

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 17, 2006.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006 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 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, Stacy Winfield, County Planner, Jacki Johnson, Linda Walker, Jerry Kiernan, John Ayers, Justin Watson, Brenda Dunn, Reno Harrison, Elaine Faison, Marvin Weaver, Lee Mills, Tony Cruse, Scott Guthrie, Bill Rogers, Pat Rogers, Alan Mikell, Mike Barron, Nell Yelvington, Teri Trail, Ruth Ann Bennett, Marilyn Bruce, Tony Sullivan, Janet Johnson, Clyde Townsend, and Danielle Green.

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., with Commissioner Thomas delivering the invocation and Commissioner Sharon Langford leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Tommy Langford dedicated the current meeting in honor of the late Sam Ferguson, stating that he would like for the flag to be flown at half mass and Sam's family to be remembered in everyone's prayers.

**Appreciation for Service:** (1/63) Chairperson Tommy Langford presented a plaque to Elaine Faison for her 25 years of service to the County, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

**Agenda Changes:** (1/145) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the following agenda changes:

1. Purchase Order, Mills Engineering, for Road Department Site Plan
2. Revised Agreement, DJJ, Confidentiality
3. Correction to Consent Agenda, Fanning Springs VFD Invoice, \$6.250
4. Family Life Care, Request for Letter of Support

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

1. Lee Mills, CR 337 Update & Extension
2. Maintenance Contract for E911
3. Bids for County Borrow Pit

Mr. McPherson also advised that he did not have any agenda changes.

***Motion by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve agenda with changes. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.***

**Consent Agenda:** (1/217)

1. Approval Minutes:  
April 3, 2006, Regular Meeting

2. Approval of Budget Entries:
  - #BE06-067, EMS Fund, \$5,000.00
  - #BE06-068, EMS Fund, \$18,335.00
  - #BE06-069, Transportation Fund, \$5,500.00
  - #BE06-070, General Fund, \$15,000.00
  - #BE06-072, SHIP Fund, \$3,131.00
  - #BE06-073, Solid Waste Fund, \$4,200.00
  - #BE06-074, General Fund, \$3,900.00
3. Approval of Invoice, City of Fanning Springs VFD:
  - Second Quarter Report & Invoice, \$6,250

*Motion by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**County Administrator/Department Reports:**

**Public Safety:**

**Point of Distribution Contract/Agreement:** (1/235) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the contract with Billy Smith for the warehousing facility in the event that a state of emergency is declared, and requested approval. He stated the set amount in the contract is \$700 per day, and that the contract had a clause for an automatic annual renewal. The Board also discussed the method of reimbursement by FEMA.

*Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve Point of Distribution Contract/Agreement with Billy Smith, and to authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**EMS:** (1/341) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the requested write-offs for EMS from July 27, 2005 through March 8, 2006, and requested approval. Linda Walker was present and addressed the Board to answer any questions.

*Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve EMS write-offs from July 27, 2005 through March 8, 2006 in the amount of \$46,339.56. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Cardiac Monitor Bids:** (1/541) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the bids received for the cardiac monitors, and requested approval. Linda Walker was present and addressed the Board.

*Motion by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to accept bid for Caridac Monitors from Zoll at \$31,994.00 for cardiac monitors. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**CR 337, Lee Mills:** (1/791) Mr. Mills advised the Board of the status of the CR 337 project, and advised of the meeting with Anderson Columbia regarding modification of the contract for the project.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve and modify the contract by reducing the project to eight (8) miles and re-bid project.*

*Motion amended to include bidding the paving of road intersections with a limerock base as a separate option. Amendment seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Sewer Line at Jail:** (1/1512) Mr. Mills advised the Board of the status of the project, and recommended that the ¾" galvanized water line serving several residences be abandoned during the course of construction, and taping onto the 6" line to ensure conflicts do not arise for the affected residents.

**CR 339, Lee Mills:** (1/1840) Mr. Mills advised that he was unaware of this project, and apologized to the Board. The Board discussed the deadline for the project, December 31, 2007, and cost of the project.

**Public Safety Continued:** (1/1966) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the E911 Contract, and requested approval. The Board requested a copy of the contract to review, with no action taken.

**Parks & Recreation:**

**Earth Day, Naturally Wild:** (1/2043-2/569) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the proposed contract provided by Janet Johnson, and advised of the approved event (Earth Day) scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Hart Springs. Ms. Johnson was present and addressed the Board, discussing the activities planned for the event. The Board further discussed the proposed contract and several issues regarding collection of funds, a termination clause for the contract, sponsorship levels, and upcoming events that Ms. Johnson is requesting.

*Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to authorize Janet Johnson, Naturally Wild, to use Hart Springs for Earth Day scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2006, and for all future events requested to be brought to the Board for review on an individual basis. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Public Hearing, Land Use:**

**Redefining Urban Development Areas, Rezoning and Land Uses in Certain Areas within the County:** (2/571-3/389) Ms. Winfield advised the Board of the proposals for Trenton, Bell and Fanning Springs, reviewing each individually. After the Board discussed the proposals at length, Chairperson Tommy Langford called for public comments with Tony Sullivan, Danielle Green, Mike Barron, Scott Guthrie, and Bill Rogers addressing the Board.

*Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to leave the zoning areas as they are currently, and if the County needs to look at it in the future, the Board can look at it then. Motion failed with a 2-3 vote, with Commissioner Thomas voting yes, Commissioner Gentry voting no, Commissioner Durden voting no, Commissioner Sharon Langford voting yes, and Chairperson Tommy Langford voting no.* Chairperson Tommy Langford advised that his reason for voting no was that he felt the Board should continue to review the zoning areas, coming up with a plan for the County; Commissioner Gentry also advised that he didn't have a problem cutting back some of the proposal areas, but that the future needs of the County should be considered; Commissioner Durden stated that he felt that affordable housing is the County's responsibility, and needed to be addressed.

The Board decided to schedule an Interactive Workshop for Trenton on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, to sit down and uncover a solution through a combined effort.

**Road Department Report:**

**SCRAP, Option #2:** (3/393) Mr. Watson requested that the Board make a final selection for the #2 option for the submission of the SCRAP project, and discussed at length SE 70<sup>th</sup> and the Shady Grove Road as possible projects. Mr. Jerry Kiernan addressed the Board and requested a decision on the Spring Ridge Subdivision roads being considered during the budget process.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve placing the Shady Grove Road on the SCRAP program as project #2. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

The Board discussed reviewing several projects during the budget process, but Commissioner Durden cautioned the Board that salaries should be the number one priority for the County, and if any funds were remaining, he would consider future road projects.

Purchase Order, Fuel Expense: (3/1259) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the purchase order request to transfer additional monies into the Road Department's funds to cover the rising costs in fuel, and requested approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve purchase order, \$100,000, for the Road Department for additional fuel expenses.* The Board requested a status report on the Fuel Depot, with Mr. Watson advising that the Suwannee River Water Management District permits were the only hold up, and stating that the location of the project on the property required modifications. *Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

Mr. Watson asked the Board for any suggestions in regards to saving fuel.

Constitutional Officer, Tax Collector: (3/1472-4/591) Marilyn Bruce addressed the Board regarding reimbursement requests for postage, parking and the locking of the Courthouse entrance doors during the official Courthouse hours. The Board discussed security issues of the Tax Collector's Office, Clerk's Office, and other offices which collect money at length.

Public Hearing, Resolution 06-16, Land Swap with School Board: (4/596) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of the Resolution authorizing the deed swap with the School Board, reading the short title aloud, and recommended approval.

#### RESOLUTION 06-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE GILCHRIST COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY TO BE EXCHANGED BY THE COUNTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR COUNTY PURPOSES; FINDING THAT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Resolution 06-16, Land Exchange with the Gilchrist County School Board.* Chairperson Tommy Langford called for public comments, with none received. *Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

Public Hearing, Ordinance 06-11, Junk Regulations: (4/694) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of Ordinance 06-11, revising the Junk regulations for the County, and recommended approval.

#### ORDINANCE 06-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; REVISING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE COUNTY PROHIBITION ON THE ACCUMULATION OF JUNK ON PROPERTY; EXPANDING THE APPLICABILITY TO ENCOMPASS ALL LOTS AND PARCELS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COIDIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve Ordinance 06-11, Revised Junk Regulations. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Public Hearing, Resolution 06-15 and Budget Entry #BE06-071:** (4/765) Ms. Jacki Johnson advised the Board of Resolution 06-15 and budget entry #BE 06-071, transferring \$15,000 for the paving of SE 67<sup>th</sup> Court and SE 70<sup>th</sup> Street in the Rolling Oaks Subdivision.

**RESOLUTION 06-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE  
TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.**

*Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve Resolution 06-15. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

Ms. Johnson also advised the Board that the accompanying Budget Entry required approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve Budget Entry #BE06-071, \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**County Administrator/Departments Report Continued:**

**Veteran's Service:**

**Cooperative Agreement:** (4/856) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the agreement between Suwannee River Economics Council, Inc. and the County for referrals and/or accepting referrals to administer needed services for the elderly, and requested approval including authorization for Major Stroupe to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Cooperative Agreement between Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. and Gilchrist County Veteran's Service Office, and to authorize Major Stroupe to sign on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Re-Certification Training:** (4/897) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the Veteran's Service Officer Re-Certification Training on May 7-11, 2006 in Daytona Beach, and requested approval for Major Stroupe to attend, \$583.08 (travel and per diem expense).

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve Major Stroupe to attend Veteran's Services Officer Re-Certification Training on May 7-11, 2006, and to approve \$583.08 for travel and per diem. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Solid Waste:**

**Toxic Roundup Numbers:** (4/939) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the success in this year's event.

**Building & Zoning Department:**

**Encompass Training:** (4/1031) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the purchase order for necessary training for the Building & Zoning Department (May 24 - 26, 2006) due to new software, and requested approval. He also requested authorization to close the Building Department on Friday, May 26, 2006 for this training.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve Purchase Order, \$3,900.00, for training for the employees of the Building & Zoning Departments, and also to approve closure of the Building Department Office on May 26, 2006 for training purposes. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Subdivision Extension Request, Ted Burt:** (4/1190) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the letter from Ted Burt, Esquire, requesting a 12-month extension for Forest Grove Subdivision. Mr. McQueen recommended approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Durden, to approve a 12-month extension for Forest Grove Subdivision, Live Oak I, LLC, from the original expiration date.* Preliminary Plate approved November 17, 2003, with the original expiration of November 17, 2005. Extended expiration will be November 17, 2006.  
*Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Building Department, Office Closure on May 26, 2006:** (4/1258) Chairperson Tommy Langford advised Mr. McQueen that the Board would like the closure to be well advertised, with notice being posted at the Courthouse and even possibly on the answering machine at the Building Department Office.

**County Administrator:**

**Firing Range Report:** (4/1276) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the firing range report, including the Ph Levels Report, which showed the Ph at 5.7, required is 7.0, stating that the County would be making arrangements to apply dolomite to the site to raise the Ph levels.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Growth Management Summit:** (4/1317) Mr. McQueen advised the Board of the summit in Orlando, Florida, May 17-19, 2006, stating that he would be unable to attend, and discussed Board members attending.

**E911, Maintenance Contract:** (4/1371) Mr. McQueen advised the Board that approval was not required for the contract, and that it had been approved previously, and stated that the maintenance agreement is renewable annually.

**Attorney Report:**

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**County Junk Ordinance:** (4/1455) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the amendment to the County's junk regulations had been adopted earlier in the current meeting.

**Status Reports:**

**McArthur Property Donation:** (4/1458) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that a title report had been obtained for the property, and that the lease is still being sorted out.

**Loncala Property:** (4/1476) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that a price had been agreed upon for the 3.0 acres, and that a survey had been ordered. Chairperson Tommy Langford stated that he presented the information to Loncala, with Loncala directing the County to move forward.

**Land Development Code Update:** (4/1492) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that a draft of Article 8, Supplementary Standards, and Article 3, Land Use Districts, had been presented to the Planning & Zoning Board at a workshop on March 27, 2006, and that both articles needed further revisions and review prior to being presented to the Board.

Mr. McPherson also stated that drafts of Article 4, Overlays and Floating Zones, and Article 5, Consistency and Concurrency, have been prepared and would be presented to the Planning & Zoning Board for review at the May 4, 2006 meeting. He stated that the meeting had been moved due to conflicts.

**Disposal of County Barrow Pit (1 Acre):** (4/1523) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the required advertisement had been provided for publication, and advised the Board of the one (1) bid received from Ray Hodge for \$3,003.03, requesting approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve accepting bid from Ray Hodge, \$3,003.03, for the disposition of the County Barrow Pit (1 Acre). Motion amended to include authorizing the Chairperson to execute deed, amendment seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Exchange with School Board:** (4/1679) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the Resolution authorizing the exchange had been handled earlier in the current meeting.

**Pending Litigation:**

Brooks and Strickland v. Aderholts and Gilchrist County: (4/1683) Mr. McPherson advised the Board of the attorney for Brooks and Strickland had prepared a revised final Order that accurately reflects the agreement reached by the parties at trial, and advised that the draft Final Order was contained within the agenda for the Board's review.

Gilchrist County v. James Lee: (4/1773) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that Mr. Lee had filed a response to the County's Motion for Summary Judgment and, according to Diane Rondolet, Mr. Lee is making progress towards cleaning up the property.

Proposed Changes to the Policies: (4/1792) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the proposed policy changes included within the agenda were to be discussed in a meeting between the Clerk, and that a draft would be presented to the Board in the form of a Resolution.

Miscellaneous: (4/1830) None.

**Clerk Report:**

Revenue Report: (4/1905) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the current revenue report included in the agenda for review through April 7, 2006.

Purchase Request, Permit Preparation, Jail Sewer: (4/1950) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the purchase request for \$4,303.25, Mills Engineering, and recommended approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve Purchase Request, \$4,303.25, for Permit Preparation for the Jail Sewer Line. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

Alexander Group, Inc., Transmittal: (4/1987) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the transmittal by the Alexander Group for County Direct Purchases included within the agenda for information. No action taken by the Board.

Letter of Support Requests: (4/2006-5/451) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the requests for letters of support, one from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. and by Brenda Dunn, Family Life Care. Ms. Dunn was present and addressed the Board making her request.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden to approve the preparation of a Letter of Support for Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.. Motion died for a lack of a second.*

The Board further discussed letters of support, and stated that a letter could only be written if the Board has knowledge of the agency and services provided for the County.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the preparation of a Letter of Support for Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., and to authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

FDLE, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: (5/452) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the Certificate of Participation and grant funds, \$25,000, and recommended approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, to approve the Certificate of Participation, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, appoint Ron McQueen, County Administrator, to represent the County, and authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

VAB, Special Magistrates Survey: (5/569) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that the survey had been completed and submitted.

Purchase Order, Mills Engineering: (5/572) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the Purchase Order for Mills Engineering for the preparation of the site plans for the new location of the Road Department, and recommended approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Purchase Order for Mills Engineering, \$6,156, for Site Plan Preparation for the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

DJJ, Revised Interagency Agreement: (5/611) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the revised signature page for the Department of Juvenile Justice Interagency Agreement approved by the Board on April 17, 2006, and recommended approval.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to authorize Chairperson to sign revised signature page as requested by DJJ. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Sharon Langford: (5/686) discussed an additional engineer for the County to assist with the workload, stating that upcoming projects would increase the workload.

Commissioner Sharon Langford also discussed boats being able to enter Hart Springs, and requested placement of a sign or barrier to be put into place.

Commissioner Durden: (5/805) discussed the Bed Tax, and stated that the County Administrator could place the Mayor for the Town of Bell on the list.

Commissioner Durden also discussed a workshop for the Board's intention for salaries. Commissioner Sharon Langford asked about a salary survey for the County, with Mr. McQueen stating that a salary survey is being completed currently. Mr. Gilliam advised that a workshop between the Clerk, Finance, and County Administrator was scheduled for April 27, 2006 to discuss Board Departments.

Commissioner Gentry: (5/950) discussed the cost of fire training for the cities, and stated that Mr. McQueen had provided information on this issue. Commissioner Gentry stated that it was more of a moral issue than anything, with Mr. McPherson stating that he would research and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Gentry also discussed the upcoming Character Celebration, hosted by the Character Council, on April 20, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Trenton Community Center, and encouraged all the Board members to attend.

Commissioner Gentry finally discussed the Character Council having difficulty with requesting budget funds, and requested the status, with Mr. Gilliam advising that a funding request had been received for budget processing.

Commissioner Thomas: (5/1326) discussed the report of Spring Ridge Subdivision as information for the Board to have during the budget process.

Chairperson Tommy Langford: (5/1400) discussed the meeting schedule in June, and advised that he would be handing the gavel over to the Vice Chairperson for the June 5, 2006 meeting, as he would be out of town.

**Old Business:** (5/1474) Mr. McPherson advised the Board that the creation of an exclusion zone to keep boats out of Hart Springs would require an Resolution reviewed and passed by the State.

*Motion by Commissioner Durden, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to direct the County Attorney to draft a Resolution to create an Exclusion Zone at Hart Springs. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.*

**New Business:** (5/1576) None.

**Trust Fund, Ameris Bank:** Commissioner Durden advised the Board that a trust fund had been created in the names of Parker and Levi Ferguson, sons of the late Sam Ferguson, at Ameris Bank.

**Public Participation:** (5/1633) None.

**Adjournment:** (5/1637)

There being no further business, Commissioner Thomas *moved* to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Durden, and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Tommy Langford, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk