

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 15, 2004.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following members present to-wit:

**Commissioner Randy Durden, Chair**  
**Commissioner Wilbur Bush**  
**Commissioner Mitchell Gentry, Vice-Chair**  
**Commissioner Tommy Langford**  
**Commissioner Sue B. Suggs**

*(Commissioner Suggs arrived at 5:51 p.m.)*

**Others in attendance were:** Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, John McPherson, County Attorney, Karen Heaton, Deputy Clerk, Sam Ferguson, Director of Finance, Ron McQueen, EMA/County Administrator, Ben Chumley, County Planner, Mike Burnett, Lilly Rooks, Jeff Jordan, Steven Massey, Geneva Cornwell, Carl Cornwell, Kenrick Thomas, Daryl Polle, Carolyn Thomas, Lee Schaltenbrand, Brenda Schaltenbrand, Bud Riffle, Michael Jones, Delight Curtis, Sharon Langford, Hazel Hardy, Bill McKeefrey, Robbie Robertson, Daniel Slaughter.

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Langford delivered the Invocation and Commissioner Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda Changes:**

Additions: Tax Deed Applications, Total cost for approval, \$1,002.08. *(Clerk's Report)*

**Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to accept the agenda with the changes noted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Purchase Order #401127: SunGard Pentamation, (\$36,656.25)
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. August 11, 2003 / Budget Workshop
  - b. March 1, 2004 / Regular Meeting

**Motion** by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**Attorney's Report:**

Resolution 04-17 – Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 04-17 amending the Policies and Procedures Manual (Rule 1.17) relating to the inspection and duplication of public records.

**RESOLUTION 04-17  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST  
COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING POLICIES RELATING  
TO THE INSPECTION AND DUPLICATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS; ESTABLISHING  
FEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to approve Resolution 04-17. Mr. Gilliam asked Mr. McPherson if these procedures apply to requests for information such as surveys received by fax. Mr. McPherson answered that in this case, information should be provided as a courtesy but that it does not fall under the 'open records' law, *Chapter 119, F.S.* The motion on the floor carried unanimously. (1/080)

Martini Grade – Mr. McPherson reported that the eminent domain petition has been served and the quick take hearing is scheduled for April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Ted Burt's office is working on closing the voluntary sales. (1/290)

Five-Foot Setback – Mr. McPherson advised he is currently working with Mr. Chumley on the ordinance language that will require a minimum five-foot setback from County roadways. He related that the Planning and Zoning Board considered the language and asked that it be revised and brought back. The Zoning Board expressed concern that if everything is moved back from the roadway, the grading may eventually widen the edges resulting in the loss of five (5) feet of the property. (1/304)

Ginnie Springs – Mr. McPherson reported that Ginnie Springs has filed a third brief to comply with the rules. This brief adds a new issue, and new argument on the original two issues. Mr. McPherson stated that he had asked the court to strike the new issue and for clarification as to what brief and on what deadline the County is to respond. (1/359)

Poitevint v. Gilchrist County – Mr. McPherson advised that the County's Motion to Dismiss was heard by the court on March 9. The plaintiffs were told to file a second amended complaint that is limited to the issue of consistency with the County's comprehensive plan. (1/375)

Brooks & Strickland v. Aderholts and Gilchrist County – Mr. McPherson told the Board that he has filed a Motion to Dismiss the County from the litigation because no relief is sought from the County. (1/379)

Voting Conflicts – Mr. McPherson provided information regarding voting and conflict of

interest. The information cited F.S. 286.012 and F.S. 112.3143(3). Mr. McPherson pointed out that if a Commissioner does abstain from voting, they may still participate in discussion of the item if they choose.

### **Clerk's Report:**

Another Way, Inc. – Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Another Way to use the Courthouse facilities on April 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. to hold a community awareness presentation. Guest speakers at the event will be Donn Fagen, Bill Cervone and Sheriff Turner. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously. (1/509)

FHP, Loan Agreement – Mr. Gilliam presented a loan agreement with FHP for non-owned radars/lasers. He explained that in past years, the County has purchased radar detectors for use by FHP units that work within the area. He also advised that FHP has returned one (1) spare unit which may be transferred to another law enforcement agency. Mr. Gilliam recommended offering the radar detector to the Sheriff's Office first and if it is not needed, it may be offered to the Trenton Police Department. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to offer the spare radar detector to the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office first and if not needed to offer it to the Trenton Police Department. The motion carried unanimously. (1/545)

Gilchrist County Health Department – Mr. Gilliam advised that the Gilchrist County Health Department has been awarded a grant to convert a portion of their facilities to a dental clinic. This will require relocation of staff. Ms. Boling has requested permission to put a double wide unit on the property adjacent to the Commodity Building. The City of Trenton has approved the water and sewer hookup at this location. **Motion** by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously. (1/610)

Hart Springs Request – Mr. Gilliam stated that Mr. Amos Philman had inquired about the funds to purchase the recreational equipment for Hart Springs. Mr. McQueen stated that he had told Mr. Philman that those funds were to be out of last years budget. Mr. Gilliam also provided the Board information regarding the expenditures and revenues for the Park from 1999 to date. (1/687)

SHIP Program – Mr. Gilliam presented the following SHIP Loan applications which had been recommended by the SHIP Loan Review Committee for approval.

**1) Linda Jo Hamilton:** SW CR 344, New Construction, Low Income Category, \$17,500, Lender/Capital City Bank. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommended approval subject to the following conditions: (1) applicant's \$500 contribution, (2) appraisal showing value of \$75,000 or less, (3) closing of first mortgage and (4) availability of SHIP funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the SHIP Loan to Linda Jo Hamilton subject to the conditions set forth by the Loan Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**2) Eron & Monica Carver:** 9460 SE Santa Fe Avenue, Purchase/Rehab, Low Income Category, \$17,500, Lender/Tri-County Bank. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommended approval subject to the following conditions: (1) first mortgage closing, (2) signed contract with contractor in the amount of \$3,850, (3) insurance binder and (4) availability of SHIP funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the SHIP loan to Eron and Monica Carver subject to the conditions set forth by the Loan Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**3) Richard & Rebecca Nash:** 6610 SW CR 232, Purchase, Low Income Category, \$17,500, Lender/Capital City Bank. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommended approval subject to the following conditions: (1) completion of repairs, (2) resolution of income and asset discrepancy, (3) verification of cash to close and contribution of \$500, (4) availability of SHIP funds and (5) closing of first mortgage. **Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve the SHIP loan to Richard and Rebecca Nash subject to the conditions set forth by the Loan Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**4) Daniel & Jacqueline Balzafiore:** Lot 9, Pinewood, Purchase, Moderate Income Category, \$10,000, Lender/Drummond Community Bank. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommended approval subject to the following conditions: (1) applicant's \$1,000 contribution, (2) appraisal showing value of \$75,000 or greater, (3) closing of first mortgage, (4) availability of SHIP funds and (5) SHIP Health and Safety Review. **Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to approve the SHIP Loan to Daniel and Jacqueline Balzafiore subject to the conditions set forth by the Loan Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously. (1/755)

Tax Deed Applications – Mr. Gilliam requested approval for the following Tax Deed applications for processing with a total cost of \$1,002.08 for advertising and fees.

1. Certificate #97-450	\$ 254.94
2. Certificate #97-528	\$ 226.10
3. Certificate #97-561	\$ 246.10
4. Certificate #97-545	<u>\$ 274.94</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,002.08</b>

**Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,002.08 for the Tax Deed Certificates presented. The motion carried unanimously. (1/884)

**EMA/County Administrator's Report:**

Rudicil v. Gilchrist County – Mr. McQueen referred to a letter regarding the Case filed by Richard Rudicil. The letter serves as notification that the First District Court of Appeal affirms the trial court's summary judgment in favor of Gilchrist County. (1/928)

Modification of EMPA Contract – Mr. McQueen presented a Modification of Contract for the

Emergency Management Base Grant Agreement (#04BG-04-03-31-01-021). The modification increases the total amount of funding to \$114,477. **Motion** by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to approve the Modification of Contract. The motion carried unanimously. (1/965)

Economic Development Strategy Survey – Mr. McQueen provided a copy of the projects submitted for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Survey. He asked the Board to review the list prior to him returning the report. (1/1000)

Hart Springs/Rates Request – Mr. McQueen presented a request from Mr. Philman for approval of the following change in rates for the Hart Springs camping facilities:

- (1) Primitive and Tent camping at the springs:
  - April thru September \$10/night, \$100/wk and \$30/mn
  - October thru March \$15/night, \$65/wk and \$130/mn
  
- (2) Tent and RV at the new full service campgrounds:
  - April thru September \$20/night, \$100/wk and \$300/mn
  - October thru March \$20/night, \$100/wk and \$200 to \$250/mn

Mr. McQueen stated that he believed these rates were comparable to those of local campgrounds. **Motion** by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve the changes in the policy for rental at Hart Springs. Mr. Gilliam asked for clarification concerning the monthly rate from \$200 to \$250. Mr. McQueen stated that the \$200 was an introductory rate for the first month and then it would be increased to \$250. Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, **amended the motion** to include the introductory rate of \$200 the first month and \$250 thereafter. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1055)

Hart Springs/Head Spring Clean-Up – For the Board’s information, Mr. McQueen referred to a letter from Cynthia Butler concerning their findings for the head spring cleanup. They will begin cleanup on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. (1/1199)

AED Request/Volunteer Fire Departments – Mr. McQueen presented a purchase request from the EMS Department for the purchase of six (6) Access AED Packages for a total price of \$8,370. Mr. McQueen explained that the purchase is to replace the units used by the fire departments. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by commissioner Langford, to approve the purchase request in the amount of \$8,370. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1293)

Toxic Round Up – Mr. McQueen reminded the Board that the Gilchrist County Toxic Round Up will be held on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Alachua County is scheduling another ‘Operation Clean Sweep’ to provide disposal for farming chemicals in April or May. Mr. McQueen is checking with DEP to find out if Gilchrist County may participate in this one or scheduling one within the County at the same time. (1/1420)

Alachua County Solid Waste Agreement – Mr. McQueen advised that he has met with the Alachua County Public Works Director to discuss the Solid Waste Agreement. Mr. McQueen stated that if Gilchrist County terminates the contract it will have a substantial fiscal impact for Alachua County. During his discussion with Alachua County, it was recommended that a meeting be held with the County's Solid Waste Department, the local haulers and the City of Trenton to discuss options. This meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Florida Association of Counties (FAC) – Mr. McQueen stated that he had received a call from Commissioner Suggs asking him to discuss the Florida Association of Counties and the Small County Technical Program in her absence. He recognized Levy County Commissioner Lilly Rooks who was present to address the Board concerning this issue. Mr. McQueen explained that the Florida Association of Counties has always been the venue that all 67 counties have used for legislative representation. There is another group, the Small County Coalition, which works particularly with small counties. He related that many have expressed concerns that FAC has not been attuned to small county legislative issues. Commissioner Suggs has suggested that it might be in order to pass a motion that between the current budget year and the next, if there are not significant improvements, in the FAC and the use of the funds that Gilchrist County expends there, that the Commission will consider withdrawing participation with FAC and utilize the Small County Coalition for legislative issues. She is not asking that we withdraw from FAC but to put that group on notice that we are looking to them to provide results in this years legislative process and if not, the County would consider this issue during the next budget process.

Chairman Durden recognized Commissioner Rooks, Levy County. Commissioner Rooks addressed the Board regarding concerns she has with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and it's representation of small counties. She stated that she was not asking counties to withdraw from FAC as Levy County did, but to ask questions concerning their representation. She cited instances in which she felt that FAC had not assisted with legislature that would help small counties. She also referred to a draft copy of the "Counties in Crisis...Counties at Risk Study" and pointed out that FAC is proposing to have agricultural properties taxed at market value in order to increase revenues. She stated that there are many more such proposals and that it is time that the County Commissioners represent their citizens in these issues. Commissioner Rooks commended the work done for small counties by the Small County Coalition and stated that this organization is where a majority of things that happens for small counties comes from. (1/1551)

### **Public Hearing / Community Development Block Grant:**

*(This is the second public hearing for the CDBG, Housing Rehabilitation Grant. The first hearing was held on Monday, March 1, 2004.)*

Mr. Steve Massey, Jordan and Associates, advised the deadline for the CDBG application is April 1, 2004. Gilchrist County is currently eligible for funding in the amount of \$750,000. The distribution of the funding will be \$112,500 for administration, \$622,500 for rehabilitation and approximately \$15,000 in temporary relocation. He stated Gilchrist County will use grant funds to eliminate health and safety hazards within homes in Gilchrist County. There exists 20 owner occupied homes of those families whose gross annual income does not exceed the low or

moderate income level as established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The estimated cost of the repairs or demo/rebuilds is \$622,500. The minimum number of beneficiaries will be eight (8) very low income and twenty (20) low/moderate income beneficiaries. The eligible homeowners will have their homes repaired through the process of competitive bidding by State licensed contractors. The work will be inspected by the County Building Inspector as well as County staff. Financial assistance will be provided to those families that must be temporarily displaced while their homes are being repaired. The estimated cost of this assistance is approximately \$15,000. He explained that 100% of those benefitting from this project are low and moderate income citizens, therefore the national objective for DCA and HUD funds will be realized. Gilchrist County's application last year included a pledge of leverage funds in the amount of \$350,000 from the SHIP Program. This will also be used for rehabilitation and demo/rebuild homes for low and moderate income applicants. The pledge of the SHIP funds is for a 2-year period.

After the presentation, Mr. Massey addressed questions directed by the Board. Chairman Durden called for public comment. Ms. Geneva Cornwell asked who would pay the impact fee for the replacement of mobile homes by site built homes. Mr. McQueen answered that an impact fee is not required for replacement homes. **Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to proceed with the CDBG application. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1915)

### **Workshop/ Fire Special Assessments:**

Mr. Robbie Robertson, Mizelle, Hodes & Associates, Inc. addressed the Board concerning the progress of the fire study he is conducting for the County. He told the Board that the meetings he has had with the various departments and staff have been very productive. However, he is not prepared to make a recommendation at this point in the survey.

Mr. McQueen presented and discussed a "One, Three, Five, & Ten Year Plan for Fire Services."

### **First Year Plan (Beginning 10/01/04):**

- Because of statutory requirements, the 03/04 budget years will be needed to complete the legal process to initiate the assessment collection.
- Utilizing an acquired property parcel; build a new facility for Bell Fire Department. This facility to be built large enough to house the paid entity when it comes to fruition, and also provide a central training arena.
- Short-term benefit could be the hiring of one firefighter/EMT to be available to respond Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. when volunteer resources are strained. Equipment would be provided from current inventory provided by the County, and this individual would operate from the new Bell Station.
- Institute the hiring of a training coordinator for training and record administration. This coordinator would assist in the management of the counties fire departments budgets and help in the accomplishment of the long of the long ter goals.

### **Three Year Plan (Beginning 10/01/2005):**

- Implementation of the proposed budget will ensue with complete funding from the assessment. The priorities are to begin;
  - (1) Establishing a paid two-man crew at a centralized location that would have 24 hours a day, 7 days a week response capability.
  - (2) Acquisition of a new engine, tanker, and brush truck for each of the County departments to improve and equalize capabilities plus standardize equipment.
  - (3) Provide first responder and initial medical aid for citizens when Med 2 and Med 4 are in service. Not to be engaged in transport operations.
  - (4) Maintain training and curriculum for volunteer firefighters as required.
  - (5) Develop protocols and dispatch procedures.
  - (6) Initiate a pay, by person, by call, policy for the volunteers with documented execution.
  - (7) Establish and identify adequate water supply and wells throughout the County.
  - (8) Estimate population increase over the three to ten year plan to keep up with services demands.

### **Five Year Plan (Beginning 10/01/2007):**

- Evaluate the need for a third person at the central station.
- Establish an ISO rating lower than 9 by going through the insurance service office survey allowing the homeowners to qualify for reduced insurance rates.
- Determine and establish if additional stations are needed if funding is available.

### **Ten year plan (Beginning 10/01/2012):**

- Evaluate the need for additional equipment, ie; a Quint Truck, the supporting staff, additional stations and personnel.

***Commissioner Suggs arrived at 5:51 p.m.***

Mr. Daniel Slaughter cited information he received from Dispatch concerning the number of med calls that the fire departments were called to. Discussion was held regarding the protocols that are in place. Mr. Bud Riffle and Mr. Lee Schaltenbrand offered comments regarding their experience with the med calls and the need to have trained volunteers assist EMS with some of the traffic accident victims and instances of cardiac arrest. It was also pointed out that in these calls, the volunteer firefighters are able to respond first when the med units may be on other calls are a long distance away. (1/2400)

**The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m.**

**The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m. with Commissioner Suggs absent.**

**Public Hearing / Special Permit Application / E.D. Norfleet III:**

Mr. Chumley presented the application for special permit submitted by E.D. Norfleet, III. The request for special permit is for a mining operation of approximately 49 acres of land off of CR 337. Mr. Chumley advised the Planning and Zoning Board has reviewed the application and recommended approval with conditions. Mr. Chumley explained that after reviewing those conditions, he has prepared a revision for the Board's consideration.

Mr. McPherson asked the Commission to disclose any exparte communication received prior to this public hearing. Commissioner Gentry, Commissioner Langford and Commissioner Durden each advised that they had been contacted by citizens and received comments in favor of and in opposition of the application. Commissioner Langford and Commissioner Bush each disclosed that they had also discussed the issue with the property owner.

Mr. Gilliam took the oaths of Mr. Ben Chumley, Mr. Ron McQueen, and Mr. E.D. Norfleet.

Mr. Chumley explained that there are two (2) difficulties with the application. The first is the fact that the property is located across a railroad track from an established subdivision. The second issue concerns the volume of trucks on CR 337 and the impact of these trucks on the physical condition of the road as well as the public safety of motorists using CR 337.

***Commissioner Suggs arrived at 7:24 p.m.***

Mr. Chumley stated that the Planning and Zoning Board had recommended that the access road be diverted through the property and adjacent property, which is also owned by Mr. Norfleet, and onto SR 26 which is in Alachua County.

Mr. Chumley reviewed the Staff Recommended Conditions for Approval:

1. Excavation operations shall not commence until the applicant provides to the County evidence of an approved Environmental Resource Permit for the mining operation from the Suwannee River Water Management District, or a letter from the Water Management District exempting the project from such permit.
2. There will be no materials processing facilities on the site unless the site plan is amended to include them.
3. All areas disturbed by mining operations must be reclaimed upon completion of the mining operation according to the following standards:

- a. Land areas must be no less than 3 feet above the ground water table, and be graded to a level, gently rolling, sloping or terraced topography, with major continuous slopes no steeper than 4 horizontal to 1 vertical, and in a way to minimize erosion due to rainfall, break up long uninterrupted slopes and make the surface suitable for vegetation. Vegetation shall be appropriately planted to prevent erosion and promote the future land use of the reclaimed area.
  - b. Water areas shall have a diversity of shallow and deep areas to enhance lake productivity for fish and wildlife habitat. Subaqueous slopes shall be no steeper than 4 horizontal to 1 vertical out to 6 foot depth at design elevation. Water quality shall be satisfactory for fish production and other wildlife. Such water quality shall not be degraded below the existing water quality classification established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
  - c. Reclamation shall commence on mined areas, not used for waste settling areas, within 18 months after mining is completed in the area.
4. A 200-foot buffer must be maintained around all excavation areas, for the duration of the mining operation, in accordance with the site plan. The buffer, at a minimum will be comprised of 2 rows of pine trees and two rows of cedar trees.
  5. The special permit is granted for a 5 year period. If the applicant wants to continue the mining operation after 5 years, then he will have to apply for a new special permit under the provisions of the Land Development Regulations and Comprehensive Plan in effect at that time.
  6. Excavation areas are limited to those identified on the site plan, and to the property identified on the site plan, unless otherwise limited by the conditions of this final order.
  7. Excavation activities may only occur between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
  8. Ingress to and egress from the property via County Road 337 for mining trucks is prohibited. Mining trucks from this operation may not travel on County Road 337.
  9. Excavation areas will be limited to 5 acres of the property, and the depth of the excavation are is limited to 15 feet from the established grade on the site.
  10. The special permit will not be transferable to other property owners. If the property is sold, then the special permit will be discontinued.

Mr. McPherson asked Commissioner Suggs to disclose any exparte communication. She advised that she had discussed the special permit request with Mr. Billy Robinson after the last Board meeting and he had expressed concerns. She also stated that Mr. Jim Sewell, who served as City Manager for the City of Newberry in the past, has asked her to convey his concerns regarding the issue of the traffic on CR 337.

Mr. E.D. (Tripp) Norfleet testified that the purpose of the proposed sand pit is to provide the fill

dirt for his construction business and the majority of the homes his company builds are in Newberry. He stated that the company constructed 13 homes in the past year. He also testified that the mining operation will be carried out by one (1) loader to load the trucks and that there may be periods up to a week in which there will be no mining.

Mr. Norfleet further stated that he is requesting to permit a total of 49 acres due to the fact that there may be areas on the property in which they will run into rock or clay and will not be able to continue. He would like the ability, within the 49 acres, to mine the areas that have suitable sand. The 200-foot buffer will be existing pines but he would agree to plant cedar trees within that area if the Board decided this would be necessary. During discussion with the Board members, Mr. Norfleet stated that it would be possible to fence the property with American wire fencing if necessary. He also requested that the Board consider allowing him to operate for a period of 4 to 5 hours on Saturday as there will be times when that day would be his only opportunity depending on the construction schedule.

Chairman Durden called for public comments.

Mr. Frances Walker addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. Norfleet and pointed out that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> gas tax was spent on the construction of the roads within the County. He contended that Mr. Norfleet, among many others, has paid a portion of these taxes as a citizen and should be allowed to use the roadways for his business. He stated that this was no different than the many silage trucks in the area which also travel narrow roadways. He also commented that he did not believe it would be right to put the traffic issue off on Alachua County.

Mr. William McKeefrey stated that he lives in Norfleet Pines and expressed his concern for the children in the area with his own children included. He contended that it would be dangerous for the large trucks to travel CR 337 and that these trucks would not have the ability to stop quickly should a child come out onto the road.

Mr. Addy Jones related that he had served as a Commissioner for Gilchrist County for a period of 24 years. He offered comments regarding the need to move forward on such applications for the sake of progress in the County. Mr. Jones encouraged the Board members to vote for approval.

Commissioner Suggs discussed with Mr. Norfleet the option of putting up a fence around the property to hinder the children in the area from going onto the site. She suggested that he put up a 9-foot fence with bobwire on top. Mr. Norfleet stated that he thought a standard American fence would be sufficient and reminded her that there is also a railroad track between the subdivision and his property which would be more of a safety concern than the sand pit.

Mr. Norfleet answered questions directed by the Board concerning the amount of property needed and the hours of operation. He stated that he would like to have at least 4 to 5 hours of operation on Saturday. Mr. Norfleet also explained that he would only be using one (1) loader at the site and that it is no louder than a tractor. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Langford, based upon the findings of fact presented by staff and the evidence

presented at this hearing, to approve the special permit (#SP 04-01) with conditions #1 thru #6, amending #7, adding to the hours of operation, Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., with the exclusion of condition #8, amending #9 to a limitation of 30 acres instead of 5 acres of property. Commissioner Bush recommended an amendment to the motion to allow the mining of 49 acres instead of 30 acres. Commissioner Gentry **moved to amend the motion** to change #9 to read 49 acres. Commissioner Langford seconded the amendment. Commissioner Bush recommended that the special permit (item #5) be granted for a 10 year period. Commissioner Gentry asked Mr. Norfleet if this would be acceptable. Mr. Norfleet replied that he had initially requested that the permit be effective for 10 years. Commissioner Gentry **moved to amend the motion** to change #5 to extend the permit for a period of 10 years. **The motion on the floor carried** with Commissioner Suggs voting “no.” (03/001)

### **EMA/County Administrator’s Report:**

Central Florida Electric / Tower Lease – Mr. McQueen recalled at the last meeting, he brought a request from Central Florida Electric to lease space on the County’s tower North of Bell. He asked for the Board’s direction concerning the length of the term for the lease. Chairman Durden recommended that the lease include a reevaluation at 5 years. Mr. McPherson advised that there is a question concerning the responsibility for liability insurance and that he would bring back a recommendation after he has had a chance to review the issue.

Generator / Jail – Mr. McQueen advised he had contacted Tim Faison regarding the move and installation of the generator to the jail. Mr. Faison advise him the cost would not exceed \$6,000 for the electrical. Mr. McQueen advised he would bring back a quote from Ring Power for the move. Chairman Durden advised that Sheriff Turner had also mentioned an alternative plan concerning the generator. He asked Mr. McQueen to contact Sheriff Turner prior to the next meeting to discuss the issue.

Roads – Mr. McQueen advised he was contacted by a resident regarding SE 78<sup>th</sup> Place requesting road maintenance. Mr. McQueen recommended that the east half of SE 78<sup>th</sup> Place be added to the Road Department’s grading schedule. **Motion** by Commissioner Suggs, seconded by Commissioner Langford, to add the east portion of SE 78<sup>th</sup> Place to the grading schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McQueen told the Board that Commissioner Langford had requested that NW 93 Lane and NW 37 Court be added to the list of residential roads to be posted at 35 mph. Mr. McPherson advised that, this being a residential area, by statute the speed limit is 30 mph. **Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to post the speed limit signs on NW 93 Lane and NW 37 Court. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Suggs asked the Board to authorize the Road Department to move the speed limit sign on Waccasassa Road (SE 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue) 1/10 mile closer to the subdivision. **Motion** by Commissioner Suggs, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to move the speed limit sign from 2/10 mile to 1/10 mile from the subdivision road. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Commissioners' Reports:**

**Commissioner Bush** asked Mr. McQueen for an update of the plans for a fuel depot. Mr. McQueen stated they have obtained all of the figures and they met with the committee on the site of a possible location. The committee will meet with the City of Trenton and then bring back information to the Board.

**Commissioner Langford** mentioned that he and Mr. McQueen are scheduling a meeting of the Road Committee. Mr. McQueen advised that he, Commissioner Gentry, Commissioner Langford, Wayne Gothard and Nathan Martin will meet regarding a survey with the current road grader operators to see which roads require the most grading and effort to maintain. They also intend to do a road study based on traffic count. Commissioner Langford and Mr. McQueen agreed to schedule the meeting at April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room. The meeting will be advertised and noticed to the public.

**Commissioner Langford** advised that there had been an article in the Gilchrist County Journal regarding the Commission's consideration of a grant for renovations to the Hart Springs Boat Ramp and the Log Landing Boat Ramp. Commissioner Langford has since received a request that the Board consider using such funding for the Leggett Boat Ramp instead of the one at Log Landing. Chairman Durden recalled that the Board had only discussed the application for funding and that a final decision will be made if the grant is awarded. He suggested that this request be considered at that time.

**Commissioner Gentry** advised that he had received a request for improvements to the alternate access road going into the Hart Springs campground. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Bush, to repair the access road. The motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Suggs** discussed the issue with the Florida Association of Counties and the lack of representation for small counties. She suggested that the Board draft a letter expressing concern about the level of service received over the two previous sessions. Commissioner Gentry suggested that the Board only go on record that the Board will be observing the actions of FAC and then reconsider the issue within a few months. Chairman Durden stated that he would be willing to draft a letter to FAC expressing concerns about these issues and that the Commission will continue to observe the situation. The Board agreed.

Lilly Rooks, Levy County Commissioner, told the Board that Levy County's decision to withdraw from FAC will not affect their eligibility for State grants. She explained that FAC is a vendor for these grants and likewise the County is eligible with the Small County Technical Assistance Program. She stated that she is not opposed to Levy County joining the Association again should significant changes be made for representation of small counties.

**Commissioner Gentry** suggested that the Board proceed with the repairs to the roof of the concessions building at Hart Springs. **Motion** by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Suggs, to expend up to \$6,000 for repairs to the roof of the concessions building to be paid out of General Fund Reserve. The motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Durden** reported that the project for the sewer to the jail should begin at any time. He stated Gilchrist County will receive a payment request from the City of Trenton for 40% of the cost. The County will also provide some of the labor.

**Commissioner Suggs** commended Chairman Durden for the work he has done over the past five (5) years with the municipalities and for building a working relationship with them. Chairman Durden accredited the municipalities for their efforts also and stated that there currently exists the best possible relationship between the cities and the County and that he expects it to continue to grow.

**Old Business:**  
(None)

**New Business:**  
(None)

**Public Participation:**  
(None)

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Langford **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gentry and carried.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Randy Durden, Chairman

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk