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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2004 9:30 A.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met December 6, 2004 to conduct their regular scheduled meeting. Attending were: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Hersey, Chairman Thomas, Commissioner Cooper, Commissioner Chandler, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Lisa Hall, Terry Brown, Capt. Burnette, Mark Crawford, Donny Wise, Phalbe Henriksen, Judy Butterfield, Terry Vaughan, Nelson Green, Nora Thompson.

(A copy of all documentation presented at this meeting is located in Supplement File No. 12-06-04.)

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Chandler gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—TERRY BROWN:

A. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 EAST JEFFERSON STREET TO THE CITY OF STARKE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 125 CENTER STREET FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS.

Mr. Brown read the resolution by title:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 EAST JACKSON STREET TO THE CITY OF STARKE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 125 CENTER STREET FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS.”

Comm. Cooper MOVED to adopt the resolution. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

At the request of Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Brown updated the Board on the events thus far concerning the construction of a new library, and Clerk Norman reported on the funding sources.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-49.)

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B. APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE WARRANTY DEED CONCERNING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 125 CENTER STREET FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS.

Mr. Brown requested a motion authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk to execute a deed for the library property to the City of Starke.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to authorize Chairman Thomas and Clerk Norman to execute a deed for the library property to the City of Starke. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Paul Still commented on the following:

--There is a problem with the lift gates at Three-Pipes. Debris is trapped under two of the gates making them unable to close and causing Sampson Lake to drop at the rate of ½ inch per day.

--Urged the Commission to conduct a workshop with FEMA and DEP to address the collapsed and collapsing pipes at the railroad structure at Three-Pipes, and to look into the possibility of reworking the lift gates so they can be lifted to their full extent to allow maximum flow of water during periods of flooding.

Chairman Thomas said that Mr. Waldron has contacted Suwannee River Water Management and they have agreed to look into these issues. The debris trapped at the bottom of the gates can be removed by County equipment, however, that equipment is currently in the shop for repairs. As soon as it is repaired, the debris will be removed. Also, they are looking into re-threading the bolts so the gates can be lifted more.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. APPROVE RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NCFRCC AND BCTDC**
- B. APPROVE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY'S 9-1-1 SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,899.88 FOR FY 04/05**
- C. APPROVE TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR MEDTRONIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,060.00 FOR FY 04/05**
- D. APPROVE MINUTES FROM EMERGENCY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

There being no items removed, **Comm. Lewis MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

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ORDINANCES—TERRY BROWN:

A. APPROVE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO DESIGNATE AN ANIMAL AS DANGEROUS:

Mr. Brown said that this ordinance would amend the County's Dangerous Dog ordinance to bring us into compliance with changes in state law. It also gives Animal Control more authority in terms of how to deal with problem animals.

Mr. Brown read the title as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO DESIGNATE AN ANIMAL AS DANGEROUS; REGULATING DANGEROUS AND RABID DOGS; AUTHORIZING EUTHANIZATION OF DANGEROUS DOGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Comm. Cooper MOVED to adopt the ordinance as read by title. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** the motion.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Brown how this ordinance interrelates with the City of Starke, who now handles Animal Control. Mr. Brown said that he would request a motion designating the Starke City Commission as the County's designee to handle the appeal process resulting from the designation of dangerous dogs as well as euthanization decisions.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Ordinance was assigned No. 04-39.)

Comm. Chandler MOVED to designate the Starke City Commission as the designee for the County Commission in handling the appeal procedures. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

RESOLUTIONS:

A. APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF A D5NLGP CATERPILLAR TRACK BULLDOZER—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown said that this resolution is being required by the finance company. He has reviewed the resolution as to form and recommends the adoption.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to adopt the resolution. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

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Commissioner Chandler requested clarification of the financing. Mr. Brown said that the resolution authorizes the County to enter into a financing agreement. It is a lease with option to buy with a guaranteed buy-back.

Commissioner Lewis asked when and why this was brought to the Board. Chairman Thomas said that during the hurricanes there was an emergency meeting to approve the rental of this equipment, with the understanding that all rental payments could be applied to the purchase price. The Board voted to rent the machine and later approved the purchase.

Commissioner Cooper said that the purchase went through the competitive bid process and this provider was the best and lowest bid when credit for the rental payments was taken into consideration.

Mr. Brown said that when the emergency arose, the Board attempted to purchase the equipment. However, there were some issues in terms of the bid process and whether the Board was comparing apples-to-apples. Therefore, rather than purchasing it at that time, the Board approved the rental, due to the emergent need. It was then advertised for bid and this machine best met the bid specs and also became the low bid once the credit was given for the rental payments.

After brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-47.)

B. APPROVE A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MONIES FROM THE EMS COUNTY GRANT WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING COUNTY EMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green presented the resolution for adoption. He read the title into the record as follows:

“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CERTIFY THAT THE MONIES FROM THE EMS COUNTY GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY’S PRE-HOSPITAL EMS SYSTEM AND THAT THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING COUNTY EMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.”

Comm. Lewis MOVED to adopt the resolution as presented. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**. (The Resolution was assigned No. 04-48.)

APPROVE NON-MATCHING COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,868.98—NELSON GREEN: Mr. Green presented the grant application for approval. This is the annual non-competitive grant application. This will be added to carry-forward funds from last year that were not spent due to the hurricanes.

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Comm. Lewis MOVED to approve the grant application as presented. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

APPROVE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TOP THREE CHOICES FOR THE LIBRARY RFP—TERRY VAUGHAN: Mr. Vaughan said that the Library Advisory Committee met on October 28 with a group of seven potential architects who responded to the County's RFP. The committee met again December 3 to discuss and rank the proposals. After the Commission has approved the rankings, Mr. Brown can begin negotiations with the #1 ranked applicant. They will then report back to the Board at the first meeting in January concerning how the negotiations are proceeding.

The top three ranked candidates are:

- #1 - Spyros D. Drivvas, Architect, Inc.
- #2 - Architecture Studios, Inc.
- #3 - Harvard Jolly Library Design Group

Comm. Cooper MOVED to accept the Library Advisory Committee ranking as presented by Mr. Vaughan. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

APPROVE IGCF EXPENDITURE REPORT AND APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN PEARSON TO SPEND UP TO \$6,000.00 ON EQUIPMENT FOR COMPUTER ROOM UPGRADE—CLERK NORMAN: Clerk Norman said that Major Pearson is the Chairman of the IGCF Committee. The Committee has authorized him to approve up to \$6,000.00 in expenditures for upgrades to communications services. The Commission needs to give final approval of the Committee's decision.

Comm. Chandler MOVED to approve the IGCF Committee's decision as presented. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

Commissioner Cooper said that he hopes that unification of the communications services is being considered with the upgrades. Mr. Green said that is what this actually does.

Clerk Norman said that the total IGCF expenditure request is \$72,650.48.

Commissioner Lewis inquired about the balance in the fund. Clerk Norman said that after this request is deducted, there should be approximately 115 to \$120,000.00 left.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to approve the total IGCF Expenditure Request of \$72,650.48. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

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DISCUSSION CONCERNING RETREAT WORKSHOP AT HAMPTON BED & BREAKFAST FOR DECEMBER 17 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.—

COMM. COOPER: Commissioner Cooper said that the Hampton Lake Bed & Breakfast is available for December 17 for the Board to conduct a retreat. He requested that each Commissioner bring their top two or three priority items for the upcoming year.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to set a Board workshop and retreat at the Hampton Lake Bed & Breakfast for December 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

DISCUSS AND APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES BETWEEN PAT WELCH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND BRADFORD COUNTY—TERRY BROWN:

Mr. Brown presented the agreement for approval. The agreement becomes effective February 1, 2005. He has reviewed the agreement and approves it as to form.

Comm. Lewis MOVED to approve the agreement as presented. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** the motion.

Commissioner Chandler said that normally every so many years the Board decides whether to let services out for bid or renew existing agreements/contracts. He asked if it is time to consider letting these services out to bid.

Commissioner Cooper said that he is not sure how long it has been since the Board has actually gone through the competitive bid process for these services. Mr. Welch has been the County's surveyor for a number of years. This agreement extends his current contract for an additional two years, with a 5% rate increase. If the Board wishes to let it out for bid, now would be the time, since the agreement begins in February.

Commissioner Chandler said that if the Board wishes to extend the contract, then that is fine. Mr. Welch does an excellent job for the County, however, in order to be fair with everyone, before it is extended again, it needs to go out for bid.

Mr. Brown said that this is a two-year contract. At the end of the two years, the Board has the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms, locking in the rates.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 4-1**, with Commissioner Chandler dissenting.

Commissioner Lewis requested that all contracts that have not been let for bid in the last four years be let for bid before they are brought to the Board for renewal.

This spurred discussion. Commissioner Chandler said that he would like a performance rating done for all outside contractors working for the County. This would help determine if a change is necessary.

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Clerk Norman said that in the future, any contract that is up for renewal, he would bring to the Board for determination of renewal or letting for bid.

Commissioner Cooper said caution should be exercised when dealing with professional services. When you find a good attorney, engineer, architect, etc., you may not want to automatically exclude them every couple of years. It needs to be balanced.

Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Brown for a legal opinion concerning the letting of bids for professional services. Mr. Brown said that when you are dealing with professional services, you are not going to get different quotes on prices in an attempt to get the “best bang for buck”; you are selecting whom you wish to use and then you negotiate a contract price. By state statute, you cannot request dollar amount proposals for professional services.

In this instance, there may be other surveyors, but when you solicit proposals from them you will not have dollar amounts to compare. You will be weighing whether it is worth the change in personnel or quality of services. There needs to be some type of evaluation in terms of whether everyone is meeting expectations.

CHANGE ORDER FOR CROSS DRAINS AND DITCH WORK FOR MENG DAIRY ROAD—CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Chairman Thomas said that he is waiting on information from the engineer and is not ready to present this item. The change order concerns additional concrete cross-drains that were not included in the original plan that the County does not have the equipment to do.

Commissioner Lewis asked if this would delay the project. Chairman Thomas indicated in the negative. Commissioner Lewis said that even if it takes an emergency meeting, he does not want the project delayed.

Clerk Norman said that Mr. Kelley has received the quotes, but felt that they were too high, so it is being revisited.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING RFP FOR LIMEROCK—CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Chairman Thomas said that County’s limerock supplier has advised that they will not be able to renew their contract. The County can purchase limerock direct and let the hauling out for bid; or let the purchase and the hauling as a package deal out for bid.

Through April 2005, the Bedrock mine in Citra offers limerock at \$4.25 per ton, not including hauling.

Clerk Norman said that the current contract has three (3) locations where limerock is delivered, with a price for each location: \$8.30, \$8.15 and \$8.90. These prices are for the rock and hauling.

Commissioner Cooper suggested that the RFP be done with alternates: 1) “rock only”; 2) “Transport”; and 3) “Rock and transport”.

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Chairman Thomas said that the existing contract with Pritchett expires December 31. The Road Department needs limerock, so the process needs to be handled speedily.

Mr. Brown said that there are a couple of options available for the purchase of limerock until the bidding process is complete. There are dollar amount thresholds in the bidding ordinance and small-scale purchases can be made that will not trigger the bidding process. Larger scale purchases, if needed, can be made by the declaration of an emergency.

Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Brown if the Board could authorize the Chairman to deal with Pritchett for a 30 to 60 day time frame during the bid process. Mr. Brown indicated in the positive. If the Board wishes to continue dealing with Pritchett without any limitation on the number of loads or the dollar amount, then an emergency declaration is needed and authorization given to the Chairman to extend the contract until the bidding process is complete.

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

Comm. Cooper MOVED to authorize the Chairman to negotiate a current price with Pritchett Trucking for the next 60 days, to meet the County's limerock needs during bidding process. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Thomas said that it is his intention to stockpile some rock through the end of this month in order to save some money.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Comm. Cooper MOVED to let for competitive bid for the County's limerock needs in a three-part process: Alternate A-Rock Only, Alternate B-Transport, Alternate C-Combination of both rock and transport. The bid is to include the three existing locations and shall have the same bidding platform as before, which included the ability to deliver in a timely manner. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Comm. Hersey MOVED** to approve payment of the bills as reviewed. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- A. APPROVE HIRING OF KIMBERLY PAUL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY AT THE RATE OF \$9.50 PER HOUR WITH A 3% RAISE UPON COMPLETION OF A SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD, WITH START DATE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2004—JUDY BUTTERFIELD:**

Ms. Butterfield requested permission to hire Kimberly Paul as set forth above. There were 13 applicants and seven were interviewed. **Comm. Lewis MOVED** to approve the hire of Kimberly Paul as requested. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** the motion.

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Clerk Norman asked if all the required paperwork has been submitted. Ms. Butterfield indicated in the positive.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

B. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR LIVESTOCK POSITION AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE—JUDY BUTTERFIELD:

Ms. Butterfield said that Livestock Agent Paulette Tomlinson's resignation was effective last Thursday. The University requires that a position be advertised by the 1st of the month and will be advertised nationally for an entire month. In consideration of the timeframe with Ms. Tomlinson leaving and her being the only viable extension agent currently in the office, they moved forward and the position was posted this morning. The position will close December 31. Interviews can begin in January and hopefully have an agent on board in February or March, prior to the 2005 fair.

Comm. Lewis MOVED to approve the advertisement for a Livestock Agent as presented by Ms. Butterfield. **Comm. Cooper SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Ms. Butterfield said that she would be providing a position announcement to the Commission and the Clerk.

C. APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CLERICAL POSITION IN EMS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR THIS POSITION WITH THE SALARY BETWEEN \$16,000.00 AND \$20,000.00 PER YEAR, CONTINGENT UPON CLERICAL AND MEDICAL BILLING EXPERIENCE—NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green said that this position was approved during the last budget session. He requested approval of the job description and permission to advertise.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to approve the job description and authorize the advertisement for a Clerical Assistant in the Emergency Services Department. **Comm. Chandler SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Mr. Green said that advertising should begin next week.

D. PERMISSION TO TERMINATE IN GOOD STANDING EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE NOT WORKED FOR EMS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS—NELSON GREEN:

Mr. Green said that this is an administrative clean up. These employees will be terminated in good standing due to inactivity. The employees are: Mike Reddig, Shawna Burkhalter, Andy Tison, Craig Thomas, Randall Jeter, Armelda Coe, Dianna Jackson and Matthew Patrick.

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Comm. Chandler MOVED to terminate in good standing the employees listed above.
Comm. Lewis SECONDED and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

At the request of Chairman Thomas, Mr. Green provided an update on the debris clean up. Mr. Green reported that the debris clean has gone much quicker than anticipated, and hopefully it is in the final phase. The contractor should be back in at the end of this week to pick up debris that has been piled up on the sides of the roads. Anyone who has storm related debris on the public right-of-way is encouraged to contact his office. It is anticipated that between 420 to \$450,000.00 will be spent in debris clean up, of which 95% will be reimbursed by FEMA and the State.

Mr. Green then highlighted some items on the Hurricane Season 2004 Status Report that was provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Cooper expressed his appreciation to Mr. Green, Mr. Crawford and everyone who was involved in procuring the debris contract. The County was wise in not going the burning route.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS: Mr. Brown reported the following:

--At the instruction of the Board, he has drafted and provided copies to the Commission of a proposed ordinance that would change the Land Development Regulations to reduce the distance requirements placed upon the location of churches and bars. This is the culmination of a situation where a church was unable to locate where they wanted to locate because of the 2500' foot limitation. This ordinance will reduce the limitation from 2500' to 1000'. He does not believe that the 1000' requirement is arbitrary; there are reasons for it. In State Statute there is enhancements for certain types of criminal conduct occurring within 1000' of a church or school. The 2500' limitation in terms of location of bars and schools is being maintained.

Mr. Brown said that with the Commissions' permission, the ordinance would be advertised for adoption.

After brief discussion, there was consensus to advertise the ordinance.

--Chairman Thomas has requested that he address the Commission concerning the issue of private roads. Currently, by ordinance, this County Commission is prohibited from accepting any type of private roads. Acceptance of private roads places the responsibility on the Commission to maintain those roads. If the Commission looked to do this in the future, it would be going against past precedent and would necessitate an amendment to the existing ordinance. It is well settled under the law that public funds cannot be used to improve private property.

Mr. Brown gave a brief explanation of the philosophy behind the County's stance on private roads. This is not a situation unique to Bradford County. Baker County currently has a moratorium on all new developments because the situation is being reconsidered.

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This Board has developed means by which citizens can create a Special Taxing Unit to bring their roads up to the County standards for acceptance, which is now paving.

For the benefit of the new commissioners, the newly implemented MSTU process was explained and discussed.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Brown agreed to draft a formal opinion explaining the County's policy regarding private roads. The opinion will be kept on file and provided to citizens who make inquiries about maintenance on private roads.

CLERK REPORTS: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Thomas commented on the following:

--Asked Mr. Farrell to report on the expenditures on the Santa Fe Community College parking lot.

Mr. Farrell reported that the Board authorized \$20,000.00 to be spent on the parking lot. \$9,724.84 has been spent so far. There are additional outstanding invoices totaling \$14,224.28. This will bring the total expenditure over the approved amount.

Comm. Cooper MOVED to approve the additional expenditure of \$3,949.12. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** the motion.

After brief discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

--Reported that Gulf Atlantic Culvert has advised that they would no longer honor the current price of culverts.

Comm. Hersey MOVED to let a bid for the purchase of culverts. **Comm. Lewis SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Thomas said that the current prices are good through December 31. He has advised the Road Department to purchase culverts at the current prices to have on site.

Commissioner Cooper said that the existing contract is a two-year term with an option to renew for two one-year terms, which helps lock in prices.

There was consensus to purchase additional culverts at the current prices to have on hand.

There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

--A model 928G Caterpillar Wheel Loader is being rented by the Road Department on a month-by-month basis at about \$7,000.00 per month. The rental payments can be applied to the purchase price, if that is what the Board wishes to do. Does the Board wish to return the machine or purchase the machine?

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Commissioner Lewis asked for what purpose the loader was rented. Chairman Thomas said that it was rented for new road construction.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included the level of need for the equipment, how much has been invested, the lease/purchase price, selling one of the older loaders and purchasing this one, and the Road Department doing road construction versus letting bids for road construction.

Commissioner Cooper recommended keeping the loader one more month. One of the items he wants to discuss at the upcoming retreat is road paving; bidding versus the County doing the work. If the Board decides to bid road construction then there may not be a need for the equipment.

There was consensus to accept Commissioner Cooper's recommendation.

--The Road Department normally closes the week between Christmas and New Years'. Several of the employees plan their vacation around this time. In the past the Commission has agreed to let the employees off that have the time, or allow them to take it without pay. There are employees who do not have the time and want to work. In that case, Mr. Wise can put them to work at one of the collection sites. He has lined up a skeleton crew to be available in case of an emergency.

There was consensus to close the Road Department as presented. Chairman Thomas said that he would get with Mr. Waldron to make sure everything is caught up and that all roads are passable.

A. APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON COMMISSIONERS (The list of appointments is located in Supplement File No. 12-06-04.)

Chairman Thomas said that if any Commissioner has a conflict with the appointments, he will be glad to do some rearranging, if not, the list will stand.

Commissioner Chandler said that every Commissioner on the Board needs to know as much as possible about every department. It does not matter if a Commissioner has experience in the Road Department, the same Commissioner does not need to be over that department every year. The Board needs to be committed to rotating Commissioners over the departments they serve every year.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chandler commented on the following:

--As the Board is aware, the City of Lawtey is in a sewer project and they will be paving some roads. Mayor Scott is in hopes that the County would consider entering into an interlocal

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agreement which would allow Road Department employees, on Fridays and Saturdays, assist with getting the roads ready for paving. They would be working with Mr. Scott, charging for fuel and labor. The City of Lawtey would then let a bid for the paving. This would give some of the Road Department employees some extra money and save the City of Lawtey.

Mr. Brown said that the payment of the salaries for the labor could not be passed through the County, otherwise, those people would be entitled to time and a half. There would have to be an independent contract between Lawtey and the individuals. There could be an interlocal agreement with the County granting permission for them to use the equipment at "x" number of dollars and "x" number of dollars for fuel charge, and give them permission to independently contract with employees. The employee relationship, Workers' Comp., etc., would be between the City of Lawtey and the employees.

Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:

--He was asked to check on Doan's Bridge Road, the road that has been closed between Bradford and Alachua County. Mr. Waldron told him to contact Mr. Butch Skipper concerning the road. Mr. Skipper said that the road was serving no purpose for Alachua County and was not benefiting the citizens on the road in Alachua County, and to rebuild the bridge up to steel construction it would cost approximately \$200,000.00, so as far as they are concerned, they have no intention to open their side of the road up. Mr. Skipper was to get back with him after Thanksgiving and he has not done so.

Chairman Thomas said that Alachua County owns the bridge. Commissioner Lewis said that if Alachua County is not going to repair the bridge or maintain the road, there is no reason Bradford County should maintain a road down to the river that will encourage people to dump their trash. He has heard from the citizens on the road; some have asked that it be closed and some have asked that it be opened.

Commissioner Lewis said that he would try to get back with Mr. Skipper and bring something back to the Board.

--He has reviewed the Road Paving Priority List and he will be submitting his priorities for District V.

--The track hoe was taken to Three-Pipes and some of the debris was removed. When the track hoe gets back from Industrial Tractor, he would like to see it go back out to remove the rest of the debris.

--Inquired about the procedure for Animal Control now that the City of Starke handles it. Chairman Thomas said that the County contributes to the budget and calls are handled by the Starke Police Department.

--Expressed his appreciation to Mr. Waldron for his help with road problems.

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--He will not be able to attend the New River Solid Waste Association meeting this Thursday. He asked the alternate to attend in his place. Commissioner Hersey said that he would see what he could do.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

DOYLE THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

Marlene K. Stafford, Deputy Clerk

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