

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2004.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 22, 2004 at 5:00 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 Mitchell Gentry, Chair
Commissioner Randy Durden, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sharon Langford
Commissioner Tommy Langford
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas

Others in attendance were: John McPherson, County Attorney, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Karen Heaton, Deputy Clerk, Sam Ferguson, Director of Finance, Jacki Johnson, Deputy Clerk, Ron Mills, Sheriff Turner, Justin Watson, Billy Cannon, Judge Philman, John Ayers, Sharon Thomas, Delight Curtis, Wilbur Bush, Lee Mills, Ailine Kazokas, S. Brown, Jeanne Payne.

Call to Order:

Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Tommy Langford delivered the Invocation and Commissioner Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Changes:

Additions: (1) Storm Invoice *(Clerk's Report)*
 (2) Phone System for Judicial Chambers *(Clerk's Report)*

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

Consent Agenda:

(None)

Installation of New Commissioners:

Judge Philman administered the oaths of office to Commissioner Sharon Langford, Commissioner Kenrick Thomas and Commissioner Randy Durden and congratulated them on their election to office.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Chairman Durden relinquished the Chair to Mr. Joe Gilliam for the nominations and the election of the Chair. Mr. Gilliam called for nominations for the Chair. Commissioner Durden nominated Commissioner Gentry to serve as Chair. Commissioner Thomas seconded the nomination. Mr. Gilliam called for a vote and the nomination carried with Commissioner Sharon Langford voting "no."

Mr. Gilliam relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Gentry who called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Sharon Langford nominated Commissioner Durden, the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford and carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report:

Hart Springs Residence – Mr. McPherson reported that he has forwarded a draft lease agreement to Ms. Harrison for her review. (1/253)

Brooks and Strickland V. Aderholts and Gilchrist County – Mr. McPherson reported that the Plaintiffs have until November 27 to file a second amended complaint. The Aderholt's attorney intends to file a cross claim against the County for trespass due to county limerock ending up on Aderholt property. A case management conference was held on November 16 at which time the court ordered the parties to be ready for trial by April and, in the meantime, to work vigorously towards settlement. In particular, Judge Giunta would like to see the parties attempt to implement the prior proposed settlement agreement calling for the relocation of NE 2nd Court. (1/280)

Bailey v. Gilchrist County – Mr. McPherson advised that he has filed a motion for summary judgement in this case. A hearing was tentatively scheduled for December 7 but Mr. Bailey's attorney has requested it be postponed until after December 9 in order to allow him to obtain a few more depositions. (1/309)

Bailey Code Enforcement Appeal – Mr. McPherson reported that the appeal of the code enforcement hearing officer's decision is pending. He stated that he will attempt to go ahead and have a hearing scheduled so that the case will not be pending during the next watermelon season. (1/323)

Department of Juvenile Justice Funding Litigation – Mr. McPherson discussed the recent ruling by the court concerning the Juvenile Justice Funding. The Judge in Tallahassee ruled in favor of Gilchrist and other counties finding that it was an unconstitutional unfunded mandate. He stated that it is possible that the legislature, in it's special session, may overturn this decision by a 2/3 vote. (1/335)

Gilchrist County v. Langfords – Mr. McPherson stated that he is still waiting for the final settlement proposal from the attorney for the Langford's. (1/431)

New Commissioner Workshop – Mr. McPherson suggested that a workshop be scheduled for the new commissioners to review the open government laws, hearings and procedures. Mr. Gilliam stated that he would schedule a workshop with each new commissioner and Mr. McPherson.

NW 56th Place, Ms. Payne – Mr. McPherson recalled at the last meeting the Board had asked him to research the status of NW 56th Place as to whether or not this was a county road. He explained there was a 22-ft private easement deeded from one owner to the other and on a later date, a 16-ft portion was deeded to the County. However, the deed includes a condition that states the trees on the south side of the roadway are not to be cut. Mr.

McPherson stated that it is not clear whether the intent of the condition is to prohibit trimming of the trees.

Chairman Gentry recognized Ms. Jeanne Payne who told the Board that she owns 10 acres on the South side of the road and that she is not able to bring in a mobile home unless the trees are trimmed. She stated that the property owners who deeded the 16-ft easement are Janet and Mark Johnson.

Mr. McPherson advised that if the intent of the deed restriction did not include trimming, there would still be the question of the County expending County funds to trim the trees in a situation like this. The County only has an obligation to maintain the road for normal traffic. Ms. Payne contended that this makes her property landlocked.

Mr. McPherson also advised that the Johnsons would also have to be consulted to clarify the deed restriction. Ms. Payne stated that she believed the intent of the restriction was to keep the road private. Mr. McPherson stated that if this were the case and the County would have the option of abandoning the road if it was found it did not serve a public purpose.

Ms. Payne asked if she could have someone else come in and trim the trees. Mr. McPherson replied that she would need to have the County's permission before trimming any trees on a County right of way.

Chairman Gentry stated that he had recently drove down the road and found that the trees did not appear low enough to prohibit the mobile home from being delivered. Ms. Payne said that she had the manufacturer come out and they recommended that the trees be trimmed because of the mobile home and because it was necessary to bring in a piece of heavy equipment to take down trees at her driveway for access.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to deny the request for the County to trim the trees along NW 46th Place because of the deed restrictions placed on the easement, but to give the Road Department the authority to meet with Ms. Payne and the Johnson's to see if something could be worked out for her to have the trees trimmed at her expense. Ms. Payne commented that if she couldn't she would consider that landlocked and would file a lawsuit. Discussion was held concerning the location of the three trees that she intended to have removed. She stated that it was within the 6 foot portion not deeded to the County. Mr. McPherson told her that this area is controlled by the Johnsons as well and she would need their permission. The motion on the floor carried unanimously. (1/465)

DEP Permits – Mr. McPherson recalled that at the last meeting the question was raised as to whether or not the County can enforce DEP permits. This question concerned the dumping of sludge. He said the answer is yes and is found in FS 403.412. It gives the County standing to enforce environmental permits and other regulations either by filing suit against DEP or filing suit against the private entity that is in violation of the permit. However, under this statute the party that loses the case must pay the attorney fees. Mr. McPherson said currently the property owner in question is no longer dumping sludge. Mr. McPherson told the Board that he is preparing a draft ordinance to further clarify the County's LDRs concerning this issue. (1/903)

Lee Mills:

Right of Way Use – Mr. Lee Mills related that he had been contacted by a representative of Florida Rock concerning installing a gas main in County right of way from CR 232 in Bell to the Alachua County line. Mr. Mills advised that he had contacted other counties to see what regulations are being enforced for this use and found that some counties are very strict and others are not. He stated that his concern is that if the County allows this use for a private entity, it will set a precedent for future requests and that a gas main in a public right of way can be dangerous.

Commissioner Durden stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Mills concerning the request and that he had also discussed it with Mr. McPherson. Mr. McPherson advised that the county may regulate the use in addition to charging for the use of public right of way. He discussed the fact that the County's Ordinance provides reporting requirements and permitting requirements.

Discussion was held concerning the option to impose a rent or fee for the use by private individuals and the option to impose installation requirements. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to direct Mr. McPherson to draft an ordinance for rental fees for use of public rights of way and require that the entity requesting the use come before the Board for approval. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1230)

SCRAP Projects – Mr. McQueen asked Mr. Mills to advise which SCRAP project should begin first, the CR 129 project or the CR 319 project. Mr. Mills replied that he has not reviewed the contracts yet but that he would have to submit a modification to his contract with the County in order to proceed. He will also have to write a set of bid documents for the changes in the asphalt required by DOT. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to provide a copy of the SCRAP contracts to Mr. Mills for review and to authorize him to bid them out. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1780)

South Santa Fe Avenue – Mr. Mills reported that the contractor will put concrete on the ditch blocks on South Santa Fe Avenue to prevent erosion in periods of heavy rainfall and they are also adding pavement to all of the driveways. The completion date was November 30 but an extension has been received. Mr. Mills said that he has told the contractor not to start until he has adequate time to complete all of it, including the fence. (1/1860)

SE 70th Avenue – Mr. McQueen stated that he had met with Commissioner Gentry and Mr. Andrew Carswell at the SE 70th Avenue project concerning issues with a connection at SE 70th and SE 69th Lane. It was determined that the elevation of the hill at that point would need to be cut down and the road paved to the corner. Mr. Mills agreed and stated that it would be included in the scope of the project and that there would be funds available because the plans to construct the railroad crossing have been changed. The cost of the amendment will be approximately \$25,000. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the amendment as long as it may be paid through the grant. The motion carried unanimously. (1/1908)

Grant-in-Aid Agreement:

Mr. Gilliam recognized Ms. Jan Chessor, with the Court Administration Office. Ms. Chessor presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$500,000 for the Grant-in-Aid agreement.
(1/2165)

Public Hearing / Special Permit Application (SP 04-04) by Nextel:

(This public hearing is a continuation from the hearings held on 09/20/04 and 10/18/04)

This application was submitted by Jason Hilenbrand, on behalf of Nextel Communications, for a special permit to locate a 250-foot tall telecommunication tower at SE 17th Trail which is zoned A-2. The applicant is leasing a portion of the 67.55 acre property for the development of the tower.

Mr. Frank Lugo, representing Nextel Communication, recalled that at the last meeting he had requested a continuation of the public hearing in order to pursue co-location on another tower in the vicinity of the proposed site. He told the Board that it was found that the tower is owned by AT&T and that Alltel will be co-locating on it. He provided a copy of an analysis prepared by an engineer for Nextel and pointed out that this tower would not accommodate another telecommunications provider. Mr. Lugo reviewed the site plan and answered questions directed by the Board.

Chairman Gentry called for public comment. Sheriff Turner stated that the County needs the proposed tower. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the special permit application, #SP 04-04 by Nextel. The motion carried unanimously. (1/2165)

Jail Fire Inspection Report:

Sheriff Turner and Lt. Cheryl Brown addressed the Board concerning the Jail Fire Inspection Report. Lt. Brown advised that since the fire inspection, Gator Fire has corrected all of the findings except one. The Board asked that Sheriff Turner provide a copy of the report from Gator Fire and an updated report from Mr. Wiggins. (2/522)

Jail Inspection Report:

Sheriff Turner reviewed the Jail Inspection report and pointed out that there were five (5) deficiencies noted. He advised that all but one (1) had been resolved. He told the Board that the one finding not resolved is that of staffing. Sheriff Turner explained that a female officer must be on duty at all times when housing female inmates. He said there are currently three (3) female corrections officers with one (1) position vacant.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to accept the Jail Inspection report dated October 26, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Turner invited the Commissioners to visit the Jail to see the renovations that have taken place. He asked that the Board consider paving the driveway in front of the

Administration Building. Commissioner Durden suggested that Sheriff Turner obtain prices for the paving and bring back to the Board. (2/755)

Road Department:

Mr. Justin Watson recalled the Board had asked him to obtain prices for a new dump trucks. He introduced Mr. Mike Crawford, Nextran Truck Center, Lake City. Mr. Crawford referred to the proposal he had provided to Mr. Watson. The proposal is based on the Florida Association of Counties bid. The purchase price of the Mack dump truck is \$88,532.48. Mr. Crawford stated that he did have 2003 model, however, based on what can be purchased through the Sheriff's Association, the new Mack truck is less. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to purchase one (1) dump truck off of state contract. Mr. Gilliam recommended a replacement schedule of five (5) years. The motion carried unanimously. (2/979)

Public Hearing / Final Plat, Lillian Estates Subdivision:

Mr. McQueen presented the final plat for Lillian Estates (minor subdivision) for approval. The subdivision consists of three (3) lots. Mr. McQueen provided copies of the plat for the Board's review. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the final plat for Lillian Estates. The motion carried unanimously. (2/1800)

Clerk's Report:

Grant-in-Aid Agreement – Mr. Gilliam presented the Grant-in-Aid agreement for the Courthouse Facilities for the Chairman's signature. The agreement was approved at the last regular meeting. Mr. Gilliam advised that the Court Facilities Committee will meet on December 2 to discuss the utilization of the funds and bring back a recommendation to the Board. (2/1900)

Supervisor of Elections – Mr. Gilliam presented a copy of a check in the amount of \$26,154.33 from the Supervisor of Elections. This amount represents a reimbursement to the Board for funds not expended in FY 03/04.

SHIP Program – Mr. Gilliam presented the following SHIP applications for approval.

1) Art & Stacey Brown: 80 SE 95th Place, Rehab, Low Income Category, Loan Amount, \$17,025. The Loan Review Committee recommended approval with the following conditions: (a) applicant's contribution of \$500, (b) signed contract from the contractor, (c) verification of insurance on the residence and (d) the availability of SHIP funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the SHIP loan to Art and Stacey Brown subject to the conditions set forth by the Loan Review Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Kevin & Casey Benson: 772 SW 4th Avenue, Trenton, Subordination Agreement. Mr. Gilliam explained that the loan to value amount exceeds the guidelines by 4.84%, however, there will be no cash back and there will be a lower interest rate and a lower monthly payment. The SHIP Loan Review Committee has recommended approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the subordination agreement for Kevin and Casey Benson. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Josh & Rachel Johnson: Schofield Brothers Subdivision, New Construction, Moderate Income Category, Lender, Capital City Bank, loan amount, \$10,000. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommends approval subject to; (a) applicant's contribution of \$1,000, (b) appraisal showing value of \$85,000 or greater and (c) availability of SHIP funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the SHIP loan to Josh and Rachel Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Elizabeth Story: 229 NE 34d Avenue, Purchase/Rehab, Very Low Income Category, Lender, Gainesville Mortgage, loan amount, \$45,000. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommends approval subject to; (a) first mortgage closing, (b) appraisal showing value of \$68,000 or more, (c) verification of completed repairs, (d) insurance binder and (e) availability of SHIP funds. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Michah & Kim Langford: 915 NE 2nd Avenue, Rehab, Moderate Income Category, loan amount, \$5,000. The SHIP Loan Review Committee recommends approval subject to; (a) applicant's contribution, (b) signed contract from contractor, (c) verification of insurance and (d) availability of SHIP funds. **Motion** by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the SHIP Loan to Michah and Kim Langford. The motion carried unanimously. (2/2018)

SRWMD – Mr. Gilliam referred to a letter from Suwannee River Water Management District regarding a series of meetings on the establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels. The first meeting in the area will be held on December 7, 2004 at the Tommy Usher Community Center in Cheifland. Chairman Gentry and Commissioner Tommy Langford indicated that they would attend one of the workshops.

Gilchrist County Health Department – Mr. Gilliam presented a request from the Health Department for assistance in designating a handicapped parking. Mr. McQueen advised that he has instructed Maintenance to paint the spaces and place the signs. Mr. McQueen discussed the problems with the lack of parking space for the Health Department. (2/2428)

Loan, Capital City Bank – Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 04-64 accepting a loan from Capital City Bank in the amount of \$51,262 to purchase a Caterpillar Motor Grader.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-64
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM
CAPITAL CITY BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY
NOTE FOR \$51,262 TO CAPITAL CITY BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE
A CATERPILLAR, MODEL 120H.**

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve Resolution 04-54. The motion carried unanimously. (3/043)

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Gilliam presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the reappointment of Commissioner Durden to the Chamber's Board of Directors for FY 04/05. **Motion** by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to reappoint Commissioner Durden to serve on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried unanimously. (3/070)

Phone System, Judge's Office – Mr. Gilliam advised that a new phone system is needed in the Judicial Offices. He presented a quote from Red's Old Fashioned Telephone in the amount of \$2,800 for an upgrade of the phones. The expenditure will be paid from Courthouse Operations. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve the installation of the new phone system for the Judicial Offices. The motion carried unanimously. (3/108)

Invoice, Billy Smith Watermelons – Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice from Billy Smith Watermelons in the amount of \$7,240 for the rental of a trailer, shed and forklift. These were items used during the storm recovery and will be paid from the Storm Fund. He stated that Mr. McQueen has not had an opportunity to review the invoice. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve payment of the invoice contingent upon Mr. McQueen signing approval. The motion carried unanimously. (3/154)

December Meeting Schedule – Mr. Gilliam advised that a Legislative Delegation Hearing has been scheduled for December. He asked for the Board's direction in scheduling the mid-month meeting in December. He pointed out that it would be held on December 20 if the schedule is maintained. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to hold one (1) meeting in December on the 6th. The motion carried unanimously. (3/211)

Sheriff's Federal Certification Report – Commissioner Durden provided a copy of the Sheriff's Federal Certification Report for the record. This report concerns the expenditures of Federal funds by the Sheriff's Office and is to be filed with the Board annually. (3/280)

EMA/County Administrator's Report:

Bonnell & Sons, 35th Avenue Bill – Mr. McQueen presented a bill in the amount of \$1,500 submitted by Bonnell & Sons for emergency work done on 35th Avenue after the Hurricanes. He stated that the expense could be turned in on Category "B." Discussion was held concerning the circumstances in which Mr. Bonnell had worked on the road. He had not been authorized to do the work but it was an emergency situation that served the citizens of that community. Commissioner Durden stated that he did not object to paying Mr. Bonnell for this work if he had been authorized by the County. Commissioner Tommy Langford

stated that he had met with Mr. Watson and Mr. Bonnell at 35th Avenue and discussed the situation prior to the work. He said that there was a need and Mr. Bonnell had asked if he could use his own equipment if the County brought in the dirt. This was for the first hole repaired. Commissioner Tommy Langford said at the time there were no charges mentioned or requested. He explained there was another hole fixed and that may be where this is generated from. Commissioner Langford agreed with Chairman Durden that it would be acceptable to pay the bill under these circumstances but it should be clarified that such work will have to be authorized in the future.

The Board heard comments from Mr. Joe Young in favor of paying Mr. Bonnell for the service he had provided. Chairman Gentry related that he had talked to Mr. Bonnell before the work was done and that he had offered to use his own equipment if the County would provide the fill dirt. He did not request any payment at that time, he just wanted to help his neighbors out. Commissioner Gentry stated that because he had made that statement initially, he could not support payment for something Mr. Bonnell had asked to do on his own. Mr. McPherson advised that the County did not have an obligation to pay for it if there was no agreement in advance, however, there is no legal impediment to prevent payment if the Board chooses to do so. **Motion** by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to pay Mr. Bonnell \$1,500 for the repair of the road considering it was under emergency conditions and to note that this does not set a precedent for any future payment for such work. The motion carried with Chairman Gentry voting “no.”

Petition Hwy 129 & CR 340 Intersection – Mr. McQueen presented a petition for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of HWY 129 and CR 340 (*The petition contains 2000 signatures and is on file in the Clerk’s Office*). Mr. McQueen stated that the intersection currently has a caution light. He explained that the State of Florida is responsible for installing a traffic light on the State Highway and that once it is installed it must be maintained by the County. The Board discussed the options to increase safety at the intersection and it was pointed out that the concrete pole in the State’s right of way is a hindrance to visibility when pulling off of CR 340 onto SR 129. It was also agreed that a traffic light at this intersection may actually pose a greater hazard. Mr. McQueen recommended that this issue be placed on DOT’s five year work plan. **Motion** by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to have a safety study for the intersection placed DOT’s five-year work plan. The motion carried unanimously. (3/780)

Dept. of Juv. Justice funding – Mr. McQueen referred to an invoice from the Department of Juvenile Justice in the amount of \$4,608. He stated this amount is currently on hold until a decision has been made by the courts concerning the responsibility of funding by the counties. (3/995)

New Commissioner Workshop – For the Board’s information, Mr. McQueen provided a copy of a meeting notice for the Florida Association of Counties workshop for new Commissioners.

Permit, Solid Waste – Mr. McQueen referred to a Notice of Permit from the Department of Environmental Protection for the Solid Waste Transfer Station. He stated that he has talked

with Mr. Fischer concerning the conditions that must be met to remain in compliance.
(3/1084)

DOT 5-year Work Plan – Mr. McQueen advised the DOT 5-year Work Plan meeting will be in the Lake City office on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed a list of items to be included on the plan for Gilchrist County. Commissioner Sharon Langford suggested that the issue of raising CR 232 be included if possible.

Commissioner Sharon Langford mentioned that the speed limit on Hwy 129 in Bell needs to be lowered from 50 mph to 45 mph because of all of the businesses that are located there. Commissioner Durden stated that the County and the Town of Bell have requested it be lowered and a traffic study was done by DOT. After the study, DOT determined that it will remain at 50 mph. He suggested that the issue be pursued in the future. (3/1128)

Division of Forestry – Mr. McQueen reported that the County has received a check in the amount of \$7,877.65 from the Division of Forestry for the 50% match reimbursement for the Title Four grant.

Commissioner Durden mentioned that Jonathan Kincaid has asked to exchange a portion of property adjacent to the Sheriff's Office for another portion that was purchased by the County. Commissioner Durden asked Mr. McQueen to contact him and bring back more information.

Purchase of AEDs – Mr. McQueen presented a request for the purchase of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators for the fire departments. He explained that notice has been received by the company who supplied the current AED's that they will no longer support them and that they have gone out of business. Mr. McQueen stated that the supplier for that company has offered a \$700 credit for each as a trade-in. The total cost will be approximately \$800 after the credit is taken. He suggested that he be allowed to meet with Mr. Ferguson and with Ms. Walker to determine which account they should be purchased from. **Motion** by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve the purchase of six (6) AEDs and to authorize Mr. McQueen to meet with Finance and Ms. Walker to decide which account they are paid from. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Thomas asked Mr. McPherson if it will be possible to obtain reimbursement for the AED's that need to be replaced. Mr. McPherson replied that he will continue to monitor it but since the company has gone out of business it will probably not be possible.

Commissioner Durden reported that he had attended a special workshop held by the Bell Town Council. The purpose of the workshop was to consider instituting the Impact Fees within the Town of Bell and the consensus of the Council was to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County. Commissioner Durden asked that the Board consider at the next meeting how the fees should be allocated. He explained the Town of Bell is in need of revenue for some paving projects. Due to the fact these projects would also be in the best interest of the County, Commissioner Durden recommended that the County retain 10% of the fees for administrative costs with the balance going to the Town of Bell.

Commissioner Tommy Langford advised that he will be out of town from November 28 through December 5.

Commissioner Thomas reported that there are still problems with the roads in the Waters Lake area but under the circumstances all of them cannot be repaired at this time. He commended Mr. Watson and Mr. Cannon for their efforts in resolving the problems in that area.

Chairman Gentry advised he will be out of town December 7 through December 15.

Commissioner Thomas asked Mr. McQueen if the park on SR 47 is scheduled to be cleaned up. Mr. McQueen explained that there has been a problem with residents from other counties destroying the picnic tables and in the past the Board has voted not to replace them. He said that he will check into having the inmate crew clean up the debris.

Old Business:

Mr. Gilliam referred to a memo from the County's insurance carrier concerning an offer to carry out appraisals on the buildings. He said that this was done approximately three (3) years ago and he recommended that it be done again within the next two (2) years.

New Business:

(None)

Public Participation:

Ms. Delight Curtis addressed the Board concerning a recent incident in her community in which Mr. Darrell Miller rescued a neighbor from a house fire. Ms. Curtis advised that a meeting was held on November 16 to discuss concerns about the Southeast VFD and ways to assist the Department. Another meeting is scheduled to be held on November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southeast Community Center.

Discussion was held concerning the problem that all of the fire departments have obtaining volunteers and having volunteers available. Commissioner Durden suggested that the Board resume the workshops for the implementation of a fire special assessment. The Board agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to present Mr. Miller with a plaque in recognition of his act of heroism. This presentation will be scheduled for an upcoming meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Tommy Langford moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford and carried.

APPROVED:

Mitchell Gentry, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk