

## **Concerns that were not addressed at the last meeting:**

### **#1 Taxpayer Costs**

According to Ben Warren, it will take a minimum of **200 loads of dirt** to build up Bradford Road, at a cost of **\$200 per load**. The dirt itself will total **\$40,000**, and the labor to spread it will be an additional **\$30,000**—a combined cost of **\$70,000 to the county and its taxpayers**.

This amount **does not include** the expense of installing pipes for driveways and the entrance from Old Valdosta Highway. In addition, there will be further charges for widening Bradford Road to allow heavy farming machinery safe and clear passage.

It is important to recognize that there are many factors to consider when placing a subdivision in the middle of a farming community. The overall cost could end up being **very expensive for the taxpayers of Berrien County**.



| Scope  | Cost Estimate per mile        |
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| Minimal drainage + moderate build-up (basic culverts, modest fill)                       | <b>\$30,000 – \$80,000</b>    |
| Moderate drainage + good build up (larger culverts, decent fill/gravel, regular traffic) | <b>\$80,000 – \$150,000</b>   |
| Heavy work (many/large pipes, deep fill, widening, significant grading, remote location) | <b>\$150,000 – \$250,000+</b> |