

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2007.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 1:15 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, Justin Watson, road Department Supervisor, Taylor Brown, County Planner, Sheriff David Turner, Joyce Ferrante, Bobby Wooddell, Russ Augspurg, Our Santa Fe River, Frances Terry, SREC, Andy Hall, Capital City Bank representatives Cliff Bradley, Cindy Richardson and Elwanda Gore, Drummond Community Bank representatives Scott Guthrie, Taggart Siegel, Amy Owens, Ben Lott and William Cowart, Ameris Bank representatives Michael McElroy and Sandi Hilliard, Andrew Roberts, Cynthia & James Long and Lloyd Kelly, The Alexander Group.

Call to Order

Chairman Randy Durden called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. with Ron McQueen, County Administrator delivering the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

Mr. Gilliam, Clerk presented the following agenda changes:

1. Estimate from Gator Fire for repair of the jail fire alarm system, \$734.00
2. Hospital invoice for inmate Kerry Houser, \$43,526.10
3. Budget Recap FY2007, Period Ending September 30, 2007
4. Letter from The Alexander Group on status of Courthouse Tile Flooring Materials issues

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

5. Request to transfer Impact Fees for Roy Smith
6. Request from Solid Waste, Pat Fisher, to attend Florida Mosquito Control Association Annual Conference
7. Request to transfer Impact Fees for Sid Roberts

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

Consent Agenda

Budget Adjustments

- BE08-001, Fund 001, General Fund..... \$1,324.00

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting..... August 20,2007

Approval of Bills

- Old Year (06-07) and New Year (07-08).....Supplement to Agenda

Requests for Payment

- Bell Library (allocated funds for FY2008).....\$5,000.00
- Small County Coalition (participation fees, FY07/08).....\$3,472.10
- M.C. Bruce, Tax Collector (reimbursement for tax bills mailing fees)..\$3,849.50

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

County Administrator’s Report

Public Safety

EOC Update: Mr. McQueen updated the board on the progress on the new Emergency Operations Complex in Bell.

Debris Management Plan: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the Debris Management Plan. Mr. Ron Mills, Emergency Management Chief, received three (3) quotes for professional services for the Gilchrist County Debris Management Plan as follows:

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| 1. Coxwell Disaster Services | \$ 9,000.00 |
| 2. Disasters, Strategies & Ideas Group LLC | \$10,000.00 |
| 3. The management Experts, LLC | \$10,500.00 |

Mr. McQueen stated that Ron Mills recommended proceeding with Coxwell Disaster Services proposal for development of the Debris Management Plan, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the proposal from Coxwell Disasters Services, in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Debris Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department

Purchase of Lowboy Trailer from Sarasota County: Mr. McQueen presented a request to purchase a Lowboy Trailer for the Road Department. At this time, the Road Department cannot safely move our heavy equipment from project to project with the trailer we have without disassembling. He stated

that the Road Department had \$5,300.00 left over from the chipper and \$2,700.00 in contingency, so a purchase order was issued for \$8,000.00. Mr. McQueen stated that the Road Department is in the process of taking surplus to Week's Auction and that if the Board wishes the proceeds from the auction can go towards the purchase of the lowboy trailer.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a lowboy trailer from Sarasota County, if the trailer meets safety requirements, in the amount of \$8,000.00; funds for purchase will come out of Machinery & Equipment and proceeds from surplus sale will go back into this account. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation

Hart Springs Tree Removal: Mr. McQueen stated that there were two (2) incidents at Hart Springs that involved trees. One tree fell down and he asked Marvin Weaver to inspect the conditions of the trees at Hart Springs. He marked a number of trees that need to be removed. And in the meantime, another tree fell on Mr. Terry Yazel's camper.

Commissioner Harrison stated he did not tell Mr. Yazel that the County would take care of his deductible since we knew the tree was leaning as noted in Ms. Julie Harrison's report.

Mr. McQueen stated that the tree fell because of the root system and the soggy ground. Mr. Yazel had asked that the tree be removed the next time he moved his trailer. He didn't move his trailer and the tree fell.

Mr. McPherson stated that there are two (2) issues:

- One: Could the County pay his deductible? Yes, because it was a county tree and it was leaning
- Two: Are we required to pay his deductible because we were liable for the tree falling? He stated that it depends on a reasonable standard, by looking at the tree and telling if the tree was a hazard. Several people looked at the tree and no one felt it was a hazard. If Mr. Yazel felt it was a hazard, he should have moved his trailer.

Board took no action at this time.

1:45 pm Time Certain

Frances Terry, Suwannee River Economic Council: Ms. Frances Terry, representing the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. requested that the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners support the SREC grant to erect a multi-purpose Senior Center in Gilchrist County, Florida.

Ms. Terry continue by asking the BOCC to provide a prime piece of property upon which such a facility can be built (4200 sq ft) and that the property have a clear title and absolutely no cost; and provide the needed match (approximately \$82,800.00) in the form of property, site preparation and inmate labor as required for construction of this Senior Center if a grant is awarded to SREC.

The County does not have inmate labor and suggested that Ms. Terry contact Lancaster Correctional Institution. It would be difficult to pull equipment and staff from County projects to do site works.

Chairman Durden stated he felt that the Board would look very hard to meet our match in order to get the Senior Center for Gilchrist County. Board agreed to work out details and move forward. Ms. Terry requested a written commitment from the Board to meet the match.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to make a written commitment for the Senior Citizen Center in Gilchrist County to meet the match.

Ms. Terry stated that the written commitment could be in such form as a resolution which she presented to the Board.

Mr. McPherson will draft a resolution with new language with the Boards terms in supporting the SREC on the projected Senior Center for Gilchrist County. Board approved Resolution 2007-52 for support of Suwannee River Economic Council Inc., grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

2:00 pm Time Certain

Andy Hall, Building Department Issues: Mr. Andrew Jeff Hall, Jr. came before the Board to ask that he be relieved on complaints/violations that have been made against him by neighbors and Building Officials and be allowed to continue with his business. Mr. Hall stated that he has been purchasing old mobile homes and refurbishing them in Gilchrist County for the past seventeen (17) years. He has been noticed by the building official that he is not in compliance with the Land Development Regulations of Gilchrist County.

It had been questioned if Mr. Hall would be considered grandfathered in (after 17 years) under the LDR's and that will be looked into.

Mr. McPherson stated that Mr. Hall needs to go through the proper procedures and appeal his case to the Planning Commission (requesting a Special Exception) and if the results are not satisfactory, then the case could be brought before the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Frank Ritter, Building Official stated that Mr. Hall is not properly licensed to sell (no dealers license) and does not have permits to renovate mobile homes on his property.

Mr. McPherson clarified that Mr. Ritter is addressing that Mr. Hall's case is more than just zoning issues. Chairman Durden stated that Mr. Hall was directed to go through the proper procedures and the case will go from there.

Time Certain; Requests for Proposals on Banking Services

Ameris Bank, Capital City Bank and Drummond Community Bank: Representatives from three (3) local banks were present to address any questions that the Board may have had on the proposals that were submitted for consideration on banking services that each bank had to offer.

2:15 p.m. Time Certain; Ameris Bank: Mr. Michael McElroy and Sandi Hilliard were present from Ameris Bank. Mr. McElroy stated that it would be a pleasure to continue to serve the County and the Clerk's Office and would like the Board to consider the RFP submitted with banking services offered at NO cost to the County.

2:35 p.m. Time Certain, Capital City Bank: Ms. Cindy Richardson was present from Capital City Bank. She stated that she would like for the Board to consider the RFP submitted on banking services provided by Capital City Bank and thanks the County for banking with them at this time.

Cliff Bradley also representing Capital City Bank addressed the Board on behalf of Capital City's services and also thanked the County for their business.

2:55 p.m. Time Certain, Drummond Community Bank: Mr. Scott Guthrie was present from Drummond Community Bank. He addressed the banking services that are provided by Drummond Community Bank and asked the Board to consider the RFP submitted on these services at NO cost. Others representatives present were Ben Lott, Taggert Siegel, Amy Owens and William Cowart.

Mr. Gilliam thanked everyone for there RFP submittal and explained the evaluation procedure on how the Board will rate the RFP's to determine which bank would be awarded for banking services.

The Board took a break to complete the evaluations and after the totals had been calculated, the award of the proposal for banking services went to Ameris Bank.

The Board approved Ameris Bank RFP as #1 Proposal for Banking Services for the Board of County Commissioners.

County Administrator's Report

Mobile Home Inspections: Mr. Frank Ritter, Building Official readdressed the issue brought up by Mr. Hall. Why, now after seventeen years, does he have to obtain permits to perform rehabilitation to used mobile homes that he purchases and re sells? Why a Building Inspector has to pass inspection on these homes when he as an installer is just as qualified to do so? In a meeting attended by Mr. Ritter, Mr. Hall and Mr. McQueen discussion took place on the County's ordinance in reference to mobile home inspections.

It had been questioned whether or not used mobile homes are pre inspected before they are brought into the county. They use to be. The inspectors use to travel outside the county to do inspections and now there is a form to be completed.

At this time, the county has two inspectors, Mr. Smith and Mr. Hardy that perform pre inspections on used mobile homes.

Mr. Hall readdressed the Board and explained what he does and what he feels is the proper way to handle inspections.

Board directed Mr. Ritter, Building Official to revise or update the current procedures on used mobile home inspections and bring back for workshop on ordinance update.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to remove Mr. Smith and Mr. Hardy as authorized inspectors of used mobile homes and temporarily give county building officials authorization to do so on a case by case bases until new ordinance is adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

3:15 pm; SUB 07-03; Homestead Acres Preliminary Plat: Mr. Taylor Brown, County Planner, presented the preliminary plat *amendment* for a major subdivision "Homestead Acres". He stated that there are no outstanding issues and all concerns of the Technical Review Committee have been satisfied and recommends approval by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the preliminary plat amendment for Homestead Acres. Motion carried unanimously.

3:30 pm; SUB 07-06; Laurel Oaks Master Site Plan: Mr. Brown stated that this agenda item will be rescheduled to come back to the Board in January 2008.

County Administrator's Report

Monument Courtyard Update: Mr. McQueen asked Commissioner Harrison who is the Chairman of the Monument Committee, to update the Board on a meeting that was held on November 2, 2007. He presented the proposed site plan for the courtyard prepared by Mr. Rivers.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to proceed with topo work and bring back an estimated cost; Board agreed on the proposed site plan proposal as submitted by the Monument Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

3:45 pm; Ordinance 07-17, Animal Control: Chairman Durden read the short title of Ordinance 07-17, Animal Control as follows:

ORDINANCE 07-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS; ADDING AND REVISING DEFINITIONS; CLARIFYING AND RE-ORGANIZING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS; ADDING NEW REGULATIONS OR HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS; AMENDING THE FERAL CAT REQUIREMENTS; ADDING PROVISION FOR RIGHT OF ENTRY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; REVISING PENALTY PROVISIONS; CREATING THE ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Ordinance 07-17 with noted changes.

Chairman Durden called for any questions or comments...

The following proposed changes/corrections to the Animal Control Ordinance 07-17 were presented by Mr. Warren Emenecker, representative for the Humane Society:

- Page 2 Section 14-31: Delete "Caregiver"
- Page 7 Section 14-35: Delete "and the Division" in the first paragraph of subpart (d).
- Page 10 Section 14-39: Delete "at dusk and never during daylight hours" in subpart (a) (4).
- Page 10 Section 14-40: Delete subpart (b) and re-designate (c) as (b).

- Page 11 Section 14-40: Change new subpart (b) to read: “..., including the ~~shooting or humane trapping~~ and euthanasia of the feral cats.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4:00 pm; Ordinance 07-20, Recreation MSTU Straw Vote: Chairman Durden read the short title of Ordinance 07-20, Recreation MSTU Straw Vote as follows:

ORDINANCE 07-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; PLACING A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT OF NEXT AVAILABLE GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION; ASKING VOTERS WHETHER THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A COUNTYWIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT TO FUND COUNTYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND BALLOT SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Ordinance 07-20.

Chairman Durden called for any questions or comments...none noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

4:30 pm; Road Department Report: Mr. Justin Watson presented the Monthly Townsend Pit Limerock Report as follows:

• District 1	02	Loads
• District 2	21	Loads
• District 3	21	Loads
• District 4	39	Loads
• District 5	74	Loads
• County Roads	36	Loads
• Shop Stock Pile	36	Loads
• Solid Waste – 47	<u>103</u>	<u>Loads</u>
	332	Loads

Hauling rock for EOC: Mr. Watson addressed the issue of hauling rock (approximately 150 loads) for the new EOC. He asked the Board if it would be alright to work staff on Friday (it may be 2 or 3 Friday’s) hauling the rock and materials from stock pile, running all four trucks, with EOC project reimbursing the Road Department for overtime.

The Board agreed to authorize the Road Department to haul rock on Fridays to the new EOC and pay overtime; reimbursement funding will be determined at a later date.

County Administrator’s Report

Gilchrist County Drug Card Distribution Plan: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the distribution of the drug cards being provided to the citizens of Gilchrist County.

Mary Lou Rain Update: Mr. McQueen presented an update on the follow-up inspection that was performed on the CDBG remodeling project on the home of Mary Lou Rain, from Mr. Bob Zerbe, Building Inspector. He stated that all work has been satisfied except for two (2) items that are warranty items and they are working with the contractor to coordinate with Ms. Rain to get this work done.

English as Official Language: Mr. McQueen presented a request for an ordinance to be drafted as the official language of Gilchrist County.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to direct the County Attorney to bring back a draft of an ordinance establishing English as the official language of the Gilchrist County, Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Transfer of Impact Fees: Mr. McQueen presented the requests to transfer Impact Fees for Roy Smith and Sid Roberts.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Sharon Langford to approve the transfer of Impact Fees for Roy Smith and Sid Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Florida Mosquito Control Association Annual Conference: Mr. McQueen presented the request for Pat Fisher, Solid Waste Supervisor, to attend the Annual Fall Meeting of the Florida Mosquito Control Association to be held November 11-14, 2007 at the Jacksonville Riverfront Crowne Plaza Hotel to get his C.E.U.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Pat Fisher attending the Florida Mosquito Control Association Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Ordinance 07-17; Animal Control Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was noticed for adoption hearing at this meeting and Board approved Ordinance 07-17.

Ordinance 07-20; Recreation MSTU Straw Vote: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was noticed for adoption hearing at this meeting and the Board approved Ordinance 07-20.

Resolution 07-45; Use of Motorized Vehicles in Hart Springs Park: Mr. McPherson stated that he will bring back before the Board at the next meeting; consideration delayed in order to clarify definition of "golf car".

New Jail: Mr. McPherson stated that the Public Safety Coordinating Council is set for a meeting on November 30, 2007 to discuss options. He also stated that in a telephone conversation with Bill Rutherford, which Mr. Rutherford stated that he was going to out Colorado to look at a new steel pre-fabricated jail module that he has heard about. These are manufactured by the Colorado prison system itself at very low cost. Mr. McPherson stated that he informed Mr. Rutherford that our analysis of the existing jail facility found the building to be structurally sound. Mr. Rutherford questioned whether the Commission would like to explore the possibility of using the

existing jail structure as the administrative wing, using the low cost steel units if they turn out to be a viable alternative. Mr. McPherson stated that if the Board agreed, Mr. Rutherford would be happy to make a presentation on this, including an estimated cost of the additional architectural work.

The Board agreed to wait until after the Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that the deadline for filing the initial brief has long passed, so he filed a motion to dismiss the appeal.

Land Development Code Update: Mr. McPherson advised the Board that he has Supplement No. 1 for the Land Development Code books.

Clerk's Report

Mr. Gilliam presented the following invoices as agenda changes. Sheriff Tuner was present and addressed/presented them for payment.

Invoice for Jail Fire Alarm Repair: An invoice from Gator Fire in the amount of \$734.00 for repair to the fire alarm at the Jail was presented for payment.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve invoice from Gator Fire in the amount of \$734.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Hospital bill for inmate Kerry Houser: An invoice from North Florida Hospital in the amount of \$43,526.10 for inmate care was presented for payment.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve inmate hospital bill in the amount of \$43,526.10 to North Florida Hospital. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL Pay Request, Alexander Group, LLC: Mr. Gilliam presented the Final Pay Request from the Alexander Group, LLC on the Judicial Complex in the amount of \$122,927.87.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the Final Pay Request on the Judicial Complex to The Alexander Group, LLC in the amount of \$122,927.87. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 07-51; Communities for a Lifetime: Mr. Gilliam presented the request from the Department of Elder Affairs that the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, support the Department of Elder Affairs Communities for a Lifetime initiative.

Board denied request for Resolution 07-51. Mr. Gilliam will contact the Department of Elder Affairs informing them if they request anything other than the resolution that was resolved on May 15, 2006, that they would need to come before the Board with their request.

NCFRPC, Resolution 07-49: Mr. Gilliam presented the request from the NCFRPC that the Board adopts Resolution 07-49 with Chairman Durden reading short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 07-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2008-2012 ANNUAL REPORT, AS PREPARED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Resolution 07-49. Motion carried unanimously.

SunGard Pentatmatation: Mr. Gilliam presented three (3) invoiced from SUNGARD Pentatmatation for the licensing and soft ware maintenance as follows:

- Invoice #68107, for Building Dept, Code Enforcement and Inspections..... \$9,134.75

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve invoice #68107 to SunGard Pentatmatation in the amount of \$9,134.75. Motion carried unanimously.

- Invoice #67617, for operation of the system on our servers.....\$3,330.35

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve invoice #67617 to SunGard Pentatmatation in the amount of \$3,330.35. Motion carried unanimously.

- Invoice #67955, for Fund Accounting and Human Resources, Payroll and State Reports, for the Board and the Clerk, (75% Board and 25% Clerk)..... \$8,771.52

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve invoice #67955 to SunGard Pentatmatation in the amount of \$8,771.52. Motion carried unanimously.

BOCC Financing: Mr. Gilliam stated that the Board had directed him and Finance to look at financing options for several different projects and reviewed the following options as follows:

1. ALL of Lot 2, BLK 26, Trenton (Ted Burt Property)

Original Survey Parcel #16-10-15-0048-0026-0020
 Parcel #16-10-150048-0026-0021

Purchase/Sale \$200,000.00, 10 year Loan, approximately\$26,600 ANNUALLY

Pledge: General Revenue Discretionary Sales Tax

*NOTE: Currently the Board has two (2) Loans in General Revenue that will be satisfied this year:

1. Hart Springs Mgr. Residence \$20,089.00

2. Vehicles (2ea)	<u>\$17,657.00</u>
Total	<u>\$37,600.00</u>

Capital City Bank submitted a non responsive bid and Drummond Community Bank wasn't on time so the Board agreed that these financial institutions are disqualified from participating in the bid process for the financing of the Ted Burt Property. The options on financing are to go back out for bids.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to go back out for bid for a FIXED rate on a \$200,000 loan, for the purchase of the Ted Burt Property. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Harrison voting NO.

