

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 20, 2006.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2006 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 Tommy Langford, Chairperson
Commissioner Durden, Vice-Chairperson
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner Sharon Langford
Commissioner Mitchell Gentry

Others in attendance were: Joe Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Janice Wasson, Deputy Clerk, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, John Ayers, Rob Willis, Justin Watson, Diane Rondolet, Harvey Montgomery, Daniel Slaughter, Tony Cruse, and Nate Ingram.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Amended DR-420: (1/6) Mr. Gilliam advised the Board of the amended DR-420, and reviewed the Budget Recap presented to the Board for information purposes.

Road Department: (1/149) Mr. Watson addressed the Board and presented his proposed budget, reviewing each line item and increases requested. The Road Department agreed to reduce their capital outlay to a Trackhoe, approximately \$170,000, and a used tractor for mowing right-of-ways.

Department of Public Safety: (1/00) Mr. Willis addressed the Board and presented his proposed budget, reviewing each line item. The Board discussed Animal Control containment issues, with Captain Tony Cruse addressing the Board.

Chairperson Tommy Langford handed the gavel over to Vice Chairperson Durden for the remainder of the Workshop.

County Administrator: (1/2268-3/1468) Mr. McQueen addressed the Board and presented his proposed budgets for each of the Board departments, reviewing each line item.

The Board discussed the issue of a Board vehicle to be utilized by all Board Departments and sharing the cost among several departments. The Board also discussed replacement of the vehicle for the Tax Collector Office.

The Board discussed Hart Springs at length, and several Commissioners voiced their concerns in the operation and funding sources for the springs.

Commissioner Gentry requested permission to hold a meeting at the springs for Suwannee River Wilderness Trail on November 8, 2006, with the Board agreeing as long as there are no conflicts in scheduling.

The Board decided to hold a workshop on August 21, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. to re-address the office from the Suwannee River Water Management.

Bell Girls Softball Team: (3/1469) Commissioner Thomas requested support of the Bells Girls softball team as they continue to Nationals in Virginia.

Motion by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve \$1,500 donation to the Bell Boys and Girls Athletic Association, supporting the Bell Girls softball team at National Playoffs. Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Volunteer Organizations: (3/1560) The Board discussed donating to volunteer/outside organizations, with a brief discussion following.

July 24, 2006 Budget Workshop: (3/1768) The Board discussed upcoming workshops and scheduled a Budget Workshop for July 31, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Insurance Issues: (3/1903) The Board discussed several issue relating to payroll deductions and additional slots for insurance coverage. The Board decided to leave the insurance procedures as they are currently.

County Parks: (3/2085) Commissioner Thomas requested that the Board look at several of the park areas within the County during the budget process.

Adjournment: (3/2095)

There being no further business, Commissioner Gentry *moved* to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Tommy Langford, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk