

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 17, 2007**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's present to-wit:

Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman
Commissioner Tommy Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.arrived at 4:29 p.m.

John McPherson, County Attorney...not present

Others in Attendance

Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Georgia Mills, Finance Department, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, Ron Mills, Emergency Management , Tim Bracewell, IT, Tony Cruse, GCSO, Pat Fisher, Solid Waste, Linda Walker, EMS, and Joyce Ferrante.

Call to Order

Chairman Durden called this Budget Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Solid Waste

Pat Fisher, Supervisor, addressed the Board and presented the proposed budget, reviewing each line item, for the Solid Waste department with a 5% increase. Personal Services was calculated at 2% as requested.

EMS

Linda Walker, Supervisor, addressed the Board and presented the proposed budget, reviewing each line item, for the Emergency Medical Services department with a 9% increase. Personal Services was calculated at 2% as requested.

Emergency Management

Ron Mills, Chief, addressed the Board and presented the proposed budget, reviewing each line item, for the Emergency Management department with a 2% increase. He also requested a salary increase, in the amount of \$5,000 (approximately), for his position, which is more than the 2% set by the Board, due to the reclassification of his job description/duties.

Public Safety

Ron McQueen, County Administrator addressed the Board and presented the proposed budget, reviewing each line item, for the Public Safety department with 3% increase. Personal Services was calculated at 2% as requested. He also stated that the biggest difference is in Capital Outlay, requesting an SUV with lights and sirens. The Board reminded Mr. McQueen that no new vehicles will be approved in this year's budget cycle.

Fire

Ron McQueen, County Administrator addressed the Board and presented the proposed budget, reviewing each line item, for the Fire department with a 22% increase. There was a decrease in Personal Services, which was calculated at 2% as requested, due to the fact that the two new Fire Fighter/EMS technicians will come out of EMS budget.

Workshop Schedule

The Board scheduled the next Budget Workshop to be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 3:00 pm to review the proposed budgets on other board departments; County Extension, Code Enforcement, Hart Springs Park, Transportation, General Government, Courthouse Operations, Animal Control, Other Buildings, Protective Services, Veterans Services, Soil & Water, and Library Services.

EM Reclassification

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the Reclassification on the Job Description of Emergency Management Chief, for Ron Mills and salary increase due to reclassification. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business/discussion the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Approved:

Randy Durden, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk