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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2003 4:00 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met October 9, 2003, to conduct a special meeting. Attending the meeting were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Cooper, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Sheriff Milner, Herschel Waldron, Donald Frees, Pat Welch and Mark Crawford.

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Chairman Cooper allowed Mr. Vaughan to briefly address the Board.

Mr. Vaughan said that he did not realize that the mid-month meeting had been cancelled and the Bradford County High School Alumni Association is requesting that the Commission consider proclaiming October 20 through October 24 as Class of '37 Appreciation Week.

Comm. Johnson MOVED to proclaim October 20 through October 24 as "Class of '37 Appreciation Week." **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

A. RATIFICATION OF TWO FULL-TIME AND THREE OPS POSITIONS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT—COMM. MANN/HERSCHEL WALDRON:

Mr. Waldron said that Mr. David Freezell, one of the OPS applicants being considered, declined the position. There are still some questions regarding driving records and physicals have not been conducted.

Commissioner Mann said that he would like the Board to consider ratifying the employees, contingent upon clean driving records, physicals and drug testing.

There was some discussion regarding criminal record checks. Sheriff Milner said that his office could conduct the FDLE background checks.

Commissioner Mann said that one of the current OPS employees is leaving next week and one of the new applicants declined. They will need to re-advertise to fill the needed positions.

Comm. Johnson MOVED to approve the hire of Ronald Harper and Donnie Nettles as full-time employees, starting at \$9.00 per hour; and Troy Fornshell and Ronald Johns as OPS employees, starting at \$8.00 per hour. Hires conditioned upon a clean drivers' license record and FDLE background check,

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pre-employment physical, to include a drug screen. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

Mr. Waldron said that some of the new hires would begin employment October 15 and some on October 29.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROPERTY ON FORSYTH ROAD—COMM. MANN/PAT WELCH: Mr. Welch said that the transaction being considered involves the old portion of Forsyth Road as it relates to the land boundaries of Miriam and Ronald Birt. Mr. Welch displayed a map of the area to assist in his explanation. The parcel in question is a little less than one-fourth of an acre, and Mr. Birt would like to acquire it. He is not sure the County has any use for the property.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mann said that Mr. Brit has expressed an interest in placing a mobile home on the property the first of November.

Chairman Cooper referred to F.S. 125.35(2), which addresses the sale of real property by a county. According to the statute, the first step is to determine the value of the property. Should the Board elect to undertake a private sale, than any adjacent property owners should be notified.

Comm. Johnson MOVED to request a determination of value from the Property Appraiser. If the value is less than \$15,000.00, receive a proposal for purchase from Mr. Birt, and send notice to any adjacent property owners. If there is no opposition, approve the sale of the property. **Comm. Thomas SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes prepared by:

Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk