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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2003 3:00 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met October 24, 2003, for an Emergency Meeting. Attending the meeting were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Cooper, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Brandon Wilkes and Mark Crawford.

Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chairman Cooper said that there is an issue wherein a Road Department employee, John B. Wilkes, who was initially hired by the Board as a temporary employee for a period not to exceed six months, and the six months has now expired. According to Mr. Waldron, Mr. Wilkes has been an excellent employee and he would like to retain him for employment.

In reviewing the minutes, it is very clear that Mr. Wilkes was hired for a specific time, not to exceed six months. He did not feel he had the authority to extend that time without Board consideration, which incited the emergency meeting. The emergency is constituted by the fact that the Road Department is short employees and in consideration that this is employment Mr. Wilkes is dependent upon.

Comm. Thomas MOVED to declare an emergency. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Commissioner Mann said that Mr. Wilkes has been a good employee for the Road Department.

Comm. Mann MOVED to put Mr. Wilkes back to work on Monday, October 27, at \$9.00 per hour.

Commissioner Mann said that the only thing he is not sure of is whether to hire Mr. Wilkes full-time or as OPS.

This spurred discussion regarding the number of employees at the Road Department.

There was brief discussion concerning the Workers' Compensation issue.

Commissioner Johnson said that if Mr. Wilkes is doing a good job, he does not feel the Board should put in limbo by giving him a position without benefits.

After brief discussion, **Comm. Mann WITHDREW his MOTION.**

Comm. Johnson MOVED to hire Brandon Wilkes as a full-time employee at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, with benefits, to begin Monday, October 27, 2003, with a six-month probationary period.

Comm. Mann SECONDED and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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Commissioner Mann reported that he spoke with Pat Welch concerning Meng Dairy Road. He indicated that he would have everything to Mr. Kelley this week. Mr. Kelley said that as soon as he receives it, he would get right to work. Mr. Welch is going to start work on some of the other roads as well.

Commissioner Thomas reported that he attended the D.O.T. pre-construction meeting on the 22nd regarding SR100 being milled and resurfaced from the Union County line to Bay Street. He requested that a caution/stop light be installed at CR225 and SR100, due to the number of accidents. They asked for the request in writing, therefore, he asked Ms. Hall to submit an e-mail, which she has done. The contract will not be let until July 2004

There was additional discussion regarding the SR100 project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

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