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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 26, 2004 1:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met August 26, 2004, to conduct a fiscal year 2004-2005 budget workshop. Attending were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Cooper, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford, Percy Sullivan, Sheriff Milner, Randall Zipperer and Mark Crawford.

Chairman Johnson called the workshop to order at 1:40 p.m.

Commissioner Cooper reported that at the last workshop the budget was out-of-balance by \$203,028.00. Since then, he has gone through the various departments and is proposing the following cuts to the budget requests in order to balance the budget, using 9.5 mills:

Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$ 19,000.00
Medicaid Billing	60,000.00
Agriculture Project	(2,500.00)
Law Enforcement	25,000.00
Jail	25,000.00
EMS	25,000.00
Data Processing	20,000.00
Increase Recording Revenue	10,000.00
Shands	5,000.00
Cash Carry Forward	516,528.00
Courthouse Expansion	<u>\$(500,000.00)</u>
	\$ 203,028.00

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed cuts to the Volunteer Fire Department, Law Enforcement and the Jail.

The subject of the need for capital outlay for law enforcement and the jail was discussed. Commissioner Cooper said that there have been conversations with the Courts in developing a plan for the expenditure of the \$500,000.00 grant and they are trying to include as much of these needs as are allowed by the grant. Also, the Board has dedicated \$300,000.00 towards the library payment and he does not expect that total amount to be spent this year. \$75,000.00 of that could be placed into capital outlay for this year only, leaving \$225,000.00 for the library.

There was Board consensus to place \$75,000.00 in jail capital outlay and \$225,000.00 in the library as suggested by Commissioner Cooper.

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Commissioner Cooper recommended getting the final numbers together and give Commissioner Hersey an opportunity to review them prior to the next workshop.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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HERMAN JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

These minutes typed by:

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