sheriff Smith recognized Captain Brad Witt who gave a brief report on impacts to Bradford County from Hurricane Debby and efforts made by multiple agencies to respond to said hurricane.

Discussion:

- Comments expressing gratitude of all agencies responding to Hurricane Debby.

14. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

A. COMMUNITY RESOURCE PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM UPDATE.

Mr. Kornegay recognized Lt. David Weeks who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the paramedicine program highlighting the following:

- Program statistics
- Expired drug intake program
- Memorandums of agreement with The Arc, Meridian, Answers, and Florida Health
- Community mobile support unit
- MAT (medicated aided treatment) planning process
- Future plans for the paramedicine program

Mr. Kornegay reported that the new county website is live and provided positive comments on agency response to Hurricane Debby.

Discussion – none

15. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – ROB BRADLEY

In response to a question made during public comments on how agricultural land is taxed, Mr. Bradley said that in order to receive the agricultural designation for assessment purposes, the property owner must apply to the property appraiser annually. The property appraiser's office will conduct an on-site inspection to ascertain whether the land is eligible for the agriculture designation.

16. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Andrews

- Mr. Bradley informed Ms. Andrews that the assessment process is the same for everyone in answer to her question about how taxes are calculated for property owners who reside on both public and private roads.
- In response to Ms. Andrews question about why the county cannot work on private roads when the property owners pay the same taxes as everyone else, Mr. Bradley explained that the concept is based on the fact that the developer did not invest much to develop the property; consequently, the property was sold at a reduced price compared to properties that are county maintained.

Commissioner Dougherty


- Remarks acknowledging Clerk Thompson's earlier recommendation that the county reject developments that do not adhere to specific conditions set by the county, or that the buyer of a piece of property needs to acknowledge that they are buying onto a private road.
- Comments on the need to address questions and concerns regarding emergency operations before imposing a new revenue source.

Vice Chair Riddick

- Read into the record the resolution adopted by the board opposing the pro-abortion amendment to the Florida Constitution.

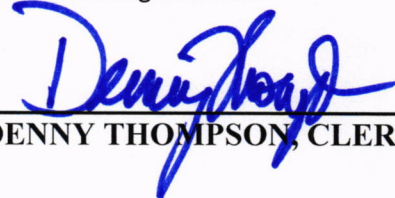
17. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

CAROLYN SPOONER, CHAIR

ATTEST:

August 6, 2024
BoCC Meeting Minutes



DENNY THOMPSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

MINUTES PREPARED BY: 

RACHEL RHODEN, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Minutes approved by the BOCC during a scheduled meeting on: 09-03-2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Retroactive Approval of:
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT
APPLICATION FOR THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
FUND GRANT

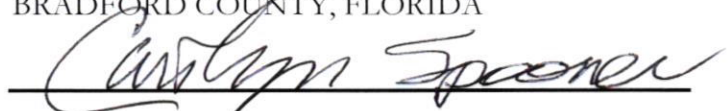
DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PURPOSE: On September 16th, the City of Starke and Bradford County applied for the Florida Commerce Rural Infrastructure Grant for \$300,000. An interlocal agreement was required as part of the grant application process. Due to the deadline for the application, the ILA and Grant Application needed to be signed prior to presentation to the board.

ASSOCIATED COST(S): No Match

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have further executed this Interlocal Agreement by their duly authorized officials on the 16th of September 2024.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY: CAROLYN SPOONER, its

Chairwoman

ATTEST:


BY: *Rachel Rhoden, Chief Deputy Clerk*

DENNY THOMPSON, as

Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Retroactive Approval of Application for Rural Infrastructure Grant through Florida Commerce

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PURPOSE: Grant Application for \$300,000 for a Development Feasibility and Digital Infrastructure Assessment

ASSOCIATED COST(S): No Match



Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund Program

Application for Funding

Applicant: Bradford County
(Name of Applicant)

Project Title: Development Feasibility & Digital Infrastructure Assessment
(Name of Project)

State Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Application Date: 09/16/2024

Mailing Address: FloridaCommerce
Bureau of Small Cities and Rural Communities 107 East Madison Street – MSC 400 Tallahassee, Florida
32399-6508

Telephone: (850) 717-8405
Web: <http://www.FloridaJobs.org/RIF>

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Part I – Applicant Profile

Applicant Contact Information:

Entity Name: Bradford County		
Street Address: 945 N. Temple Ave		
Mailing Address (if different):		
City: Starke	Zip Code: 32091	County: Bradford
Main Telephone: 904-966-6280	Main Facsimile: 904-368-3903	Federal ID Number: 59-6000519

Chief Elected Official: Ms. Carolyn Spooner	Title: Commission Chair
Telephone: 904-966-1307	Facsimile: 904-368-3903
E-mail Address: carolyn_spooner@bradfordcountyfl.gov	

Chief Financial Officer: Dana LaFollette	Title: Director of Finance
Telephone: 904-966-6286	Facsimile: 904-368-3903
E-mail Address: dana_lafollette@bradfordcountyfl.gov	

Applicant Project Contact: Scott Kornegay	Title: County Manager
Street Address: 945 N. Temple Ave	
City: Starke	Zip Code: 32091
Direct Telephone: 904-966-6327	Facsimile: 904-368-3903
E-mail Address: scott_kornegay@bradfordcountyfl.gov	

Application Preparer Information		
Preparer's Name: Amber Shepherd	Organization Preparing Application: <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Planning Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Company <input type="checkbox"/> Regional	
Street Address: 415 E. Call St.		
City: Starke	State: FL	Zip Code: 32091
Telephone: 904-449-4744	Facsimile: N/A	
E-mail Address: info@nefedc.com		

Consultant Information (if applicable)		
Consultant's Name: Jen Schmitz, CEO of Lattice Industries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Company <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Planning Council	
Street Address: 4023 Kennett Pike #457		
City: Wilmington	State: DE	Zip Code: 19807
Telephone: 708-702-4664	E-mail Address: jschmitz@latticeindustries.com	

Demographics and Area Data		
U.S. Congressional District Number: 3rd	Florida Senate District Number: 6th	Florida House District Number: 10th
Total Population: 28,303	Unemployment Rate: 3.5%	Poverty Rate: 18.2%
Source: US Census Bureau	Source: NFEDP	Source: US Census Bureau
Source Date: 9/16/2024	Source Date: 9/16/2024	Source Date: 9/16/2024

<p>Indicate what RIF grant category is being applied for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total Project Participation Grant</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Planning and Preparation Grant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Preclearance Review Grant</p>		
<p>Indicate the total amount of RIF funding being requested: \$ 300,000</p>		
<p>If the proposed project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO), indicate which one: (See list of RAOs in application instructions.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Northwest RAO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> South Central RAO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Central RAO</p>		
<p>If applying for Panhandle Specific Appropriation funds, please indicate the County in which the project is located:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Calhoun County <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson County</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gadsden County <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty County</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Holmes County <input type="checkbox"/> Washington County</p>		
<p>Answer the following questions by clicking on the correct check box.</p>		
<p>Historic Preservation Will the project impact a building, public improvement, or planned open space that is 50 or more years old? If yes, include the documentation specified in the application instructions.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Interlocal Agreement Will project activities require an interlocal agreement? If yes, the interlocal agreement(s) must be included.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Regulatory Action Are improvements being made in this project to inadequate infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action that prohibits economic or community growth? If yes, include a copy of the letter citing the regulatory action.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Catalyst Site Is the project related to preclearance review and also located within a catalyst site as defined in Section 288.061, Florida Statutes? If yes, include a map showing the boundary of the catalyst site and the project boundary within.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Comprehensive Plan Is the proposed project consistent with the applicant's Comprehensive Plan? The project must be consistent in order for the project to be funded through the RIF program and supporting</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

documentation must be included with the application.		
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Interlocal Agreements

The activities of the studies will impact Bradford County and The City of Starke. An interlocal agreement has been executed and is attached.

Comprehensive Plan

According to the Bradford County Comprehensive Plan, adopted 1991 and amended by Ordinance in 2021, the scope of this project is in alignment. http://ncfrpc.org/MapsAndPlans/Counties/Bradford/CP_Bradford%20Co_21_Salmon.pdf

Objective I.1 states “The County shall continue to direct future population growth and associated urban development to urban development areas through the establishment of such urban development areas within this Comprehensive Plan. The total area of all the County’s urban development areas shall be limited to 30 percent of the total acreage within the County and discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl.” The location suggested for the innovation hub is in alignment with this objective.

Further, Bradford County is in the process of creating a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan. In July of 2024, a collaborative workshop was hosted by Bradford County, and included local municipalities, to identify key objectives of the community. From this early assessment, it was determined that community desired to see an innovation hub brought into the community. The industry focus identified in the project scope is consistent with the industry focus established by the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation, Bradford County’s economic development agency in collaboration with Bradford County and its municipalities. The dual use aspect of the project marries the Government and Commercial use of the future building nicely. See attachment NEFEDC – Purpose, Mission, Vision, and Goals.

Part II – Project Description and Timeline

Project Description

Describe the proposed project in no more than three sentences: The Development Feasibility & Digital Infrastructure Assessment will chart the course for a sustainable public-private-people partnership (P4) to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain (DFBOM) a fully connected regional innovation hub for dual-use technology and workforce development. This evaluation will assess the feasibility of creating a multi-user innovation research and training campus, factoring in location, budget, time, and resources. The final report will deliver key performance metrics and benchmarks to guide Bradford County and industry stakeholders in making strategic investments in digital infrastructure and a shared-services and revenue model, positioning the regional resilience and training hub for long-term success.

Clearly summarize the proposed project as outlined in the application instructions.

Proposed Timeline

Task/Activity Description	Task/Activity Duration	Deliverable
1. Site Analysis - Location General Overview	2 weeks	Detailed site assessment report, including zoning, environmental analysis, and access visibility evaluation.
2. Market Analysis - Hub User Base Analysis	3 weeks	Market demand and competitive analysis report, including price trends and opportunities.
3. Financial Feasibility	4 weeks	Financial feasibility study with cost estimates, ROI projections, and financing options for P4.
4. Operational Assessment	2 weeks	Public digital infrastructure capacity assessment and functional cost study.
5. Workforce Optimization Assessment	3 weeks	Workforce market and training development opportunities report.
6. Highest and Best Use Analysis	2 weeks	Report outlining the most profitable legal use of the identified property.

7. Exit Strategy	2 weeks	Strategic exit plan with resale, leasing, or redevelopment options.
8. Stakeholder Engagement	3 weeks	Stakeholder engagement plan and summary of feedback from local governments and community groups.
9. Report and Recommendations	4 weeks	Final feasibility study report with recommendations and strategic considerations.
10. Presentation to Key Stakeholders	1 week	Presentation materials and meeting with stakeholders to discuss findings and recommendations.

Part III – Economic Narrative

Provide a summary of the project’s economic benefit, long-term viability, and potential local or regional economic impact. The summary should include a description of the current and anticipated economic conditions of the area.

This application is bolstered by letters of support and commitment from key stakeholders, demonstrating broad-based backing for the Bradford County Innovation and Training Campus. Support for this transformative community development project is provided by The Data Institute and World Hero Foundation, non-profit organizations, along with Spark Growth, NTT Data and Lattice Industries, an Oracle Construction and Engineering Partner. The Data Institute and the World Hero Foundation will compile and provide non-profit, unbiased technology research and digital infrastructure workforce development information. These organizations form a robust team committed to ensuring the project's long-term success and its positive impact on the regional economy and veteran workforce development.

In late 2022, Bradford County was invited by Spark Growth, Lattice Industries and Oracle Construction & Engineering to visit the Oracle Innovation Lab in Deerfield, Illinois, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at fostering innovation and workforce development. This collaboration led to the exploration of potential sites in the City of Starke and other areas in Bradford County in 2023, focusing on creating a public-private-people (P4) hub. The proposed development, in coordination with Bradford’s economic strategy goals, aims to attract dual-use companies and provide socio-economic benefits. By combining cross-industry expertise, the partnership will ensure the hub drives economic growth, anchors high-tech industries, and develops a regional center for dual-use technology and workforce training.

Economic Benefit:

- Once the assessment is completed and the project is deemed feasible, the Hub’s operations could potentially generate over \$5 million annually in shared services or revenue for public sponsor-stakeholders by the third year, with an asset value potential exceeding \$100 million through industry and academic member partnerships.
- Its shared-services and revenue model would sustain the Hub’s operations, infrastructure, workforce training, and overall economic development creating a 360-degree economic ecosystem. The goal for the facility would be the creation of 150 full-time jobs over the period of five years, and exponential temporary jobs for construction and training programs. All of these elements create a positive multiplier effect on the local economy.

Long-Term Viability:

- The collaboration interest between the City of Starke, the County of Bradford, industry, academic and other regional partners ensures that the project will thrive in the long term. The proposed campus will need to host ultra-secure data storage and

processing, secure compartmentalized information facilities (SCIFs), research labs and advanced training facilities that are built and have infrastructure to satisfy the data processing needs of artificial intelligence and machine learning for decades.

Local and Regional Economic Impact:

- This planning and development of a dual-use innovation campus are part of the strategic economic initiatives of Bradford County with the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation. With a population growth rate of -0.7% and an unemployment rate of 3.5%, Bradford is experiencing economic stagnation and faces an urgent need for new opportunities. The county requires 783 net new jobs by 2030 to meet projected demands, further highlighting the critical gaps in workforce training and technological infrastructure. Limited access to high-tech industries and a shortage of skilled labor emphasizes the necessity of establishing a centralized Innovation and Training Campus. This hub would attract high-growth industries, foster sustainable employment, and drive technological advancements, ultimately positioning the county for long-term economic prosperity.
- The City of Starke, the seat of Bradford County, faces economic challenges stemming from a limited industrial base and underdeveloped infrastructure. The region relies heavily on agriculture and public-sector jobs, which provide stability but lack the high-growth opportunities needed for long-term economic diversification. Additionally, there is a mismatch between workforce skills and the needs of emerging industries like advanced manufacturing and technology. Efforts to attract new business are hindered by poor digital connectivity and an aging population, leading to a "brain drain" of younger talent. Investments in digital infrastructure, workforce development, and innovation hubs are critical to reversing these trends.
- Beyond direct financial contributions, the proposed campus is a fundamental step to bolster Bradford County's status to a regional leader in next-generation innovation research and workforce training. The influx of entrepreneurs, industry leaders, agency labs and collaboration with the academic world will spur research and development (R&D) and attract investment from across the nation, and potentially internationally.

¹ <https://thefloridascorecard.org/pillar&c=4&pillar=0>

¹ <https://nflp.org/regional-data/county-profiles/bradford-county/>

¹ <https://thelocallens.org/bradford-county-council-considers-terminating-dispatch-services-agreement-with-city-of-starke/>

Describe the proposed project's potential for enhanced job creation and/or increased capital investment, including but not limited to the following information:

- The nature of the business activities which will be conducted at the site of, or which relate to the project. The Bradford County Innovation and Training Campus will host a diverse array of cutting-edge business activities that blend technology, education, defense, and workforce planning. Key activities include:

Dual-Use Innovation Research:

- The campus will be a focal point for research and development in dual-use technologies, which can serve both commercial and military applications. In collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD) and private sector tech giants, the campus will facilitate innovation in cybersecurity, data analytics, and secure communications systems.

Advanced Data Utility Hub:

- A Tier IV data center will support secure data storage, research, and collaboration among academic institutions, government agencies, and industry leaders. This includes creating Secure Compartmentalized Information Facilities (SCIFs) to enable sensitive defense-related projects.
- The campus will serve as a hub for research and testing in emerging fields like artificial intelligence, augmented reality (AR), and virtual reality (VR), providing training facilities for military, academic, and civilian agencies.

Workforce Development and Training:

- Immersive training labs equipped with next-generation VR/AR technology will prepare a new generation of skilled technicians, data scientists, and engineers. Collaborations with academic institutions will ensure a constant pipeline of talent, ready to serve both commercial and defense industries.
- By integrating with universities and technical colleges, the campus will provide education and hands-on training in high-demand fields, ensuring the region’s workforce remains competitive and well-equipped for future challenges.

Economic and Societal Impact:

- The campus will be designed to be self-sustaining by integrating a shared services model for the institutional members. This proposal is critical to determining the services and the economics that will benefit the stakeholders that will provide positive return economically and socially to the community.
- By promoting dual-use innovation and workforce training, the campus will not only serve as an economic engine but will also contribute to national security and technological advancements.

- Description of the capital investment in real and personal property – do not include product inventory.

Describe the level of public and private commitment to the project. Include the extent of local expenditures for construction, use of local firms or resources, or purchase of local equipment or materials which have or will have ripple effects on the area’s economy.

The capital investment in the Bradford County Innovation and Training Campus will be determined by the results of this planning process. If deemed feasible, a significant infusion of both public and private resources will follow, fostering long-term economic growth and technological advancement in the region. Additionally, this initiative offers opportunities to incorporate renewable energy and carbon offset strategies within the County. By revitalizing existing infrastructure, the project can create new revenue streams through sustainable practices, further securing the region’s economic future.

Real Property Investment:

- The project will involve the construction of state-of-the-art facilities, including an innovation campus, data center, and training labs. These facilities, a buildout of approximately \$100 million in capital assets, will house key technologies and services, from data analytics to advanced workforce training.
- The County's potential involvement through land leasing or equity stakes provides multiple avenues for public investment, creating a sustainable revenue stream providing various dividends depending on the structure of the partnership.

Property Investment:

- Significant investment will be made in high-tech infrastructure, including servers, data storage, digital labs and secure communication systems. The project will also incorporate state-of-the-art training facilities for Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technologies, providing hands-on education for skilled workers.
- The inclusion of Secure Compartmentalized Information Facilities (SCIFs) is a key feature, enabling collaborations with the Department of Defense (DoD) and other government agencies for defense-related projects, further boosting the project's economic viability.

Public and Private Commitment:

- Public commitment from Bradford County, through a public-private partnership, ensures strong local involvement in the project's success. This includes the use of local firms and resources for construction and the potential for long-term revenue generation. Additionally, Bradford County is classified as a REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) area, which means it has special zoning to attract investments, further enhancing the project's potential to stimulate economic growth and local development.
- Private sector commitment to this assessment is reinforced by leading tech companies, such as NTT Smart City Solutions Group and Lattice Industries, an Oracle Construction and Engineering Network Partner. In collaboration with The Data Institute, these companies will offer valuable insights to guide strategic investments, drive technological advancements, committed up to \$150,000 of in-kind resources beyond this grant as needed to fully complete planning, and provide continuous support for innovation if the project is feasible. Additionally, academic institutions will play a key role by contributing to research and workforce development, helping to further integrate the campus into the local and regional economy.

Local Economic Ripple Effects:

- The construction phase will create a demand for local labor, equipment, and materials, stimulating the area's economy. Once operational, the campus is aiming to employ approximately 300 full-time skilled workers with additional exponential employment generated through construction, infrastructure, and support services, whose local spending and income that will increase the local tax base.

- The collaboration between private industry, government agencies, and academic institutions will generate a multiplier effect, attracting new businesses and investments to the region. The innovation campus will serve as a magnet for high-tech industries, while also creating opportunities for local businesses and service providers to grow accordingly.
- By fostering a partnership between the public and private sectors, including the DoD and academic institutions, the project ensures a lasting, positive impact on Bradford County's economy and technological infrastructure.

Part IV – Project Budget

Provide a breakdown of the total budget for the proposed project, including both RIF funding and other sources of funding.

ACTIVITY/TASK	RIF FUNDS	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES	TOTAL
1. Site Analysis - Location General Overview	\$55,000	0	\$55,000
2. Market Analysis - Hub User Base Analysis	\$50,000	0	\$50,000
3. Financial Feasibility	\$55,000	0	\$55,000
4. Operational / Workforce Gap Analysis	\$60,000	0	\$60,000
6. Highest and Best Use Analysis	\$25,000	0	\$25,000
7. Exit Strategy	\$15,000	0	\$15,000
8. Stakeholder Engagement	\$20,000	0	\$20,000
9. Report and Recommendations	\$15,000	0	\$15,000
10. Presentation to Key Stakeholders	\$5,000	0	\$5,000
Total	\$300,000	0	\$300,000

Provide an explanation of how the total infrastructure costs for the proposed project were estimated.

The total infrastructure costs will be determined through this planning process and will consider key factors from the outcomes of the subsets of the Assessment:

1. **Site Analysis:** Proximity to utilities, transportation, and zoning regulations affected land preparation and legal costs.
2. **Construction & Technology:** Costs for building the 13,000 sq. ft. hub and digital infrastructure based on market quotes.
3. **Operational & Security:** Utility, maintenance, and security costs that should be included for long-term sustainability.
4. **Contingency:** Contingencies for market fluctuations and considered potential tax incentives to reduce costs will also be considered.

Part V – Sources and Uses of Non-RIF Funds

Source	Amount Contributed	Type (Loan, Grant, Local Government Funds, Donated Land, or Other Funding)
N/A	\$ N/A	N/A
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Totals	\$ N/A	

Part VI – Participating Party Information (if applicable)

Complete and attach a [Participating Party Information Form](#) for each entity creating or retaining jobs as a result of this project.

N/A

Part VII – Application Authorization

- I, the undersigned chief elected official or authorized representative of the applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge:
- a. This application is in all respects fair and submitted in good faith without collusion or fraud;
 - b. If selected through this application process, the recipient will work in good faith and in partnership with the Department of Commerce to manage its grant in a timely and accurate manner;
 - c. The information in this application is accurate; and,
 - d. The undersigned is duly authorized to bind the entity represented in this application.

Signature of Chief Elected Official or Designee
Signature: <u>Carolyn Spooner</u>
Typed Name and Title: Carolyn Spooner, Chairwoman, Bradford County Board of County Commissioners
Date: 9-16-2024
If signed by a person other than the chief elected official, a signature authorization must be included.

Signature of Application Preparer if not an employee of the Applicant
Signature: <u>Amber Shepherd</u>
Typed Name and Title: Amber Shepherd, Strategic Alliances Business Partner
Name of Firm or Agency: Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation



Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund Program Application

Instructions

Part I – Applicant Profile

The application profile must reflect the requested information about the applicant, including demographics, area data, and the person who prepared the application.

Application Category

There are three categories of RIF grants that applicants can request funding for. Indicate which category is being applied for:

Total Project Participation Grants

To facilitate access to and maximize the use of state, federal, local, and private resources, grants may be awarded for up to 75 percent (75%) of the total infrastructure project costs, or up to one hundred percent (100%) of the total infrastructure project cost for a project located in a rural community as defined in s. 288.0656(2), F.S., which is also located in a fiscally constrained county as defined in s. 218.67(1), F.S., or a rural area of opportunity as defined in s. 288.0656(2), F.S.

Eligible uses of funds include:

- Improvements to public infrastructure for industrial or commercial sites.
- Upgrades to or development of public tourism infrastructure.
- Improvements to inadequate infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action. Authorized infrastructure may include the following

public-private partnership facilities:

- Storm water systems.
- Telecommunications facilities.
- Roads or other remedies to transportation impediments.
- Other physical requirements to facilitate economic development activities in the community.

Project Planning and Preparation Grants

Grants may be awarded for up to \$300,000 for feasibility studies, design and engineering activities, or other infrastructure planning and preparation activities. Grants awarded under this category may be used in conjunction with Total Project Participation grants.

Preclearance Review Grants

To enable rural communities to access the resources available under the Expedited Permitting – Preclearance Review Process (Section 403.973(18), Florida Statutes), grants may be awarded for surveys, feasibility studies, and other activities related to the identification and preclearance review of land which is suitable for preclearance review. Grant application criteria includes the extent to which administrative and consultant expenses are minimized.

Maximum award amounts and local funds match requirements:

- Projects located outside a RAO - \$75,000 with 50 percent local funds match.
- Projects located within a RAO - \$300,000 with no local funds match required.
- Projects located within a catalyst site (as defined in Section 288.0656, Florida Statutes) - maximum amounts same as above, depending on RAO status. However, the local funds match requirement may be waived pursuant to the process in Section 288.06561, Florida Statutes, for projects outside an RAO.

Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO)

If the proposed project is located in a RAO, indicate which one.

- *Northwest Rural Area of Opportunity:* Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and the area within the city limits of Freeport and Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway. To learn more about the Northwest RAO region, please contact [Opportunity Florida](#).
- *South Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County). For more information about the South Central RAO region, please contact [Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc.](#)
- *North Central Rural Area of Opportunity:* Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties. For more information about the North Central RAO region, please contact [North Florida Economic Development Partnership](#).

Historic Preservation

Answer "Yes" if any project activity will result in one of the following:

- Direct physical changes to a structure 50 or more years old, such as demolition (partial or complete), rehabilitation, restoration, remodeling, renovation, expansion, or relocation.
- Direct physical changes to public improvements 50 or more years old, such as stone curbs or brick streets.
- Direct physical changes to a planned open space 50 or more years old, such as a park or plaza.
- Project activities occurring within 100 feet of a structure, public improvement, or planned open space 50 or more years old.
- Project activities occurring in a Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If this question is answered "Yes,"

proceed as follows:

- Contact the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) during the application planning process. Properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places must be designed in accordance with the recommended approaches in the **Secretary of the Interior's Standards or Rehabilitation Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings** (U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service). This publication and technical assistance may be obtained from the SHPO, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.
- Provide original photographs to SHPO that can be used to determine the historical/architectural significance of the property. Photographs must show each side of the structure and general views of the property in its surroundings; they should be identified by street address and keyed to the service area map. If potentially significant historic properties are identified, SHPO will recommend the appropriate approach.

- Provide the following documentation:
 - The location/address.
 - The construction date.
 - The activity affecting the historic property.
 - The results of any pre-application discussions with SHPO regarding the potential impact of the proposed project on historic properties

Interlocal Agreements

Indicate whether or not activities will require an interlocal agreement. If activities will take place, or services will be extended or provided, outside of the local government applicant’s jurisdiction, include an interlocal agreement signed by the chief elected officials, or legally designated individuals of the jurisdictions, that specifies:

- The units of local government (parties involved).
- The purpose of the interlocal agreement.
- A delineation of the cooperation between the parties involved.
- A description of the activities and the service area(s).
- The amount of funds being committed (and associated terms).
- A statement that the project is not inconsistent with the local comprehensive plans of all involved jurisdictions.

Regulatory Action

If the proposed project will address inadequate infrastructure that has resulted in regulatory action that prohibits economic or community growth, the application must include a copy of the letter citing the relevant regulatory action.

Catalyst Site

If the proposed project is related to preclearance review and is also located within a catalyst site as defined in Section 288.061, Florida Statutes, the application must include a map showing the boundary of the catalyst site and the project boundary within.

Comprehensive Plan

The proposed project must be consistent with the applicant’s comprehensive plan and the application must include documentation to support this consistency.

Part II – Project Description and Timeline

Project Description

Provide a narrative description of each proposed activity. Applications proposing more than one activity should include a description for each

activity.

Each description should include the following minimum information:

- Quantity of the activity.
- If funds from other sources are being used, describe how the funds will be used.
- Location of the activity within the applicant's jurisdiction.
- Cost of the activity.
- A list of any major permits, comprehensive plan amendments, zoning changes, or similar approvals required.
- For infrastructure projects, an indication of who will own and maintain the infrastructure once completed.

In addition to describing the location of the project, the applicant must provide a project map, which, at a minimum, shows:

- A scale.
- A north arrow.
- The boundaries of the applicant's jurisdiction.
- The specific location of the project activity within the applicant's jurisdiction.
- The applicant's administration building, from which it will be managing the project.
- Street names and other identifying landmarks within the jurisdiction.

Project Timeline

Outline each step of the project, from grant award to closing out the agreement. Provide an estimate of how long each step of the process will take, in months, and the associated activity/task deliverable.

Part III – Economic Narrative

Describe the proposed project's economic benefit, long-term viability, and potential local or regional economic impact. The summary should include a description of the current and anticipated economic conditions of the area. Describe the project's potential for enhanced job creation or increased capital investment, including but not limited to, the following information:

- (1) The nature of business activities which will be conducted at the site of, or which relate to, the project.
- (2) A description of the capital investment in real and personal property, not including product inventory.
- (3) Describe the level of public and private commitment to the project. Include the extent of local expenditures for construction, use of local firms or resources, or purchase of local equipment or materials which have or will impact on the area's economy.

Part IV – Project Budget

Complete the budget table included in the application based on the type of activity being applied for. If funds from another source are being used to

assist with a particular activity, those funds should be listed separately from the requested RIF funds.

Applicants must also detail how they determined the total estimated costs associated with the project and upload all documentation used to make the determination. The written explanation should detail how the proposed budget is reasonable and appropriate considering the scope, substance, and duration of the proposed project. There is no specific format for providing budget assumption documentation, but it should clearly correspond with the type of activities and their associated costs entered in the budget table. The documentation should also demonstrate that the applicant has carefully considered the financial aspects of the project and has a solid rationale for the amount of RIF funding being requested.

Part V – Sources and Uses of Non-RIF Funds

Identify any additional sources of funding that will be contributed to the project. Additionally, include documentation that the funds are available for use, such as an award letter, and that they have been contributed to this project, such as a resolution or minutes from a council or commission meeting. If an application has been submitted, but not yet awarded, for other non-RIF funds, include a copy of the application. Please note: all other funds must be available for use prior to award of RIF funding.

Part VI – Participating Party Information (if applicable)

Complete a Participating Party Information Form for each entity creating or retaining jobs as a result of this project and upload them as part of the application. Participating Party Information Form available for download from www.FloridaJobs.org/RIF

Part VII – Application Authorization

The application certification statement must be signed by the applicant's chief elected official. Any other signatory must be accompanied by a letter of signature authority signed by the chief elected official.

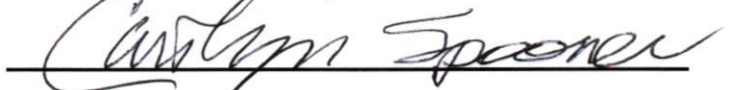
Supporting Documentation Summary

- Communications with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), if applicable.
- Interlocal Agreements, if applicable.
- Letter citing regulatory action, if applicable.
- Catalyst Site Map, if applicable.
- Comprehensive Plan documentation.
- Project Map.

- Cost Estimate documentation.
- Documentation of other sources of funding.
- Participating Party Information Forms for each Participating Party, if applicable.
- Letter of signature authority signed by chief elected official, if applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have further executed this Interlocal Agreement by their duly authorized officials on the 16th of September 2024.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY: CAROLYN SPOONER, its

Chairwoman

ATTEST:


BY: *Rachel Rhoden, Chief Deputy Clerk*

DENNY THOMPSON, as

Clerk to the Board



September 16, 2024

TO: County of Bradford
945 N. Temple Ave
Starke, FL 32091

FROM: Spark Growth
912 7th Ave E
Bradenton, FL 34208

RE: Letter of Support for Florida Planning Grant Proposal

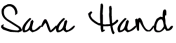
Dear Bradford County Representative,

In 2022, Spark Growth, an innovation advisory and consulting company well versed in smart cities and economic development work, identified a possible public-private grant around infrastructure and economic development. While the team and project did not come together in the cycle necessary for that grant funding, work began that is prepared for this current effort and funding opportunity.

Spark Growth drew from well-established relationships with NTT Data, Lattice Industries, Oracle and Florida government connections to build out a well-established narrative with the right people and the right place. With the necessary reorganization of an economic development partner in Bradford County, made from mid-2023 to mid-2024, the interested parties all are now more prepared and ready to move forward.

Spark Growth is excited to be a part of this transformational project with the communities in North Florida and fully supports moving forward with this planning effort.

Sincerely,

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Sara Hand
CEO, Spark Growth



September 13, 2024

County of Bradford
945 N. Temple Ave
Starke, FL 32091

RE: Florida Planning Grant Proposal

Dear Program Director,

As Co-founder and Board Director of the World Hero Foundation, I am writing to confirm our commitment to the Feasibility Assessment in support of Bradford County's application for the Florida Planning Grant.

To contextualize the value of this project, the creation of workforce development hub in digitally underserved regions provides digital access and improves individuals' digital literacy, while aligning with our mission of empowering underserved communities and veteran's workforce opportunities.

This planning is essential for matching the needs of veterans for retraining and upskilling. The grant makes it possible to elevate the workforce and by extension, the communities, and complements the County's objectives, timelines, and community impact goals.

This project represents a critical step towards helping low-income residents participate in digital society and improve skillsets, health, income and digital equity potential throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Michelle Hartly

Michelle Hartly
Co-founder, Board Director
World Hero Foundation
michelle@worldherofoundation.org



September 13, 2024

NTT DATA Americas, Inc.
7950 Legacy Drive
Plano TX 75024

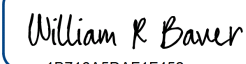
**Bradford Economic Development
Starke, Florida**

Dear Bradford County Representative,

NTT DATA Americas, Inc. is honored to provide our continued support for public partnerships in innovation that promotes connected communities and industry workforce development. The proposed innovation hub project will help scale connected communities and provide jobs in digital infrastructure and connected manufacturing.

As a leader in IT Services, Smart Solutions, AI/ML/IoT, NTT DATA Americas, Inc. looks forward to supporting the planning efforts of Bradford County, the City of Starke, and the other key stakeholders in the region in providing North Florida with a world-class innovation campus for Intelligent Infrastructure innovation research and training.

Sincerely,

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William Baver
Vice President
NTT DATA Americas, Inc.



The Data Institute

September 14, 2024

County of Bradford
Starke, Florida

RE: Planning Grant for Feasibility and Regional Digital Infrastructure Performance Assessment – Letter of Commitment

Dear Bradford County Representative,

I am writing to confirm The Data Institute's commitment to supporting Bradford County's Planning Grant Proposal as a partner-stakeholder in conducting a detailed Feasibility and Regional Digital Infrastructure Performance Assessment for the development of a regional resilience and workforce hub. We are excited to contribute expertise in financial research and digitization in assessing Bradford County's digital equity and evaluating the potential for an ultra-secure, multi-tenant resilience and workforce training hub.

Our planning and research team is comprised of cross-industry experts that provide critical fact-based information to guide stakeholder, public and private, investment decisions. This assessment is key to forging the proper design, development and operations of the proposed innovation hub campus.

The Data Institute is honored to provide continued commitment to Florida's initiatives supporting public-private-people partnerships (P4s) that promote innovation, connected communities, and veteran workforce development.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Melyssa Barrett

President, The Data Institute

[The Data Institute – Facilitating digital equality for all. \(thedatainstituteus.org\)](https://thedatainstituteus.org)



COMMITMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

September 14, 2024

County of Bradford
945 N. Temple Ave
Starke, FL 32091

RE: Florida Planning Grant Proposal

Dear Bradford County Representative,

Lattice Industries is excited to continue our support for Bradford County's economic initiatives aimed at fostering industry, academia, and innovation in North Florida. We believe proper planning is key to developing a sustainable public-private-people partnership (P4) that drives innovation and workforce development.

As an Oracle Network Partner, we are committed to contributing our expertise in technology, construction, and secure digital infrastructure planning to help establish a world-class self-sustaining innovation and workforce training hub in Bradford County. Our experienced team brings together best practices in dual-use technology and multi-user data sharing environments to enable regional stakeholders to mutualize burdens, promote digital equity, and create revenue-sharing opportunities for the County.

We believe this planning grant is crucial to the successful design, development and operation of the proposed campus, benefiting the region's citizens and businesses. The Lattice team is honored to support this effort and looks forward, if viable, to partnering on this transformative project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schmitz
CEO, Lattice Industries, Inc.



Oracle America, Inc.
500 Eldorado Blvd
Broomfield
Colorado 80021

Main Phone 303.464.4000

September 13, 2024

Bradford Economic Development
Starke, Florida

Subject: Lattice Industries Inc.

Dear Bradford County Representative:

This letter is to confirm that, as of the date of this letter, Lattice Industries Inc. is a member of the Oracle Partner Network (OPN) in good standing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-272-4571.

Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:

Leslie Frederick

Government Resell Programs Manager
Oracle Alliances and Channels
Governmentresellprograms_us@oracle.com



The primary purpose to be promoted or carried out by the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation (NEFEDC) is as follows:

Advance the economic development and public welfare of a portion of northeast Florida by promoting and assisting the growth and development of businesses, including the encouragement of public and private partnerships, coordinate planning and development, leverage resources, provide and develop leadership for economic and development activities and any other community development activities deemed a priority by the Corporation. The principal objectives of the Corporation shall be to benefit the community by increasing employment opportunities and the establishment and expansion of business and industry for the citizens of Bradford and Union Counties and portions of Clay, Putnam and Alachua Counties, Florida.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation is to empower the Northeast Florida region through strategic economic initiatives, fostering public-private alliances, catalyzing business growth, and enhancing workforce opportunities, all aimed at securing a resilient and prosperous future for all stakeholders.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to position Northeast Florida as a cornerstone of economic innovation and sustainability, where new and existing businesses flourish, communities experience enhanced economic prosperity, and opportunities for employment and growth are plentiful, for all stakeholders.

Our Primary Goals:

Build Robust Public-Private Partnerships

Our organization is committed to establishing, sustaining, and enhancing collaborations between public institutions and private enterprises. We believe that synergistic partnerships are pivotal in optimizing resources and expertise, thereby amplifying the impact of our developmental initiatives.

Drive Business Expansion and Innovation

We aim to be catalysts for business growth, focusing especially on innovative sectors that add substantial value to our region. By doing so, we further our mission of job creation and contribute to a vibrant local economy.

Elevate Community Economic Opportunity

At the heart of our mission lies the commitment to improve the overall economic well-being of our communities. Our aim is to lay the foundations for a resilient, flourishing region that will benefit current and future generations.

Primary Industry Focus (Dual use where applicable):

Government/Defense
Healthcare / Med tech
Light manufacturing
Warehousing / Last Mile Distribution

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October, 1 2024

AGENDA ITEM Bid Recommendation on SHIP Rehabilitation Project on File #2020-1 -S

DEPARTMENT: Community Development/SHIP

PURPOSE: A bid opening for Rehab projects was held on September 6, 2024 and 1 bid was received. The lowest bid/sole was received by M & R Construction in the amount of \$46,170.00.

ASSOCIATED COST(S): \$46,170.00

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): 102-52-554-65980-00

S.H.I.P. Housing Rehabilitation Project
BID SUMMARY – 10-1-24

A. 415 N. Polk Street, Starke, FL File # 2020-1-S
Florida Homes, Inc. NO BID

M & R Construction \$46,170.00

Recommendation: M & R Construction in the amount of \$46,170.00

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Award contract between BOCC and M & R Construction.
on SHIP Rehab File # 2020-1-S the amount of \$46,170.00

DEPARTMENT: Community Development/SHIP

PURPOSE: Please consider approval of awarding contract between
BOCC and M & R Construction in the amount of
\$46,170.00 for SHIP Rehab File #2020-1

ASSOCIATED COST(S): \$46,170.00

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): 102-52-554-65980-00

CONTRACT PACKAGE FOR REHABILITATION

This agreement made October 1, 2024

By and between Ronald Brown herein after referred to as the "Owner"

And M & R Construction herein after referred to as "Contractor",

With Bradford County acting as the Owner's agent.

WITNESETH

1.

The Owner does hereby employ the contractor to do all the work and provide all materials, tools, machinery, supervision, etc., necessary for the rehabilitation of the property known as: 415 N. Polk Street, Starke, Florida 32091 for the total sum of \$46,170.00, all in accordance with the estimate, plans, and specifications which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

2.

The Contractor does hereby agree that he will perform the work diligently and in a good workmanship manner, using the materials specified or materials of a least equal quality.

3.

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for the work to be performed, and the work being done or any part thereof shall not be deemed completed until the Owner and Owner's Agent has accepted it as satisfactory.

4.

When adjacent property is affected or endangered by any work done under this contract, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to take whatever steps are necessary for the protection of the adjacent property and to notify the Owner thereof of such hazard.

5.

The Contractor hereby agrees not to assign or sublet this contract without the written consent of the Owner. The request for assignment shall be addressed to the Owner c/o the Office of Bradford County Community Development.

6.

In the event of any breach of this contract, the Owner may at his option engage the services of another contractor to complete the work and deduct the cost of such completion from the amount due the Contractor hereunder.

7.

The County does hereby agree to make progress payments, if any, in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Progress payments shall not exceed 90 percent of the value of the specified work satisfactorily completed.
2. Contracts over \$3,500.00, but not exceeding \$5,000.00: Two (2) partial payments may be requested by the Contractor after a minimum of 60 percent (60%) of the total contract work is satisfactorily completed, with that payment being 50 percent (50%) of the total contract; (2) Second Partial Payment--after satisfactory completion of the total contract, with that payment being forty percent (40%) of the total contract.
3. Draw schedule for Contracts over \$5,000.00

Draw One	20%	At 30% complete
Draw Two	30%	At 60% complete
Draw Three	40%	At 100% complete
Final	10%	Retained/final 45 days after satisfactory completion of work
4. RETAINAGE/FINAL PAYMENT: Ten percent (10%) retainage to be paid as the final payment forty-five (45) days after completion of work.

8.

The Contractor covenants and agrees to, and does hereby identify, and hold harmless and defend Bradford County, the Office of Community Development and State of Florida--their agents, servants or employees, from and against any and all claims for injuries or damages to persons or property of whatsoever kind of character, whether real or asserted, arising out of this agreement of the work to be performed hereunder. The Contractor hereby assumes all liability and responsibility for injuries, claims or suits for damages, to persons or property of whatsoever kind of character, whether real or asserted, occurring during the time the work is being performed and arising out of the performance of same.

9.

Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor shall commence work under this agreement until all insurance required under this paragraph has been secured and the Owner has approved such insurance:

Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of his employees at the site of the project or provide proof of exemption; and in case any work that is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees.

Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance: The contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, such public liability and property damages insurance as shall protect him and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages or personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage which may arise from operation under this contract, whether such operation be by himself or by one directly or indirectly employed by either of them; and the amounts of such insurance shall be as follows:

Public Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000.00/\$300,000.00 Dollars.

Homeowner Insurance: The Owner is encouraged but not required to maintain in force during the same period the property and or builders risk insurance policy homeowners insurance policy adequate to cover the existing property and Rehabilitation Work against damage or loss for which the contractor is not responsible. Coverage shall provide for perils for fire and extended coverage of other forms of damage and/or loss, to the full insurance value of the property.

10.

It is agreed that the County is hereby obligated to issue a written proceed order to the Contractor within thirty (30) days from the date of execution of this contract. It is further agreed that the Contractor will, after the receipt of such order, begin the work to be performed under this contract within ten (10) calendar days of the date of such order. Upon commencement of work, the Contractor hereby agrees to complete the same within forty-five (45) days, time being of the essence. Failure to satisfactory complete the Rehabilitation Work within allowed Time of Performance shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damage Fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day. The Fee amount shall be dedicate for the (final) Payment to the Contractor. The fee amount is mutually agreed to, due to the difficulty in deterring the exact damage to the Owner. This fee is not to be constituted as penalty.

