

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

November 5, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Bradford County Courthouse

945 North Temple Avenue

Starke, Florida 32091

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PRESS PRESENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; County Attorney Rob Bradley; Clerk Denny Thompson; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; Public Works Director Jason Dodds; and Fire Chief Ben Carter.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Johnny Williams with the ARC of Bradford County
- Bill Strassberger
- Vyunda Strong

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

- A. MEETING MINUTES FROM 10-1-2024.**
- B. 2025 COMMISSION MEETING DATES.**
- C. 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**
- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (THIRD EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR HURRICANE HELENE – OCTOBER 15, 2024 – OCTOBER 22, 2024).**
- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING A PROCLAMATION OF THE EXTENTION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR HURRICANE MILTON – OCTOBER 15, 2024 – OCTOBER 22, 2024).**
- F. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR ANNUAL MONITORING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATORS (\$7,882).**
- G. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES (\$13,000).**
- H. APPROVAL OF INVENTORY SURPLUS/DELETE LIST.**
- I. APPROVAL OF TDC INVOICES: CHRISTMAS ON CALL STREET, WINTERFEST, BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (\$4,500).**

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Commissioner Thompson to approve the consent agenda minus items F and G. Said motion was amended by Commissioner Dougherty, with no objection from the board, and restated as follows:

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Commissioner Thompson to approve the consent agenda minus item G

Discussion:

- Approval of Item F would have no bearing on Item G.
- Several respondents to the RFQ (Requests for Qualifications) for continued professional services (engineering and/or surveying and mapping services) offer planning services.
- Reported issues of North Florida Regional Planning Council.
- Request that Item G be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Motion Carries 5-0

4. CLERK REPORTS – DENNY THOMPSON – no reports

In response to public comments made by Vyunda Strong, Clerk Thompson advised that the surplus list on the consent agenda (item 3-H) includes vehicles that are nearly 20 years old with high mileage.

5. SHERIFF REPORTS – GORDON SMITH – no reports

6. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

A. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RESPONSES AND APPROVAL TO ENTER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED FIRMS.

Mr. Kornegay supplied a scoring sheet on the firms that responded to the RFQ for professional services (engineering and/or surveying and mapping) for the board's assessment and consideration when deciding which firms to negotiate contracts with.

It was MOVED by Commissioner Dougherty and SECONDED by Commissioner Riddick to go forward with all nine consultants.

Discussion:

- Interest in reviewing the top 4 firms for further engagement.
- Interest to work with all firms who responded to the RFQ.
- There is no fee to have each company under contract; fees are assessed at the time services are provided.
- At the board's subsequent meeting, staff will introduce the companies that provide planning services for more discussion.

Motion Carries 5-0

❖ **COMMUNITY PARAMEDINE PROGRAM**

Mr. Kornegay shared a video from the Florida Department of Health that featured Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter and other agencies highlighting the benefits of the community paramedic program.

❖ **EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Mr. Kornegay shared a video from the Florida Department of Health where Bradford County Fire Rescue received an EMS Provider of The Year Award during an EMS Advisory Committee meeting in Naples, Florida.

Chief Carter recognized the following staff members from his grant writing team for all their hard work in securing grant funds for advanced medical technology and presented them with a letter of accommodation.

- Amanda Reeder, Paramedic
- Brian Dean, Paramedic
- Breanna Yost, EMT

Chief Carter recognized Captain Loomis who shared a demonstration on the use of a Hamilton T-1 ventilator.

Discussion:

- Comments expressing appreciation to Chief Carter and his team.
- Ventilator devices are on all frontline ambulances.
- Both Alachua and Bradford were nominated for the EMS Provider of the Year Award.
- The cost of one Hamilton T-1 ventilator is \$21,000.
- Legislators are working to allow insurance companies to bill for services provided by the community paramedicine program.

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – ROB BRADLEY

- Comments that Bradford County is fortunate to have a high standard of medical care.

8. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Dougherty


- Recognized Rob Bradley, Representative Bobby Payne, and Senator Jennifer Bradley for their efforts and support of the Black Creek Restoration Project that will help replenish lakes in Keystone Heights.

9. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- As she runs for reelection, she expressed gratitude for her time as a county commissioner and expressed excitement about the chance to serve once more.

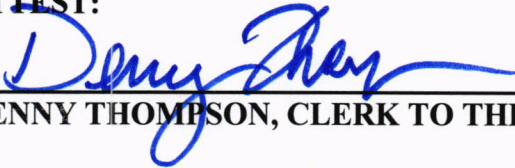
ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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



**DANNY RIDDICK
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: 11-21-24