

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2007.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, September 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 members' present to-wit:

Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman
Commissioner Tommy Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

Others in Attendance

John McPherson, County Attorney, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, Charlie Perez, Public Safety, Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement, Julee Brideson, Linda Walker, EMS, Captain Tony Cruse, GCSO, Lee Schaltenbrand, Gail Garrard, Joyce Ferrante, Hugh Thomas, Darrell Smith, Dwayne & Cheryl Davis, Ann Patrick, Marge Oelfke, and Mayor Pete Randolph, City of Trenton.

Call to Order

Chairman Randy Durden called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. with Ron McQueen, County Administrator delivering the invocation and Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

Mr. Gilliam, Clerk presented the following agenda changes:

1. Dixie County Inmate Housing, \$5,894.41
2. The Rickman Partnership Invoice for EOC \$20,468.59
3. NFRMC Inmate Invoice, \$26,602.25

Mr. McQueen, County Administrator presented the following agenda changes:

4. Ag Committee Report
5. Registration for FAC Conference
6. Contract for CFEC Microwave Tower
7. BOCC Meeting; Date for Mid-Month January 2008

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to accept the agenda as presented with changes noted. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Budget Adjustments

- BE07-080, Fund 001, General Fund..... \$3,107.00
- BE07-081, Fund 140, Transportation.....\$3,957.00
- BE07-082, Fund 001, General Fund.....\$3,305.00

- BE07-083, Fund 001, General Fund..... \$17,264.00
- BE07-084, Fund 140, Transportation..... \$ 9,420.00

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting..... July 02, 2007
- Budget Workshop..... July 16, 2007
- Regular Meeting..... July 16, 2007

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator’s Report

Public Safety

- Disasters, Strategies & Group Ideas, LLC: Mr. McQueen presented an invoice in the amount of \$12,088.00 from Disasters, Strategies and Ideas Group, LLC for emergency management services. He stated that this is paid for out of grant money.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the invoice to DSI for the contract amount of \$12,088.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Update on EMS Vehicles and Medic 2 Station: Ms. Linda Walker, EMS stated that the two primary trucks are out of the shop. The Med Station is proceeding.
- Update on EOC: Mr. Perez stated that they are waiting on FEMA to give the okay to move forward on the EOC project.
- Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice from The Rickman Partnership, in the amount of \$20,468.59 for professional services rendered for the EOC project.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve invoice to The Rick Partnership in the amount of \$20,468.59 for professional services on the EOC. Motion carried unanimously.

Ag Committee Report

Chairman Durden stated that suggestions were taken from the Ag Committee to alleviate the problems and complaints that have been received on the spreading of Agricultural Sludge. Mr. Daryl Smith, Suwannee River Partnership Dairy Quality Assurance Program, addressed the Board. Mr. Smith presented the Dairy Manure Spreading Proposal for Gilchrist County, implementing the Suwannee River Dairy Quality Assurance Program and addressing manure spreading issues. The Board accepted the Ag Committee Report and the Best Management Plan (BMP) and agreed to hold a follow-up meeting to be held in January 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the report from the Ag Committee and join the Suwannee River Partnership on the BMP. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department Report

- CR 337 Extension Update: Mr. McQueen stated that he has received the extension on CR 337. The extension was granted through November 30, 2007. We have from now until this date to insure that the sod is satisfactory. He suggested that Mr. Mills or Justin Watson contact a representative from Anderson Columbia and ride the project and see if the areas that are not quite up to satisfaction of the Board should be readdressed.

Commissioner Tommy Langford addressed the mowing issue on CR 337. He stated that he had spoke with Mr. Mills and Mr. Mills informed him to contact Mr. Kirby, Anderson Columbia, on the mowing issues. Mr. Kirby wanted to give us a release letter to allow us to do the mowing, we declined. After he went out and looked at the project, he called back and said that he would start mowing this week. Commissioner Langford stated that Mr. Kirby had asked him to present to the Board, the request that the north section of the project be re sodded with Bermuda grass to replace the sod that didn't take.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept the recommendation, subject to the approval of the County Engineer, for the exchange of Bermuda in lieu of Bahia with the properly prepared base. Motion carried unanimously.

- Contracts for Rolling Oaks and Shady Grove Projects: Mr. McQueen stated that he had received the signed copies of the widening and resurfacing agreements for the Rolling Oaks and Shady Groves projects and hand delivered them to Mr. Lee Mills, County Engineer.

Planning & Zoning

- Planner Update: Mr. McQueen presented a resume for the Planner Position; Mr. McQueen will move forward and hire Mr. Taylor Brown for the Gilchrist County Planner position.
- Mid-Month January Meeting: Mr. McQueen requested for the mid month in January be changed from Monday, January 21st to Tuesday, January 22, 2008 for advertising purposes. Chairman Durden and County Attorney, John McPherson are both available for the 22nd.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to change the mid-month meeting in January to the 22nd. Motion carried unanimously.

- Application for Public Schools Facilities: Mr. McQueen presented the application (CPE 07-1) for the amendment of the section on Public School Facilities Element of the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan for the Boards information and the Chairman's signature. No action required at this time.
- Appointment of Planning Commission Members: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the two positions that are up for reappointment on the Planning Commission. He stated that the positions have been advertised and have only received three applications and among those three were two (2) from the members whose terms are expiring, Michelle Crawford and Roosevelt Stalvey, and Mr. Russ Augspurg. He also stated that the terms will expire at the end of the month and requested that the Board either reappoint or appoint someone new.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the reappointment of Roosevelt Stalvey and Michelle Crawford to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

S.H.I.P.

- Loan Subordination: Mr. McQueen presented a Loan Subordination for S.H.I.P. client Brittany McElroy. He stated that the subordination will benefit the client considerably and recommends approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Subordination Agreement on SHIP Loan for Brittany McElroy. Motion carried unanimously.

- S.H.I.P. Annual Report: Mr. McQueen stated that every year an annual report for SHIP is prepared. Upon completion, the Chairman and he will sign and forward it on and a copy will be provided for Board information in the next packet. No action required.

Rental Purchase; EM Property: Mr. McQueen stated that he was contacted by Mr. Ted Burt in reference to the Emergency Management Office Building/Property. Mr. Burt owns that building/property and he is interested in selling it. The Board agreed for Mr. Gilliam and Mr. McQueen to get together with Mr. Burt and bring back a recommendation and a solid offer on the property.

Park Rules Handout: Mr. McQueen presented a copy of the camping rules at Hart Springs. A copy will be provided to campers at registration.

Animal Control Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Animal Control Report for the month of August 2007. It was suggested to add another category to separate the total pick ups from the total complaint category and upon the approval of the Animal Control ordinance, add a category for the number of citations issued.

CFEC Microwave Tower: Mr. McQueen presented the request for an extension on the lease for the use of the microwave tower site, by Central Florida Electric Cooperative for three years.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to extend the lease for the microwave tower for Central Florida Electric Cooperative for three (e) years. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Ordinance 07-17; Animal Control Regulations: Mr. McPherson asked the Board for postponement on adoption of Ordinance 07-17 in order for all corrections and clarifications to be made.

Ordinance 07-19; Speed Limits: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is scheduled for adoption hearing at the first meeting in October.

Commissioner Tommy Langford had a request for the speed limit on NE 2nd Court (the whole road) to be reduced. He stated that this road is very narrow and curvy. Mr. McPherson asked the Board to add NE 2nd Court to the list to be covered in Ordinance 07-19. Board agreed.

Recreation MSTU, Draft Ordinance: Mr. McPherson stated that he worked with Commissioner Tommy Langford on an ordinance to be placed on the January ballot for Recreation MSTU. The Board agreed to allow the ordinance for a Recreation M.S.T.U. and to proceed with a workshop.

Resolution 07-45; Use of Motorized Vehicles in Hart Springs Park: Mr. McPherson presented a draft of the resolution for use of motorized vehicles in Hart Springs Park for consideration for adoption.

The Board scheduled Resolution 07-45, Establishing policies for the use of motorized vehicles in Hart Springs Park to be included in the Gilchrist County Policies and Procedures Manual for the next meeting to be held on October 1, 2007.

New Jail: Mr. McPherson stated that he has a call in to Bill Rutherford, architect, for follow up regarding ICE possibilities.

Publication of New Land Development Code: Mr. McPherson handed out the new Land Development Code books. He reminded the commissioners to keep them updated.

High Springs Hills; Letter of Credit: Mr. McPherson presented a Letter of Credit that needs to be cancelled for High Springs Hills Subdivision (Robert L. Phillip) and to authorize the Chairman to cancel.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve cancelling the Letter of Credit for High Springs Hills. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Final Budget Hearing: Mr. Gilliam stated that this is the Final Budget Hearing. Every year it is required that two hearings be held; a Tentative hearing which is publicized through the TRIM Notices and the Final Budget hearing which is publicized through the Gilchrist County Journal last Thursday. He stated that as in previous budget hearings, the first issue that needs to be discussed is the Millage Rate is presented first then the Budget second.

Mr. Gilliam stated that there was one correction in the Budget portion. When reviewing the resolution, proposed budget and the advertisement there was a discrepancy in amount. The amount \$26,609,601.00 is the right amount, and the previous amount that was advertised was 26,669,000.00.

Resolution 07-41; Final Approval Millage Rate FY07-08: Chairman Durden read Resolution 07-41 with short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 07-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

...The final ad valorem tax millage rate to be levied for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 shall be 8.2695 mills (\$8.2695 per \$1,000). Said millage is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.5253 mills (\$8.5253 per \$1,000) computed pursuant to Section 200.065 Florida Statutes, which amount is characterized as the percentage decrease by the governing body, said percentage decrease being 3%.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Resolution 07-41.

Chairman Durden called for any public comment...none noted.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 07-42; Final Approval Budget FY07-08: Chairman Durden read Resolution 07-42 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 07-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

...the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$26,609,601.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 07-42.

Chairman Durden called for any public comment...none noted.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 07-43; Final Approval Millage Rate M.S.T.U. FY07-08: Chairman Durden read Resolution 07-43 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 07-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U.) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007

...The final millage rate for the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) for Emergency Medical Service beginning October 1, 2007, shall be one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000). Said millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate (\$.8739 per \$1,000) computed pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Resolution 07-43.

Chairman Durden called for any public comment...none noted.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 07-44; Final Approval Budget M.S.T.U. FY07-08: Chairman Durden read Resolution 07-44 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 07-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U.) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007

...the proposed final budget is necessary to fund Personal Services, Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay expenditures for Emergency Medical Services throughout the County.

It was consensus of the Board to skip the ballots.

Grant-In-Aid Release Request for FY07/08: Mr. Gilliam presented the request for the Grant in Aid Release Request in the amount of \$100,000.00. This grant is for Small County Courthouse Assistance Program for courthouse projects. The intention of the funds is to be spent for the purchase of an emergency generator for the courthouse.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Kenrick Thomas to approve the Grant-In-Aid Release Request in the amount of \$100,000.00 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Humana, Group Basic & Voluntary Life Insurance Renewal: Mr. Gilliam presented the renewal request for Humana for Boards approval and to allow the Chairman to sign. He stated that the rates have not changed.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the Humana rates renewal for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dixie County Inmate Housing: Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice for the housing of inmates at Dixie County in the amount of \$5,894.41 for the month of August 2007.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the Dixie County Inmate Housing invoice in the amount of \$5,894.41 for the month of August. Motion carried unanimously.

North Florida Hospital Invoice: Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice from North Florida Hospital for inmate Jerry Rourks, in the amount of \$26,602.25.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the North Florida Hospital invoice on Jerry Rourks in the amount of \$26,602.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas approving funds to be taken from General Reserve to cover line item for inmate hospital bills if needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Report's

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas: Commissioner Thomas stated that the millings on 40th need to be recapped and asks for Board approval for Road Department to perform maintenance on 40th. Board agreed.

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford asked the Board for permission to allow the Road Department to shave down a hill on NE 2nd Court for safety issues due to poor visibility. Board agreed.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.: Commissioner Harrison requested that the side walk at the west entrance of the Courthouse be leveled out and that the steps be painted with a warning stripe that there is a step up.

Commissioner Sharon Langford: Commissioner Langford stated that she had met with the Homeowners Association in reference to SE 70th Avenue. She stated that there is a concern with cut through's off of this road. Code Enforcement has been involved with these issues and the Board agreed to follow through with Code Enforcement acting on situations by issuing citations as needed.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation

Mr. J.B. Osteen addressed the Board on water plant issues. He stated that he does not like the fact that we are charged for a bottle of water. He is asking the Board to consider not supporting bottled water plants for the future, of not only Gilchrist County, but everyone.

Ms. Martha Osteen, daughter of Mr. Osteen also addressed the Board on the impacts of bottled water plants.

Mr. Dwayne Davis asked the Board to readdress the noise ordinance. He stated that he continues to be disturbed by loud neighbors. He explained what he has dealt with. He has contacted the Sheriffs Department and Code Enforcement in reference to the noise and because there is no ordinance to back up his complaint there is nothing they can do.

Adjourn:

With there no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Kenrick Thomas to adjourn. Chairman Durden adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

APPROVED:

Randy Durden, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph. W. Gilliam, Clerk