

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

October 17, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center

1610 North Temple Avenue

Starke, Florida 32091

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESS PRESENT – Bradford County Telegraph

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; County Attorney Richard Komando; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Sheriff Gordan Smith; EM Director, Captain Brad Witt; Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter; and Zoning Director Randy Andrews.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
- 2. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK BRANNAN OF A STATE APPROPRIATION FUNDING FOR A NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR BRADFORD COUNTY.**

Chair Spooner recognized Representative Robert “Chuck” Brannan III, who reported that Bradford County received \$4,043,846 in state appropriation funding for the following projects in FY 2024-2025.

Project	Amount
Brooker, New Fire Station	\$506,096
Brooker, New Fire Apparatus	\$662,500
Bradford County Fire Rescue, New Fire Apparatus	\$475,000
Bradford County Sheriff, SLERS Radio Equipment Replacement and Upgrade	\$1,250,000
Hampton, Potable Water Well and Equipment Replacement and Rehabilitation	\$550,000
Hampton, Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park Project	\$50,000
Hampton City Park	\$50,250
City of Starke, By-Pass Economic Development Corridor Water Project	\$500,000

Discussion – none

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING DIRECTOR RANDY ANDREWS

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION Z 24-07; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME-PARK (RMH-P).**

Item pulled from the agenda.

B. AN ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2024-14) AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION Z 24-08; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI).

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 Thompson to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion Carries 5-0

C. AN ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2024-16) AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION Z 24-09; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI).

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.

Discussion: none

Chair Spooner called for a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. **It was MOVED by Chair Riddick and SECONDED by Commissioner Thompson to make a motion.**

Motion Carries 5-0

D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION S240820A; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (UP TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY I.2.2) TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (UP TO 8 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE).

Item pulled from the agenda.

E. AN ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2024-15) AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION S240828A; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (UP TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL.

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.

Discussion: none

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Thompson and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the ordinance as presented.

Motion Carries 5-0

- F. AN ORDINANCE (Ordinance No. 2024-17) AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION S240913A; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (UP TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL.**

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.

Discussion: none

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

Motion Carries 5-0

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ken Cornell
- Vyunda Strong

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. 09-03-24 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES – ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET.**
- B. 09-03-24 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**
- C. 09-10-24 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES.**
- D. 09-17-24 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES – ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET.**
- E. 09-17-24 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**
- F. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH HCA FOR INTERFACILITY TRANSFERS (90 DAY NOTICE).**
- G. APPROVAL OF BRADFORD COUNTY FIRE RESCUE (BCFR) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.**
- H. STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT APPLICATION.**
- I. CERTIFICATION OF HOURS FOR STATE AID GRANT APPLICATION.**
- J. A RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 2024-22) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION (FOR HURRICANE HELENE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 – OCTOBER 1, 2024) OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- K. A RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 2024-23) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION (FOR HURRICANE HELENE – OCTOBER 1, 2024 – OCTOBER 7, 2024) EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- L. A RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 2024-24) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION (FOR HURRICANE HELENE – OCTOBER 7, 2024 – OCTOBER 14, 2024) EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- M. A RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 2024-25) OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION (FOR HURRICANE MILTON – OCTOBER 7, 2024 – OCTOBER 14, 2024) OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- N. MEDICARE GROUND AMBULANCE DATA COLLECTION SURVEY AGREEMENT WITH PCG - \$20,000.**
- O. RETROACTIVE AMENDMENT TO RFQ 2024-001 EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FROM OCTOBER 10, 2024, TO OCTOBER 17, 2024, DUE TO BOCC OFFICE CLOSURE ON OCTOBER 10TH DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON.**
- P. INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INVOICE FOR 100 LICENSES FOR SMARTCOP - \$11,574 (IGCF APPROVED 9-18-24).**

Discussion: none

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

Motion Carries 5-0

6. BRADFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BSWCD) PRESENTATION – REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING.

Chair Spooner recognized Amy Morie, BSWCD Chair, who shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- BSWCD supervisors
- District requirements
- Flooding and stormwater activities
- Iron and tributary testing activities
- Best management practices
- Hear citizen concerns
- Community outreach
- Youth Education and Support
- Volunteerism
- Use of county funding donation of \$5,000
- Future plans: develop opportunities matrix; explore support mechanisms; board member training opportunities
- FY 24-25 budget proposal

Discussion:

- Potential recreation opportunities through water reclamation projects.

7. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON – none

8. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH

Sheriff Smith shared the following reports:

- Highlights from the Senior Exposition event held on 10/17/24 at the Bradford County Senior Center.
- Passed an unscheduled jail inspection that was conducted on 10/17/24.
- Various programs, support, and services offered to inmates at the jail.

Sheriff Smith recognized Emergency Management Director, Captain Brad Witt who provided the following reports:

- Eligible FEMA assistance from the following storms. Emergency management will work closely with the public works department and local utility companies to submit storm related reimbursement requests through FEMA.
 - Hurricane Debby - eligible for categories A through G, which include debris removal; emergency protective measure; road and bridges; water control facilities; public buildings; public utilities; and park recreation and other facilities.
 - Hurricane Helene – eligible for all categories of assistance and individual assistance. Individuals can apply for individual assistance through November 27, 2024 by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov, downloading the FEMA app, or calling the FEMA 1-800 number.
 - Hurricane Milton - eligible for category B assistance. The county will receive debris pick service funded by the state and performed by FDOT in the coming days/weeks.
- Cautioned everyone to remain prepared during the active hurricane season.
- Expressed gratitude to all partners involved during the recent storm events.

Discussion:

- Comments expressing appreciation to the emergency management team and partners during the storm.
- Sheriff phone app for emergency notifications.

9. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

A. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Mr. Kornegay presented a draft holiday schedule for the calendar year 2025 for discussion.

Discussion:

- Comments in support of Juneteenth and the day after Christmas as additional holidays.

Consensus to accept the proposed holiday schedule and to declare Juneteenth (June 19, 2025) and the day after Christmas (December 26, 2025) as holidays in the calendar year 2025.

B. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

Mr. Kornegay presented a draft schedule of board meeting dates for the calendar year 2025 for discussion.

Discussion:

- Rural County Days, March 19-20, 2025.
- Innovation and Policy Conference, September 17-18, 2025.
- Legislative Conference, November 19-25, 2025.
- Move the June 19th meeting date to June 17th due to the Juneteenth holiday.

Consensus to accept the proposed board meeting schedule, including changes discussed, for the calendar year 2025.

10. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – RICHARD KOMANDO -none

11. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

General comments from the board expressing gratitude to the linemen and first responders for their efforts during recent storm events.

Commissioner Dougherty:

- Acknowledgement of the illness and recovery of Scott Kornegay’s mother.


Vice Chair Riddick:

- Remarks thanking fire rescue and the sheriff’s office for their responsiveness to a recent house fire.

12. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**



DANNY RIDDICK
CHAIR

ATTEST:



DENNY THOMPSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

October 17, 2024
BoCC Meeting Minutes

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


RACHEL RHODEN, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Minutes approved by the BOCC during a scheduled meeting on: 11-21-24