

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MAY 2, 2005.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 1:15 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 the Circuit Court, Janice Wasson, Deputy Clerk, Sam Ferguson, Finance Director, Ron McQueen, John Ayers, Billy Cannon, Justin Watson, Lee Mills, Ron Mills, Alan Mikell, Philip Dunn, Jeffrey Wild, Gary Tanous, Ms. Tanous, Gene Parrish, Sheriff Turner, J.C. Robertson, Evelyn Meece, K.R. Hudson, A.L. Sandrik, Julie Harrison, Mark Gluckman, Bill Henderson, Jordan Green, and Gene Parrish.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Gentry called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Tommy Langford delivered the invocation and Commissioner Durden led the pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Changes:

Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the following agenda changes:

Code Enforcement Monthly Report
Constitutional Officers, Sheriff
Interlocal Agreement with Town of Bell, Code Enforcement
Resolution 05-14, Acceptance of Loan, Animal Control Equipment
3:15 p.m. Citizen's Request, Gary Tanous
Lee Mills, Bid Results, CR 340 and CR 319
Lighting & Maintenance Agreement, D.O.T.
Request for Waiver of Fees from Christian fellowship Community Church
Request for Storage of Boats

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve agenda changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. McPherson requested correction of Page 55 of Minutes from April 18, 2005 Meeting as follows:

Mr. McPherson advised the Board that ~~the scoring remained the same,~~
~~and that~~ the removal of Perry Construction from the calculations in the ranking would break the tie.

Commissioner Durden requested correction of Page 47 of Minutes from April 4, 2005 Meeting, correcting the spelling of coalition.

Motion by Commissioner Durden seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Consent Agenda with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

D.O.T., Priority Project List, Jordan Green: (1/175)

Bill Henderson advised the Board of some possible changes in the SCOP funds, and Jordan Green presented the Board with handout of Phase Group Descriptions.

Mr. Green advised the Board of the Citizen's Plan for the next 5 years, and discussed the calculations of mileage and construction costs as reported. Discussion was also made regarding the plan for resurfacing on SR 49/US Hwy 129, and the maximum life of project.

Citizen's Plan Priority Listing

SR 26 from US 129 to Alachua County Line, Resurfacing
SR 49/US Hwy 129 from Bell to Suwannee County Line, Resurfacing
SR 26 from Fanning Springs to Trenton, Resurfacing
SR 26 from US 19 to Alachua County Line, Widening and Bypasses
Traffic Lighting and Maintenance, Traffic Control Devices

SCRAP Agreement, CR 340, Dixie County Line to US 129/SR 49, Resurfacing
Enhancement Project, Fanning Springs Trail Head, Right of Way Activity
SCRAP Agreement, CR 319, Levy County Line to SR 26, Resurfacing
SCRAP Agreement (2006), CR 319, Levy County Line to US 129, Resurfacing
SCOP Agreement, CR 337, SE 70th Ave to CR 340, Miscellaneous Construction

Mr. McQueen questioned the SCRAP and SCOP qualifications. Mr. Green stated that to qualify for either SCRAP or SCOP, the road must be a County maintained paved road. Mr. McQueen requested that Mr. Green provide the qualifications in writing. Mr. Green also mentioned the CIGP program, and Mr. Henderson explained the CIGP Program, the qualification for this Grant, and that the County Program that can be superseded by the SCOP Program. Chairperson Gentry voiced the County's concern regarding the widening of roads not adequate for daily traffic.

Commissioner Tommy Langford mentioned the collection of a portion of the money through the vehicle tag costs being applied to the CIGP Program, Mr. Henderson advised that did not have any additional information regarding this funding.

Mr. McQueen raised the issue of the Hurricane season and large truck traffic effecting the condition and usage of major highways within the County.

National Weather Service, Storm Readiness of the County: (1/955)

Mr. McQueen and Mr. Mills presented a brief introduction of Mr. Sandrik's qualifications and participation. Mr. Sandrik advised the Board of the process the National Weather Service follows in determining the Storm Readiness of Counties within the State of Florida, and stated that there are three Counties within the State that have been denied, emphasizing the seriousness taken by the National Weather Service. He stated that Gilchrist County Emergency Management satisfies the qualifications of the National Weather Service, and discussed the need for Counties to be storm ready during the Hurricane Season.

Mr. Sandrik presented the Board with a Certificate of Storm Readiness, and Chairperson Gentry was photographed receiving the Certificate. The National Weather Service also presented the County with two street signs to be placed within the County.

Lee Mills, Bids for Resurfacing (and widening) CR 319 and CR 340: (1/1250)

Mr. Lee Mills advised the Board of the bids received for CR 319 and CR 340, and announced the individual bid amounts received for each project.

<u>CR 319</u>	Anderson Columbia	\$354,508
	Hipp Construction	\$329,789.34
<u>CR 340</u>	Anderson Columbia	\$407,085
	(including widening)	\$491,085
	Hipp Construction	\$370,037.86

(including widening) \$449,602.86

Mr. Lee Mills advised the Board that John C. Hipp Construction was the lowest bids received, and recommended that the Board accept the bid. Discussion was made regard the State Contract. Commissioner Sharon Langford questioned the individual unit prices contained within each bid, and Mr. Mills read the contents of the bid aloud for the Board. Financing of the projects was mentioned. Department of Protection permitting was also discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to accept John C. Hipp Construction bid of \$329,789.34 to resurface CR 319, and the bid of \$449,586.86 to resurface and widening CR 340, the Finance Department presenting Board with its recommendation as to funding. Commissioner Durden added to his Motion that if Mr. McPherson approves contract, the Chairperson be authorized to sign the contract, the addition was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford. Motion carried unanimously. *(Mr. Lee Mills advised the Board of a mathematical error in the bid calculations, and provided the Board with the correct total of \$449,602.86 for the resurfacing and widening of CR 340)*

Commissioner Tommy Langford, questioned Mr. Mills regarding the fencing expense on SE 70th Ave., and questioned the process if the Board voted “no” or the request did not receive a passing vote. Mr. Mills stated that he was unsure of the consequences if a bill was not paid by the Board, but stated that legal ramifications would possibly be within the process due to a breach of contract issue. *(1/1740)*

Public Hearing, Ordinance 05-06, Speed Limit Changes (CR 340): *(1/2215-2/25)*

ORDINANCE 05-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 55 MILES PER HOUR TO 45 MILES PER HOUR ON THAT SEGMENT OF COUNTY ROAD 340 BETWEEN A POINT 1320 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID COUNTY ROAD 340 AND NORTHEAST 70TH STREET AND A POINT 1320 FEET WEST OF SAID INTERSECTION IN GILCHRIST COUNTY; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to continue the Public Hearing, Ordinance 05-06, to the May 16, 2005 Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m., allowing Sheriff Turner to report to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing, Resolution 05-13, Fire Special Assessment: *(2/27)*

RESOLUTION NO. 05-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THEREFOR IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; SETTING FORTH PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; MAKING LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; SETTING FORTH A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT RATES; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson requested permission from the Board to establish a record, and extend the allotted time beyond 15 minutes. He advised the Board that Resolution 05-13 was an Initial Rate Resolution, and advised the Board of findings required for the Board to make. Finding (1) that the property assessed receives special benefits, and (2) that the apportionment of costs are fair and reasonable. Mr. McPherson discussed each portion of the Resolution as questions were presented by the Board, and discussed the budget process. Mr. McPherson mentioned the required Interlocal Agreements between the County and the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector, *(Prior Interlocal Agreements had been oral*

agreements, and Mr. McPherson suggested that the agreement needed to be in writing) preparing the Public Hearing on September 8, 2005. The Notices, by publication and by mail, will be sent not later than August 18, 2005 for the 2005-2006 Tax Bills.

Mr. McQueen – stated that there have been numerous meetings held on this issue, and that the needs of the Rural Community have always been top priority, along with the level of fire service for the County. He stated that all Fire Departments in the County are volunteers, and are required by the State of Florida to be certified as Firefight 1 Classification. He mentioned the equipment requirements, and stated that equipment requirements were considered during this process. Mr. McQueen stated that he had reviewed the Legislative requirements, and agrees that the apportionment is fair and reasonable based on the benefits received by the various properties.

Mr. Robertson – provided the Board with copies of the Updated Fire Protective Study. He stated that the main change was wording on page 12. He added that the Firefighter 1 Classification requirement entailed 160 hours of training. Mr. Robertson stated that he had prepared numerous Studies for Counties within the State of Florida, and also in Walton County, Georgia. He stated that he had reviewed the Legislative requirements, and agrees that the apportionment is fair and reasonable based on the benefits received by the various properties.

Commissioner Sharon Langford questioned Mr. Robertson on charging vacant properties. She referred to a fire workshop she attended that was presented by the Division of Forestry. She discussed fines being assessed to the persons responsible for causing fires, without charging vacant property owners. Mr. Robertson stated that vacant property is more at risk than occupied property. Commissioner Durden discussed the benefit to the County regarding vacant land, and Chairperson Gentry agreed regarding the need for Fire protection, and commented that he felt that \$10 per parcel was reasonable. Mr. McQueen stated that the minimal amount for vacant property was to strike a balance.

Mr. Gilliam pointed out that the previous Fire Study, 10 years old, addressed some of the same issues as the current Study addresses.

Chairperson Gentry read aloud the Short Title of Resolution 05-13. Commissioner Sharon Langford stated, for the record, that she will support the overall Fire Special Assessment, but that she was not in support of charging for vacant property.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 05-13. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Request, Philip Dunn: (2/2110)

Philip Dunn, SW 25th Place, requests that when the water recedes on 25th Place be properly built or re-built, and culverts installed. He stated that this is also an issue of other residents within the area, and stated that other residents were present. Mr. Watson advised the Board that the Road Department is aware of the issue, but that the road floods and the existing culverts over fill. Mr. Watson presented the Board with pictures of the road taken Friday, April 30, 2005. Discussion was made regarding the buildup of the road, and adding two more culverts to allow relief. He stated that installing additional culverts will ease the situation, but will not solve the problem.

FEMA funding was discussed, however, FEMA will not fund the additional culvert installation.

Fred Blanton, (2/2472-3/48) resident, stated that installing two addition culverts will correct the washouts. He stated that the washout is approximately 4 feet deep today. Mr. Blanton also requested lights be installed on the poles for accessing the area during the dark.

Jeffrey Wild, (3/50) resident, requests low spot be addressed on the road. He mentioned that leveling may allow for sheet flow instead of a rapid flow at the lowest point. Discussion was made regarding the water flowing from one side of the road to the other, and installation of culverts still does not allow for relief because the water has no where to go but to rise upward.

Billy Cannon, Gilchrist County Road Department, stated that installing two additional culverts will at least ease the flow. He discussed the delay in installation, stated that the Road Department will re-visit the area on Tuesday, May 3rd, to evaluate the site.

Philip Dunn stated that he believed that 2-3 feet build up is still required. He requests installation as soon as possible.

Public Hearing, Ordinance 05-07, Optional Fuel Tax: (3/315)

ORDINANCE 05-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE IMPOSITION OF THE SIX-CENT GAS TAX WITHIN GILCHRIST COUNTY; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the Fuel Tax within the Ordinance currently in place expires August 31, 2005, and this Ordinance will extend the effective date 10 more years. He stated that after this final extension, the Legislature will have to decide the fate. Chairperson Gentry read aloud the Short Title. Mr. Gilliam advised that a Resolution will be presented to the Board regarding the percentage of distribution, before July 1, 2005, and that the municipalities have been notified and the information had been requested.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve Ordinance 05-07. Motion carried unanimously.

Pure Water Wilderness, Update on Hart Springs: (3/385)

Mark Gluckman, Chairperson of Pure Water Wilderness, advised the Board of the draft and possible partnership proposal for Hart Springs with State agencies allowing for State funds for marketing and promotion. He presented the Board with copies of the proposal, and discussed Hart Springs becoming the County's Nature Based Project. Mr. Gluckman discussed other River Camps within the area, and stated that six cabins are being constructed at Fanning Springs currently.

Mr. Gluckman discussed the master plan, the Board's policies towards Hart Springs, and the linkage of the Lindsey tract with the Hart Springs Park. He raised the possibility of boathouses instead of cabins within the facility for lodging, and stated that the County's responsibility in the partnership would be make decisions regarding site plans and permits, oversee the construction and to operate the Hart Springs Park.

Mr. McQueen stated that Hart Springs was an excellent project to provide a 12 month facility generating revenue for the County. The Board discussed the funding of the Master Plan, and that Hart Springs is eligible to receive funds from the State of Florida (FRDAP Grant), and also the El Nino money, which could assist the County in funding the project.

Julie Harrison, Hart Springs Supervisor, agreed that this project would bring revenue to the area, and agreed to the concept. Discussion was raised regarding additional employees that may be needed for the projected facility.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to allow a letter be prepared and sent to Secretary of DEP regarding the plan for Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Request, Gary Tanous: (3/1268)

Gary Tanous, NW 52nd Street, presented the Board with handout regarding his request to fill in two locations along 50th Street. He stated that Justin Watson visited the area, and stated that filling in some places would allow for vehicles instead of boating/kayaking. He also requested lighting on the poles for access during the dark.

Ms. Tanous raised the medical issue of emergency situations, and questions the County's plan for emergency calls. She stated that a medical helicopter could not land in the area, and stated that there is an alligator residing in the area, leaches in the water, and bacteria in the water. She raised the issue of health concerns.

Mr. McQueen stated that residents living along the River may consider residing in another area during the flooding season, and that road construction and buildup is governed by other laws.

Sheriff Turner discussed entrance on private property and authorization from other property owners. He stated that legal actions have been raised towards accessing private property, stated that there is a CAD system flagging alternative routes for emergency situations. Sheriff Turner advised that the CAD flags can be provided.

Mr. Gilliam raised the issue that the action by the Board could drastically affect the Road Department in future other flooding areas within the County.

Constitutional Officers:

Byrne Grant: (3/2040) Sheriff Turner requested the Board authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign letter regarding Child Abuse Prevention Recovery Team Investigator for the County. He stated the letter is a follow-up process for the Byrne Grant approval by the Board, \$28,920.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Chairperson Gentry to sign follow-up letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement: (3/2234) Sheriff Turner requests the Board approve the signing of the Agreement as Governing Body Head. Discussion was made regarding the Board becoming the agency having authority over governing body. Sheriff Turner advised that 2005 was the first year for the Board to sign as the Governing Body Head, and he referred to the bottom of Page 83.

Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Requisition from State Law Enforcement Trust Fund: (3/2503-4/85) Sheriff Turner requests a requisition of \$1,000 from the State Law Enforcement Trust Funds as long as funds are available.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve requisition if funds are available. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department:

Stinger Blades: (4/118) Mr. Watson requests additional funds to be approved. He advised the Board that a total of \$8,906 plus freight (\$4,453 each blade) will be required for 2 Blades with Stingers welded in place. \$4,423.50 originally approved. The stability of the installation was discussed, and replacement of the entire stinger, Mr. Watson advised that the bits will be retained and used during installation.

Motion, Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve additional \$8,906 (\$4,453 each blade) plus freight, from Transportation Machinery Equipment Fund, for the purchase of installation parts. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Report:

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Fire Special Assessment: (4/405) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that Resolution 05-13 was approved earlier in the meeting.

Local Option Fuel Tax: Mr. McPherson advised the Board that Ordinance 05-07 was approved earlier in the meeting.

Speed Limit on CR 340: Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the Public Hearing on Ordinance 05-06 was continued until May 16, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Status Report:

Florida Rock Use of Right of Way for Gas Piping: (4/413) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that he had received no response from Florida Rock on the draft permit approved by the Commission.

Bell Code Enforcement: (4/415) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of the receipt of the Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement with Town of Bell. Chairperson Gentry was authorized to sign the Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign Interlocal Agreement with Town of Bell. Motion carried unanimously.

Thomas Property Donation: (4/453) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that Mr. McQueen is having survey of this property prepared in anticipation of the donation.

McArthur Property Lease: (4/453) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that negotiations are underway with the attorney for Mr. McArthur.

Philpot Park: (4/455) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that he had an opportunity to speak with one of the family members (*Granddaughter of Dr. Philpot*) visiting the Courthouse, and that the family members would be receptive to the Board's request. He stated that the family member would provide a list of contacts for the Board. Mr. McPherson referred to the possible expiration of the covenant.

School Impact Fees: (4/505) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of the School Board Meeting, and that he had spoken with Sheree Lancaster, Esquire (*Attorney for the School Board*). He stated that Ms. Lancaster was in agreement with his findings that the County has the authority to impose impact fees and not the school board. He stated that he and Ms. Lancaster were in agreement that it is the school board's responsibility to complete the study necessary to determine a legally defensible amount for the fees, and that she would be conferring with the School Board and proceeding. Mr. McPherson advised the Board of the next Impact Fee Committee Meeting to be held May 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Pending Litigations:

Brooks and Strickland v. Aderholts and Gilchrist County: (4/533) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that a trial date had been set, to determine if the location is correct or incorrect. He stated that a cross claim had been filed against the county for trespass, and that the claim will be voluntarily dismissed due to failure of proper notification.

Bailey Code Enforcement Appeal: (4/570) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that an application for Amendment for Special Exception is forthcoming. A recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board for approval has been sent, and will be presented for approval at the May 16 Meeting.

Gilchrist County v Langfords: (4/585) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that he is still awaiting the final settlement proposal from the Langfords' attorney.

Miscellaneous:

Value Adjustment Board: (4/590) Mr. McPherson advised the Board for the need to schedule the Annual Organizational Meeting in June. He stated that Ms. Lancaster advised two School Board Members will be appointed, and that the School Board Members will notify the Board if there is a conflict. The Annual Organizational Meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Clerk's Report:

Smith Appraisal Services, Property Appraisal: (4/658) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that he had contacted Smith Appraisal Service, and that he had received no response at this time.

Gilchrist County Health Dept, 10/01/2004-03/31/2005: (4/676) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that the Gilchrist County Health Department had provided information to be distributed to the Board regarding their activities and expenditures.

Request for Purchase of County Land from “Lands Available for Sale”: (4/686) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that the County had received a request to purchase land. Mr. Teague presented a request in the amount of \$10,000, and M & P Partnership, LTD presented a request in the amount of \$9,500 cash and closing costs. The request includes 15 lots in the Sun & Fun Subdivision. Mr. Gilliam advised that Board of a request of \$9,552.16 in 2001, denied by the Board. Discussion was made regarding the benefit to the County, and road access to the property. Mr. McQueen stated that all lots have vested rights to permits, and are buildable lots. Mr. Gilliam stated that each lot is 9,500 square feet. The Board discussed any changes since last request.

The Board recommended the Clerk obtain a fair market value of the property, and bring his findings back to the Board at the May 16 Meeting. Mr. Teague agreed to postpone his request for the market value to be determined.

Mr. Teague advised the Board that he would like to acquire the property because the land borders his property (*Lots 1-7, and Lots 1 & 2*), and that he was informed by the Health Department of the requirement of a minimum of 2 lots for a well and septic permit.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to authorize the Clerk to obtain a determined market value of the Lots. Motion carried unanimously.

Financing for Animal Control Vehicles: (4/1057) Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 05-14, and requested authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14

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 \$49,212 TO CAPITAL CITY BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE AN ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCK AND A MAINTENANCE TRUCK.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve and to authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign Resolution 05-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 05-01: (4/1116) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of a pending Ordinance 05-01, and questioned the status of the Ordinance. Mr. McQueen advised that he will report to the Board at the May 16 Meeting. The Board scheduled a Public Hearing on June 6, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.

Budgets: (4/1198) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the approaching Budget, and requested authorization to send a letter to Constitutional Officers and Board Departments requesting a written request for funding (*to include new position and capital improvements*) He requested that all written requests include a description and a revenue to off-set the expenditure.

Chairperson Gentry raised the issue of merit raises being included in the Budgeting, allowing the Departments to have jurisdiction over the recipients, aiding in performance. Commissioner Durden recommended that this issue be included in the Personnel Policy and Procedure Workshop to be scheduled with Mike Grogan. Mr. McQueen advised that no date had been scheduled for the workshop at present.

Minimum Wage Law: (4/1279) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the Minimum Wage Law increase of \$1 effective date, and stated that several departments could be impacted during the Budget.

Longevity Incentive Program: (4/1295) Mr. McQueen raised the issue of the Board’s Incentive Program, and requested a review of the policy. Commissioner Durden commented that the Incentive Program would be included in the Personnel Policy and Procedures Workshop being scheduled.

Chamber Member Use of Chamber Facility: (4/1407) Mr. Gilliam raised the issue of the allowing chamber members to use the Chamber Facility to meet with the public. He requested the Board’s recommendation, and mentioned that this use is contrary to the lease agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. Discussion was made regarding the Chamber building as a public building, and the view

as to allowing Chamber Members, but excluding the public, from use of the facility. The Board discussed the type of meetings, public purpose of the meetings, the relation to Chamber business and the possible conflict with the lease agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded Commissioner Tommy Langford, to allow Chamber Members to use the Chamber meeting Room, and to change the lease accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA/County Administrator Report:

EEO Plan: (4/1633) Mr. McQueen requested the Board approve a revised Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, Ordinance 05-19, repealing Resolution 05-10, approved March 21, 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Resolution 05-19, revised EEO Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Five Year Work Plan Projects: (4/1675) Mr. McQueen requested permission from the Board to obtain recommendations included in the Five Year Work Program Letter, and to include the engineering for road work of SR 26 (*widening*). The Board discussed the lessening of other projects (*SR 47, US Hwy 129, and SR 26*). Mr. McQueen stated that the Works of the District will normally be awarded to Alachua County, and the possibility of funding under this program for the County.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded Commissioner Tommy Langford, add the engineering of SR 26 to the Five Year Work Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

EL Nino Close-Out: (4/1872) Mr. McQueen advised the Board the proper time to proceed would be during budget.

Request to Waiver Building Permit Fees: (4/1888) Mr. McQueen presented the Board with a written request for a waiver of Building Permit Fees from the Christian Fellowship Community Church.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the waiver of building permits fees for the Christian Fellowship Community Church. Motion carried unanimously.

Rental of County Property: (4/1968) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of a request from a Group to rent the Leggett Voting Precinct to hold church services. He stated that the Board had denied permanent use of County Property previously, but had allowed temporary use. He requested clarification of the County Policy. The Board directed Mr. McQueen to obtain more information and present the request to the Board on the May 16 Meeting.

Donnie Voting Precinct: (4/2080) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the request from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla to use the Donnie Voting Precinct as a permanent meeting place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Board requests Policy clarification.

Hart Springs Boating Staging: (4/2148) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the request from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla to store vessels and equipment on a vacant areas at Hart Springs during times of disaster.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to deny the request to store vessels and equipment on a vacant area of Hart Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Agreement: (4/2369) Mr. McQueen requested permission from the Board to authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign Maintenance Agreement with D.O.T.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to authorize Chairperson Gentry to sign Maintenance Agreement with D.O.T. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Report:

Commissioner Thomas: (4/2459-5/90) mentioned the roads within the County being affected by Timber harvesting. He discussed the procedures of other counties requiring temporary culverts as needed. The Board discussed the Road Department Superintendent has the authority to reroute traffic due to road damage. Mr. McPherson recommended the County adopting an enforceable ordinance, and was directed by the Board to work with the Road Department on an Draft Ordinance.

Commissioner Tommy Langford:

Advertisement of Chief – (5/92) questioned the status of hiring a Fire Chief, and was advised that the advertisement will be expanded to the Tri County Bulletin and advertising online.

Fiscally Restrained Counties (15 Million Revenue): (5/124) Commissioner Tommy Langford advised the Board of the passage of the Bill, and stated that the Bill has a good chance of passage in the Senate. Chairperson Gentry stated that he had received updated information that the Bill was being held up in the Ways and Means, and urged the Board members to call representatives.

Florida Hwy Products, Jerry Poole: (5/153) Commissioner Tommy Langford mentioned that he had met with FHP, and inquired about a new gas tax.

Tax Collector, Marilyn Bruce: (5/178) Commissioner Tommy Langford advised the Board of his recent conversation with the Tax Collector. He stated that the Tax Collector advised him that she had collected \$30,000 plus dollars in revenue with additional revenue forthcoming. Commissioner Tommy Langford requests that the Board approve the previous request on April 18, 2005 to replace the manual garage doors due to safety concerns, and to fund the request from General Revenue Reserve.

Mr. Ferguson advised the Board of his meeting with Ms. Bruce several weeks ago, and stated that at the time of the meeting, Ms. Bruce agreed to address the expenditure during the Budget process.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Sharon Langford, to approve and fund Tax Collector's request out of the General Fund Reserve. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote, with Commissioner Sharon Langford voting yes, Commissioner Durden voting no, Commissioner Tommy Langford voting yes, Commissioner Thomas voting no, and Chairperson Gentry voting yes.

Chairperson Gentry: None

Commissioner Durden: None

Commissioner Sharon Langford: (5/366) questioned the Board would review the issue of EMS moving to Millage. Discussion was made regarding the scheduling of a Workshop to discuss this issue, and a Workshop for EMS being moved to MSTU was scheduled for June 6, 2005 Meeting.

County Position Classifications: (5/449) Commissioner Sharon Langford inquired regarding the policy of changing the position classification. Mr. McQueen gave a brief description of the process, and discussed unfilled positions. She requested to be kept in the loop, allowing her to answer public comments received.

Old Business:

Forestry Act Grant: (5/650) Mr. McQueen requested authorization to submit the Forestry Act Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for pagers and radios for all Fire Stations.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to authorize submission for the Forestry Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Year To Date Recap, Expenditures & Revenues: (5/694) Mr. Gilliam provided the Board with a listing of YTD expenditures and revenues, and discussed the list.

New Business: None

Public Participation: None

Adjourn: (5/7/17) There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Gentry at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Durden.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mitchell Gentry, Chairman

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk