

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AUGUST 14, 2006.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a Budget Workshop meeting on Monday, August 14, 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: Joe Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Patty McCagh, Deputy Clerk, Karen Heaton, Deputy Clerk, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, John Ayers, Justin Watson, Sheriff David Turner, Tommy Cruse, and Terry Parrish. John McPherson County Attorney not present.

Call to Order: Chairman Tommy Langford called meeting to order 4:05p.m.

Budget Recap: Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, reviewed the Budget Recap. She also discussed with the Board the proposed Step Plan with differences adjusted accordingly, this does not include constitutional officers or the two vehicles for administration have not been added yet. These will be included in next recap.

Capital Projects: Joe Gilliam, Clerk of Court, reviewed Capital Projects; revenues and expenditures were addressed in reference to the **Judicial Complex; Hart Springs** (bathhouse, softball field, trail, boat ramp improvements, Manager Residence); **Public Safety** (grant for EOC Complex Bell, Trenton EMS Station, Trans. for EMS Station, Animal Control – Land & Pens); **Sheriff's Office** (roof – should be completes September 30, 2006, Hazmat Grant for hurricane shutters, drainage/paving) Mr. McQueen said it will be in two grant/phases; **Fund 001 – Dept.1930** (Sewer Line, Pumps, Jail Design... RFQ presentations meeting moved to Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 1:p.m); and **Road Department Re-location** (BOCC discussed budget for Road Department and decided to hold off on canopy).

Road Committee Report:

Tommy Langford suggests to the Board that a line item of \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00 for special road projects be added to the budget. The money would not have to be taken out of General Revenue allowing the Road Committee to take the pool of money and submit projects for Board approval until the money was gone and if the money was all used up they would have to wait until the money was refunded in next years budget. A five year plan was also discussed and will be addressed again at a later meeting. Spring Ridge Subdivision Repaving Project was discussed. It was suggested that this project be funded

out of this new line item. Randy Durden said he was willing to see a separate transportation fund for road projects be added to the budget. Tommy Langford suggests \$150,000.00 for this line item. The board agrees to add a line item of \$100,000.00 for special projects to be added to the budget. Capital projects were discussed further.

Animal Control Land and Pens

Randy Durden and Sharon Langford stated that animal control has become a very serious issue. More pens need to be built. It would be nice to have more pens up at the North end of the County. At this time, there is no room, any where for large animals. Sheriff Turner addresses the fact that during the last hurricane that the care for the animals got to be overwhelming for the Public Safety Department. Ronnie McQueen explained that we have started to build up a service to pick up dogs but because of nowhere to put them they are not being picked up as they should be. There are more animals than pens and that doesn't include the cat population. Right now we have 18 pens and we have had 35 dogs in these 18 pens. Pick up includes the City of Trenton. The discussion of purchasing land to build new/more continued. The amount of \$87,500.00 for Animal Control was discussed by Tommy Langford. Tommy Langford wants to make sure that there is a justification between pens and road repair.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, second by Commissioner Sharon Langford to increase budget \$87,500.00 to build new pens and purchase land for Animal Control. Commissioners Mitchell Gentry and Tommy Langford voted NO. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

Capital Impact Fees

It was discussed to take the funds from the General Revenue Reserve for sewer line if the start takes place before September 30, 2006. Funding for the design of the jail, \$200,000.00 included in the budget and the revenue to come out of the Capital Impact Fees...Lloyd Alexander with the Alexander Group will be asked to speak to the Board with an update on the Judicial Complex project.

Road Department

Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, clarified with the Board the Road Departments budget changes... omitting the canopy and generator and changing Other to \$20,000.00.

Recommendation

Commissioner Mitchell Gentry makes a recommendation to fence the park on SR 47 to where it is not open or set up a park model trailer for a live in, maybe a deputy, to monitor and patrol the park. Commissioner Durden agrees that the park should be fenced off for the time being until other arrangements can be made. Sheriff Turner was asked to share any ideas and solutions to help get the park back to being a safe place for everyone. Vandalism, liability issues and residents complaints are among a few of the matters on hand at this time. Mr. McQueen will check on river sites at Ira B's Oasis Park & Highway 47 for possible permitting and placement of a mobile home.

Further discussion on an in house engineer was brought up by Commissioner Gentry. Mr. McQueen checked with D.O.T. and NO you cannot collect the same amount of fees as a Consultant can collect. He will follow up and report at a later meeting.

Final Budget discussions...Health Department will present this Thursday at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Tommy Langford adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

Tommy Langford, Chairman

ATTEST;

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk