

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2005.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 26, 2005 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, Janice Wasson, Deputy Clerk, Sam Ferguson, Finance Director, Ron McQueen, EMA/County Administrator, Justin Watson, Billy Cannon, Alan Mikell, Ron Mills, Gene Parrish, Diane Rondolet, Mel Wheeler, Ellie Wheeler,

Call to Order:

Chairperson Gentry called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Road Standards: Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the Memorandum from the Planning & Zoning Board regarding Road Standards for the County. The Board discussed road surface width, right-of-way width, wearing surface, provisions for family lot permits, subdivision developments (*minor or major*), elimination of easements within the County, a deeded right-of-way, and legal access to property.

Mr. McPherson and the Board discussed the number of entrances to a frontage highway in connection with minor and major subdivisions.

Gene Parrish addressed the Board regarding the family lot split, road access, and continual development. He stated that in some cases the lot split is only completed when the acreage meets the minimal amount as per County regulations (5.0 acres).

The Board also discussed one driveway serving multiple parcels under the family lot permits as a compromise to the current County procedure. Mr. McPherson stated that he recommended against this because he felt this would be moving backwards.

Subdivision Ordinance: (1/2275-3/405) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of most recent draft Subdivision Ordinance, and reviewed each change with the Board.

The Board discussed at length the Subdivision Ordinance, with Billy Cannon addressing the safety issue in regards to road maintenance, and Gene Parrish addressing allowing subdivision on certain types of roads. The Board decided to address family-lot-split provision language and dusty roads at a later date.

Noise Ordinance: (3/406) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of most recent draft Noise Ordinance, and reviewed the draft in its entirety. The Board discussed the continuing period of audible noise, intermittent periods, local businesses and sporting events, removal of power tools, agricultural equipment, audible distances, and Special Exceptions previously approved by the Board of Adjustment.

Public Safety Director: (3/1564) Mr. McQueen presented and addressed the job description for the County Director of Public Safety. The Board discussed the addition of Animal Control Department to the divisions to be directed and supervised by the Director position, and also experience being allowed to substitute for knowledge required.

The Board also discussed the Fire Coordinator's transition, and the transition period for all the changes within the County for the first year.

The Board discussed the training schedule established by the Fire Coordinator, and discussed charging the cities for participation in this training.

Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to move forward with advertisement for the Public Safety Director position. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Gilliam discussed the Fuel Depot due to the recent scare from Hurricane Rita, and suggested that the County may need to look at optional storages locations.

Chairperson Gentry voiced concern for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and discussed an alternate location in Bell, that will be built to withstand severe weather conditions. The Board requested that Mr. McQueen report to the Board on a full service building in Bell at a future meeting.

Adjournment: (3/2519)

There being no further business, Commissioner Tommy Langford ***moved*** to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Mitchell Gentry, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk