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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP—TONY ARRANT
COUNTY FORMS OF GOVERNMENT
OCTOBER 29, 2004 9:00 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met October 29, 2004 to conduct a workshop on County Forms of Government with guest speaker Tony Arrant. Attending the workshop were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Clerk Norman, Marlene Stafford, Tony Arrant, Eddie Lewis, Joe Kiser, Bruce Scott, Glenn Wynn, Mark Crawford, Sheriff Milner, Ross Chandler and Nelson Green.

Chairman Johnson called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Hersey gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony Arrant with the Florida Counties Foundation, Small County Technical Assistance Services addressed the Commission concerning the issues surrounding county forms of government that are available in the State of Florida under the Florida Constitution and Florida Legislation.

The workshop was open dialogue style. Discussion was not limited to but included liaison commissioners, the differences between a county administrator, county manager and county coordinator, the different forms of county government, the roles, responsibilities, functions, authority and priorities of county government as set forth in F.S. 125, how to establish a county administrator form of government, the various levels of authority established for County Administrators by County Commissions, forms of government the various counties have throughout the state and the pros and cons of a county administrator/manager form of government.

(At 10:25 a.m., there was a 5- minutes recess.)

Mr. Arrant said that once this Board, after deliberation, makes a decision, he would be glad to come back and conduct a workshop with the Commission, the department heads and the county attorney to help figure out how to make it work best for this County. He will review all the options, and provide examples of contracts, job descriptions and organizational charts. Bradford County can develop a process that will be unique to Bradford County.

Chairman Johnson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Arrant. At the request of Chairman Johnson, Mr. Arrant touched on the Florida Counties Foundation Education Training Certification Program for County Commissioners.

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Chairman Johnson said that the portion of this workshop to discuss the Emergency Management Department would be postponed until Commissioner Cooper is able to attend.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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