

- He has visited ICE facilities with favorable conditions.
- The proposed ICE facility was introduced to the board as a proposal for discussion and evaluation; no commitment or agreement has been made.
- Shared that studies of similar rural detention facilities in other counties have shown a neutral or positive economic impact.
- No person would ever be housed on land without proper environmental studies performed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- He is responsible for evaluating opportunities to strengthen public safety in the community.
- The ICE facility proposal has the potential to create jobs, generate revenue, and improve existing infrastructure.
- Florida was not reimbursed by the federal government (for construction of “Alligator Alcatraz”) because it did not follow the proper procedures.
- The GEO Group runs the ICE detention facility in Baker County.
- Addressed public comments from prior board meeting made by Paul Still regarding the ICE facility proposal.

7. COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – SCOTT KORNEGAY

- Reported on the success of the Bradford County Fair.
- During the April 16, 2026 commission meeting, the county manager progress report will be given.
- The budget workshop that was scheduled after this meeting is canceled because two county commissioners are not available to participate.
- The next budget workshop is April 7, 2026.

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – RICHARD KOMANDO – none

9. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson

- Thanked the public for their participation in the meeting.
- Shared positive comments about the Bradford County Fair.
- Asked everyone to pray for Chair Spooner’s family.

Commissioner Dougherty

- Asked everyone to pray for Chair Spooner’s family.

Commissioner Riddick

- Shared positive comments about the Bradford County Fair.
- Commended Bradford County Fire Rescue for their response to brush fires during the burn ban.
- Announced upcoming meeting as follows:
 - Commission Meeting: March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Commission Meeting: April 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
 - Budget Workshop: April 7, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Commission Meeting: April 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.