2. E.O.C. Shortfall approximately \$188,000.00

The appeal of FEMA reduction of grant proceeds has been filed. If appeal is denied and funds are needed: Secure Loan for needed amount and pledge loan repayment from Fire, EMS, and EM; the amount and length of time to be determined at or near the close of project. **Board agreed.**

3. Rolling Oaks Paving Project: Total Cost \$202,310.00

Establish Special Assessment District consisting of 52 parcels

- 27 parcels on SE 62nd Court
- 25 parcels on SE 67th Court

Option #1

\$202,310.00 @ approximately 6% fixed @ \$17,401.00/annually for 20 yrs

\$17,401.00 ÷ 52 parcels = \$334.63 each

Option #2

\$202,310.00 @ approximately 6% fixed @ \$15,804.00/annually for 25 yrs

\$15,804.00 ÷ 52 parcels = \$303.92 each

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to send every lot owner a letter with an estimated cost (per year or pay off amount) including a ballot to vote on cost and to be returned before the public hearing set for January 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Excess Funds FY06-07 after Final Budget: Mr. Gilliam presented for the Boards information, two (2) returns of excessive funds as follows:

- Clerk of Court \$186,862.55
- Sheriff Department \$ 155.85

NCFRPC; Original Florida Tourism Task Force: Mr. Gilliam presented the request from North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on behalf of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force for an invoice for funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Gilchrist County for FY07/08. Mr. Gilliam stated that Ginnie Springs usually funds this request. Commissioner Tommy Langford will contact Ginnie Spring on this request.

North Florida Regional Medical Center: Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice for inmate care on Willie James Ellison in the amount of \$19,942.25.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the invoice for inmate care, in the amount of \$19,942.25 to North Florida Regional Medical Center for inmate Willie Ellison. Motion carried unanimously.

Collection of Unconstitutional Parking Placards Fees: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of Collection of Unconstitutional Parking Placards Fees. The Board was notified by Ms. Karen A. Givens, Civil Trial Lawyer, and asked the County Attorney for direction.

Mr. McPherson stated that he had looked at the case. He stated that the only way you have to give a refund is if someone applies for one. If someone applies for one, Marilyn C. Bruce, Tax Collector, will refund. In the meantime, the case said you do not give blanket refunds for everybody.

Resolution 07-50; Homeland Security Grant & BE08-002: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 07-50 and BE08-002 for Homeland Security Grant. The Board has received notification of a grant which represents the 2007 State Homeland Security Grant awarded by the State of Florida, Department of Emergency Management, for planning and training and amends the General Fund (001) with an increased amount of \$29,873.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 07-50 and BE08-002 for the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$29,873.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Bulk Gas Purchasing: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Stoney Smith, Hudson Foods Store. Mr. Smith was inquiring about the counties bulk gas purchases. Mr. Gilliam stated that Board has chosen to purchase our gas from state contract without doing a formal bid. He told Mr. Smith that he would bring his request to be considered for gas sales before the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to go out for a bid on bulk gas prices, with prices to be monitored/compared between Smith and State Contract for the months of January-September 2008. Motion failed on a vote of 2-3, with Commissioner Randy Durden, Commissioner Tommy Langford and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas voting NO.

The Finance Department will bring back a comparison of prices on the date of November 1, 2007 and bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

BOCC Policy on Purchase of Gifts: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of purchasing gifts for county employees with county funds. He explained that one of the Board Departments had a Christmas party and bought gifts to be given away as door prizes with department funds. He is

asking for guidance and a policy stating that funds cannot be expended for employee gifts in the future.

County Attorney was directed to draft a policy that county funds will not be used to purchase employee gifts.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to come up with a policy stating that gifts will not be purchased with the tax payers money. Motion carried unanimously.

FY07-08; Meridian Contract and authorize Chairman to sign: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Meridian for the first quarterly draw and to approve the FY07/08 contract and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the FY07/08 Meridian Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Recap FY2007: Mr. Gilliam presented the Budget Recap for period ending September 30, 2007.

Suwannee River Economic Council: County Attorney, John McPherson presented the resolution requested by SREC, which has been redrafted with language change, per direction of the Board, for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Resolution (07-52) for the Suwannee River Economic Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

No reports noted that required Board action.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn

Commissioner Durden adjourned the meeting with no further business at 6:32 pm.

Approved:

Attest:

Randy Durden, Chairman

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk