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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 11:00 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met September 16, 2004 to conduct an emergency meeting to discuss the lease of a bulldozer, which is needed for hurricane recovery efforts. Attending were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Cooper, Chairman Johnson, Clerk Norman, Marlene Stafford, Terry Brown, Pete Eberlin, Nelson Green, Mark Crawford and Mike Dougherty with Ring Power.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Mr. Eberlin reported that he has received three (3) quotes for the lease of a bulldozer, with and without a closed-in cab. Financing information was included in the quotes. Quotes were received from the following companies:

Industrial Tractor
Ring Power Corporation
Linder Industrial Machinery

The Board reviewed and discussed the various aspects of each quote.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to declare an emergency for the purposes of discussing and purchasing a bulldozer and to waive the typical bid requirements. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Discussion continued which was not limited to but included warranty information, buy-back amounts, lease payments, budgeted funds, and equipment features.

Clerk Norman said that due to the disparities in the three quotes; the Board may wish to consider renting a bulldozer on a month-by-month basis. This will allow time to prepare specs for a request for proposals for comparable equipment. There is a possibility that FEMA will reimburse the County for hurricane related costs for renting the equipment and the manpower to run it.

Mr. Dougherty with Ring Power said that by renting the machine, the County would build equity, which could be applied to a lease/purchase.

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Johnson recessed the meeting to allot Mr. Dougherty time to confirm a rental price.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting back to order at 11:49 a.m.

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Mr. Daugherty said that the rental rate for the D5N LGP is \$6,900.00 per month, plus transport costs. 100% of the monthly rental is applicable to the purchase price, less the interest at the end of the rental period. Should the County turn the machine back in, the equity is lost and after the first 250 hours, all repairs and maintenance would be the County's responsibility.

There was discussion concerning FEMA reimbursement for hurricane recovery related costs.

Commissioner Cooper said that he would agree to the rental as long as it is just through the time it takes to get through the bid process. He does not want to spend \$7,000.00 a month for a piece of equipment that you could get for \$21,000.00 a year.

Comm. Cooper MOVED that the County enter into a R.P.O (rent with purchase option) contract with Ring Power Corporation for a D5N LGP Caterpillar Tractor at the rate of \$6,900.00 per month, and to continue using the tractor until such time as the County goes through the bid process to acquire the needed equipment. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**.

Commissioner Cooper asked that specs be drafted for the RFP and the advertisement completed as soon as possible. He would like the proposals handled as two separate issues: 1) a price for the bulldozer 2) A finance option.

Ms. Stafford said the RFP could be advertised the 23rd and the 30th with a proposal due date of October 15. A recommendation can be given to the Commission at the October 21 regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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