11.

Contractor hereby guarantees the improvements herein provided for, for a period of one year from the date of final acceptance of all work required by this contract. Contractor shall remedy any defect due to faulty material or workmanship and pay for all damage to other work resulting therefrom, which appear within one year from final payment. It is further agreed that the Contractor will furnish the County, c/o the Office of Community Development, with all manufacturers' and suppliers' written guarantee and warranties covering materials and equipment furnished under this contract prior to release of the final payment.

12.

The Contractor shall at all times keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials or rubbish caused by his employees at work; and at the completion of the work he shall remove all his rubbish from and about the building and all his tools, scaffolding and surplus materials and shall leave his work "broom clean" or its equivalent. It is further agreed that all materials, and equipment that have been removed and replaced as a part of the work hereunder shall belong to the Contractor.

13.

The Contractor shall, upon completion of the work, and upon final payment by the County, furnish the County with an affidavit certifying that all charges for materials and any other expenses incurred by the Contractor pertaining to the execution of this contract, have been paid in full, to the end that no liens of any kind or character (save and except those between the parties hereto) may be affixed against the above described property. Final payment of the contract amount will be made only after final inspection and acceptance of all work to be performed by the Contractor, and the Contractor satisfactorily releases liens or claims for liens by the contractor, subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers.

14.

The Contractor shall remove any and all cracking, scaling, peeling, chipping and loose paint and repaint all surfaces using two coats of a non-lead based paint. Where the paint film integrity of the applicable surface cannot be maintained, the paint shall be completely removed or the surface covered with a suitable material such as gypsum, wallboard, plywood, or plaster before any repainting is undertaken.

15.

This instrument constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no written or oral agreement of any kind exists to change the provisions hereof. No other work shall be done, nor additional monies paid, unless provided for in a previously written contract, signed by the parties hereto, and approved in writing by Bradford County Office of Community Development.

16.

In the event there is any conflict between the provisions of this contract and the provisions of Exhibit "A", the provision of this contract shall in all cases prevail.

EXECUTED AT Starke, Florida, this 1st day of October 2024.

Owner: Ronald Brown

Witness

Witness

Contractor

Witness

Witness

Chairman

Witness

Witness

Certifications

I, Mark Williams, certify that I am the President of the Corporation named as Contractor herein; that Mark Williams, who signed this Agreement on behalf of the contractor, was then President of said corporation; that said agreement was and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Corporate Seal

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1 , 2024

AGENDA ITEM: SHIP-Deviate from LHAP on SHIP Rehab file 2020-1-S

DEPARTMENT: Community Development/SHIP

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: At this time because of the recent increase in materials and supplies the contractor was not able to deduct any costs from this bid. Please consider the approval of exceeding the maximum allowed per Rehab project of \$35,000 on File # 2020-1-S. Therefore, I am asking the Board to please consider approving a deviation from the SHIP LHAP on SHIP Rehab File # 2020-1-S in the amount of \$46,170.00

ASSOCIATED COST(S): \$46,170.00

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): 102-52-554-65980-00

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: SHIP Rehabilitation Change order No. 1 on File 2019-6-S

DEPARTMENT: Community Development/SHIP

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: Per the contract work-write-up it states to pump out and inspect existing septic tank and drain filed system. Once inspected by the Health Department it was determined that the existing system failed. Therefore, it needs a new septic system and drain filed. And also, this co is to include the electrical connection to the alarm post, and engineering. Per the Health department. Please consider approval of 17,620.00.

ASSOCIATED COST(S): \$17,620.00

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): 102-52-554-65965-00

M & R CONSTRUCTION, INC.

LIC. # CBC 1257701

PO Box 146

Starke, Fl. 32091

Phone (352) 219-0339

CHANGE ORDER

CHANGE ORDER 1

DATE: 9-13-24

**TO: BRADFORD COUNTY SHIP
945 N. TEMPLE AVE.
STARKE, FL. 32091**

SHIP TO:

COMMENTS OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: KAREN STUBBS

ORDER DATE	P.O. NUMBER	REQUISITIONER	SHIPPED VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	New septic tank and drain field		\$13,272.00
	Electrical connection to alarm post		\$1,150.00
	Septic tank engineering and permit fees		\$900.00
		Total	\$15,322.00
		15% OH & P	\$2,298.00
		TOTAL CO 1	\$17,620.00

Chairman

Director

Homeowner

Contractor

Date _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Approval of Amendment 4 to FWC Agreement No. 19022

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PURPOSE: Amendment of the grant agreement that will allow the County to seek reimbursement for the costs of the project without the finalization of the permitting.

ASSOCIATED COST(S): Grant Amount \$59,000 with \$1,000 County Match

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): 001-01-572-63710-00

AMENDMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FWC Agreement No. 19022, Amendment 4

This Amendment to Agreement No. 19022, referred to as the Amended Agreement, is entered into by and between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, whose address is 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, hereafter “Commission” or “FWC,” and Bradford County Board of County Commissioners, 59-6000519, whose address is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091, hereinafter “Recipient,” collectively, “Parties”.

CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT

In consideration of the mutual benefits set forth herein and, in the Amended Agreement, the parties agree to amend the Amended Agreement as follows, which amendments shall govern to the exclusion of any provision of the Amended Agreement to the contrary:

Section 2, Project Deliverables of Attachment A1 – Revised Scope of Work of the Amended Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

Total payments for all deliverables will not exceed the maximum grant award amount of \$58,000.

A. Deliverable 1: The Grantee will prepare engineering and design plan specifications for documents which may be used in a competitive solicitation in anticipation of eventual construction of the project.

Deliverable 1 Tasks:

- Develop preliminary design plans;
- Submit design plans for review and approval by FWC grant manager;
- Upon approval of preliminary design plans, provide final signed and sealed plans to FWC grant manager.

Compensation: Total payment for this deliverable will not exceed \$42,000, a maximum of \$4,000 of which may be reimbursed for administration costs associated with the Deliverable.

Minimum Performance: Minimum performance will be the completion of all Tasks listed above and the completion of all requirements in Section 4 - Performance.

Documentation: Documentation includes an attestation of activities or services rendered, copies of draft and final design plans, and proof of payment. See FWC Cost Reimbursement Contract Payment Requirements, Section 4(G) of the Agreement, for additional details on supporting documentation.

B. Deliverable 2: The Grantee will prepare and submit applications for construction permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and any local agencies if needed.

Deliverable 2 Tasks:

- Prepare and submit permit applications;
- Submit copies of all permit applications to FWC grant manager;

Compensation: Total payment for this deliverable will not exceed \$16,000.

Minimum Performance: Minimum performance will be the completion of all Tasks listed above and the completion of all requirements in Section 4 - Performance.

Documentation: Documentation includes an attestation of activities or services rendered, copies of permit applications, permits or final decision by permitting agencies, and proof of payment. See FWC Cost Reimbursement Contract Payment Requirements, Section 4(G) of the Agreement, for additional details on supporting documentation.

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SIGNATURES

All provisions of the Amended Agreement not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to Agreement No. 19022 to be executed through their duly authorized signatories on the day and year last written below.

RECIPIENT EXECUTION SIGNATURE	COMMISSION EXECUTION SIGNATURE
Bradford County Board of County Commissioners	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Recipient Signature	Executive Director (or Designee) Signature
Print Name	Print Name
Title	Title
Date	Date

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: September 23, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 4-H Proclamation

DEPARTMENT: Ag Extension

PURPOSE: National 4-H Week

ASSOCIATED COST(S): N/A

BUDGET LINE (G/L #): N/A

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

A PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING OCTOBER 6TH THROUGH OCTOBER 12TH, 2024, AS “NATIONAL 4-H WEEK” IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization, having supported nearly six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H Program, as a part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, has been positively impacting children’s lives since 1909, annually reaching over 200,000 youth statewide, helping them become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Bradford County 4-H Program engages over 200 youth and volunteers annually, providing hands-on learning opportunities in areas of health, science, agriculture, and citizenship through community clubs, school programs, and other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Bradford County who work each day to make a positive impact on their club, community, country, and world; and

WHEREAS, Bradford County encourages residents to take the opportunity to become more aware of this special youth program and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and UF IFAS Extension.

NOW THEREFORE, through the authority vested in by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 6th through October 12th, 2024, as “National 4-H Week” in Bradford County, Florida.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 1st day of October, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: CAROLYN SPOONER, Chairwoman

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Acceptance of Bid for Sale of Brooker Property

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PURPOSE: High bid for Commercial Shop at 18853 Charlotte Ave, Brooker, FL 32622 by Hamilton Custom Services LLC – Thomas Hamilton for \$58,000. Gov Deals charged a 12% fee of \$7,250. Total Sale: \$65,250.

Amanda Brown

From: Cody Johnson
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 8:50 AM
To: Amanda Brown
Subject: Fw: GovDeals Seller's Certificate: 56-0923241837-20494


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From: ClientServices@GovDeals.com <ClientServices@GovDeals.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 6:38:15 PM
To: Cody Johnson <cody_johnson@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Cc: Cody Johnson <cody_johnson@bradfordcountyfl.gov>
Subject: GovDeals Seller's Certificate: 56-0923241837-20494

Congratulations, Bradford County Board of County Commissioners, FL has sold another item on the GovDeals Auction Server.

BUYER (#2847554)		SELLER (#20494)	
Name:	Thomas Hamilton	Agency:	Bradford County Board of County Commissioners, FL
Company:	Hamilton Custom Services LLC	Contact:	Cody Johnson
Title To:	Thomas Hamilton	Phone:	904-610-6117
Phone:	352-226-1351	Email:	Cody_johnson@bradfordcountyfl.gov
Email:	tbhamilton3@gmail.com	Address:	812 B North Grand Street Starke, FL 32091-2110
Address:	17425 NW County Road 231 Gainesville, FL 32609-4249		

ITEM INFORMATION FOR ASSET ID: 56

Item:	Commercial Shop Building 18853 Charlotte Avenue Brooker, FL 32622	
Pick Up Location:	945 N Temple Ave, PO Box B, Starke, FL 32091-2110	
Inventory ID:	56	Account ID: 20494

Condition:	Used/See Description	Quantity:	1 each
Make/Brand:	Not Provided	Model:	Not Provided
VIN/Serial:	Not Provided	Model Year:	Not Provided
Meter:	Not Provided	Title Restrictions:	Not Applicable

Date	Item		Amount
23 Sep 2024 06:37 PM ET	Commercial Shop Building 18853 Charlotte Avenue Brooker, FL 32622		USD \$58,000.00
	Buyer's Premium	12.5000000000%	USD \$7,250.00
		Total	USD \$65,250.00

Payment Instructions:

Wire Transfer is the only payment option for this item. The Wire Transfer Transaction Summary page will provide payment and account information. The Wire Transfer must be completed within 5 days unless otherwise specified below.

PAYMENT

If you are the winning bidder, you will facilitate payment by referring to the [My Bids](#) section of your account.

Note:

1. Payment is due within 5 (five) business days of auction closure.
2. Any invoice \$5,000 or above requires payment via wire transfer.
3. Depending on your history with GovDeals, you may be limited to the number of auctions/transactions that you can participate in simultaneously AND/OR the dollar amount that you can pay via credit card, debit card or PayPal. For additional insight, please visit the [Probation FAQ](#).

SALES TAX

When applicable, sales tax is calculated based upon the auction's advertised location.

If you are seeking sales tax exemption, you must complete Liquidity Services' tax exemption form(s). We recommend doing this prior to the auction's closure or before making payment. To do so, please visit [Liquidity Services' Tax Exemption Submission Tool](#).

Removal Instructions:

Property may be removed by appointment only and appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. All items must be removed within ten (10) business days from the time and date of the close of the auction.

The Buyer will make all arrangements and perform all work necessary, including packing, loading and transportation of the property. No Assistance will be provided. Bidders will be locked unless a prior arrangement has been made for any item not removed within the ten (10) business days allowed and stated on the Buyer's Certificate.

Special Instructions:

NOTICE: If you are the winning bidder and default by failing to adhere to this sellers terms and conditions your account with Liquidity Services WILL BE LOCKED.

Guaranty Waiver. All property is offered for sale 'AS IS, WHERE IS.' Bradford County Board of County Commissioners, FL makes no warranty, guaranty or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. Please note that upon removal of the property, all sales are final.

Description Warranty. Seller warrants to the Buyer that the property offered for sale will conform to its description. Any claim for misdescription must be made prior to removal of the property. If Seller confirms that the property does not conform to the description, Seller will keep the property and refund any money paid. The liability of the seller shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the property.

Description:

The Bradford County Florida Board of County Commissioners offers the following property for auction:

ADDRESS: 18853 Charlotte Avenue Brooker, FL 32622; **TAX PARCEL NUMBER:** 00275-0-00103 **ACREAGE:** .0.410/17,700 SQ FT

This property is owned by Bradford County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, acquired by Deed, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. This Property is offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS." Bradford County, Florida makes no warranty, guarantee or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the marketability or chain of title to the property, legal access to the property, zoning, road frontage, water/sewer/electric availability, environmental conditions, or physical attributes of the property. The buyer is not entitled to any payment for loss of profit or any other money damages – special, direct, indirect, or consequential.

Auctions are for county deed sales on properties obtained through escheatment or those determined no longer needed for public purpose and having been declared as surplus. It is strongly recommended that you inspect the property and complete a title search before bidding. Additionally, any or all photographs or other representations are for informational purposes only and may not or do not factually represent the current day; due to date differences, vegetation growth and so forth. All dimensions are approximate.

Bradford County, Florida reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to remove parcels from the sale and to reject any or all bids submitted. The winning bidder is responsible for: Documentary tax on the Deed (.70 per \$100), recording fees (approximately \$18.50), and auction fee (7% of sales price). The auction company (GovDeals.com) will contact the winning bidder with the recording cost, and auction fee amounts and other Deed transfer information.

Any other costs or fees desired or incurred by the winning bidder, for example: private attorney, title insurance, closings, survey, tests or examinations and the like, are the responsibility of the winning bidder.

THE DEED WILL BE PLACED IN THE NAME AND ADDRESS AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR BIDDER CARD. DEEDS WILL BE PROCESSED APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS AFTER THE WINNER IS NOTIFIED.

Sold as is

See attached Appraisal

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: October 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM Community Paramedicine Program Update

DEPARTMENT: County Manager

PURPOSE: Update by Lt. David Weeks regarding the expenditures and progress of the Community Paramedicine Program.