

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2006.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a Public Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 6:30 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 Tommy Langford, Chairperson
Commissioner Durden, Vice-Chairperson
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner Sharon Langford
Commissioner Mitchell Gentry

Others in attendance were: John McPherson, County Attorney, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Janice Wasson, Deputy Clerk, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, Kristy Philman, Julie Harrison, Angie Lindsey, Vera Lindsey, Dale Lindsey, David Wise, James L. Byrd, Ronald L. Katz, Mark Gluckman, Darrell Smith, Donna Creamer, Mike Meyer, Mary Meyer, D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Diana Harrison, Amos Philman, Chirs Philman, Stephen Chapman, Sheree Lancaster, Howell Lancaster, Steve Kroll, Beth Latner, Leslie Sapp, Delight Curtis, Georgia Shemitz, Pete Butt, Wayne Kincais, Hugh Thomas, Alan Mikell, Kelby Andrews, Curt Webster, Charlie Houder, Steve Chapman, Ben Pontivent, Buddy Vickers, Billy Smith, and Jerry Scarborough.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Tommy Langford called the public meeting to order at **6:30 p.m.**, and turned the floor over to Jerry Scarborough, Suwannee River Water Management District.

Proposed Sale of Hart Springs: Mr. Scarborough began the presentation with an introduction of his team, and Mr. Curt Webster presented the proposal to purchase Hart Springs.

Mike Myers, Sheree Lancaster, Buddy Vickers, Billy Smith, Ben Pontevient, Julie Harrison, Donna Creamer, D Ray Harrison, David Wise, (park employee), Dale Lindsey, Leslie Sapp, Kelby Andrews, Kristy Philman, and Beth Latner all addressed Mr. Scarborough with questions regarding the sale and surrender of ownership.

A range of questions were asked, including waste water system for the area surrounding the springs, access to SW 86th Way, the School Board's education program, boat ramp conditions and repair, staffing, the Dive Program, a reverter clause for the County, future plans as a State Park, expending the yearly revenue, competitive fees for the park, ingress and egress of residents, future water plant plans, intent and use of the Endowment Fund established, management of the Endowment Funds, future eminent domain issues, expansion of the current campground, the wilderness trail, possible lease of the park instead of a sale, and the arrival of the sale/purchase price.

The Board directed the Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, to draft a proposal to be reviewed at the March 6, 2006 meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Tommy Langford adjourned the public meeting at **8:15 p.m.**

APPROVED:

Tommy Langford, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk