

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2007.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, November 19, 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 Tommy Langford, Chairman
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Randy Durden
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

Others in Attendance

County Attorney, John McPherson, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement, Taylor Brown, County Planner, Julee Brideson, Justin Watson, Road Department Supervisor, Billy Cannon, Road Department Assistant Supervisor, Ron Mills, Emergency Management, Linda Walker, EMS, Chief Perez, Public Safety, Lynn Watson, Animal Control, Captain Tony Cruse, GCSO, Marvin Weaver, County Extension, Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying, Bryant Frye, Jayne Moraski, NFEDP, John & Pat Canada and Richard Rubin, with Synergy Solutions and Joyce Ferrante.

Call to Order

Chairman Randy Durden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Commissioner Tommy Langford delivering the invocation and Commissioner Harrison leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

Mr. Gilliam, Clerk presented the following agenda changes:

1. Correction to minutes from September 6th
2. Bids on financing Burt property
3. Acceptance of FDLE Bryne Grant
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
5. Public Defenders need for Courthouse Space
6. Invoices WITHOUT Purchase Order Numbers

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

7. Hart Springs Boat Ramp Contract
8. Squad Concept
9. Rolling Oaks issues (letter and vote cards)
10. County Extension request for Poly Com System
11. LUCA Grant

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

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Clerk of the Board, Joseph W. Gilliam was handed the gavel as acting Chair during the nomination of the new Chairman, to serve the 07/08 term.

- Commissioner Tommy Langford was nominated for Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to accept nomination for Chairman, Commissioner Tommy Langford. Motion carried 5-0.

The gavel was turned back over to Chairman Tommy Langford for nomination of Vice Chairman.

- Commissioner Sharon Langford was elected Vice Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept the nomination for Vice Chairman, Commissioner Sharon Langford. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- Budget Entries
 BE07-097, Fund 001, General Revenue..... \$ 68,309.00
 BE07-098, Fund 001, General Revenue..... \$ 17,861.00
 BE07-099, Fund 001, General Revenue..... \$ 17,640.00
 BE07-100, Fund 122, Fire Services..... \$ 17,443.00
 BE07-101, Fund 129, Law Library..... \$ 2,335.00
 BE07-102, Fund 140, Transportation..... \$ 26,902.00
 BE07-103, Fund 141, Transportation Impact..... \$ 7,807.00
 BE07-104, Fund 160, SA/PD..... \$ 1,188.00
 BE07-105, Fund 105, S.H.I.P. Local Housing..... \$179,260.00
 BE07-106, Fund 301, Capital Projects..... \$205,297.00
 BE07-107, Fund 410, EMS..... \$ 1,350.00
- Approval of Minutes
 Regular Meeting.....September 6, 2007
- Requests for Payment
 Purchase Order to HD Supply, Inc. for EOC..... \$ 43,741.00

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept Consent Agenda as presented with correction noted. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator’s Report

Bishop, Bailey & Lane, Inc.: Mr. Philip Bishop, Mr. Greg Bailey representing Bishop, Bailey & Lane, Inc., did a presentation on the services provided by their company. They offer services as engineers, surveyors and planners. They would like to offer any of these services should the county need any assistance.

Poly Com System: Mr. Marvin Weaver presented his request for a DSL line in the County Extension Office. Mr. McQueen stated that line would actually have to be a T1 Line to handle this system. The purpose of this line is to accommodate the use of a Poly Com System. Mr. Weaver stated that the University of Florida will provide the County office with a Poly Com System (equipment worth \$5,000). The program will provide training and meeting capabilities for farmers and other county offices if needed.

Mr. Weaver stated that the cost of the line would be \$110.00/month and a set up cost of \$500.00 for Cisco Router and \$200.00 for installment; initially it was thought that the Poly Com System could integrate in to our system, but it was not feasible without the DSL line. Mr. Weaver is asking the Board to help fund this request due to the fact that he did not include this in his budget for FY08.

The Board discussed how they would fund this project.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the installation of the T1 Line, in the amount of \$200.00, for the use of the Poly Com System at the County Extension Office, including \$500.00 for the router, and recurring cost of \$110.00/month., adjusting County Extensions budget out of General Funds Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department Report

Hauling additional clay for Field of Dreams: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Supervisor, requested authorization to haul additional clay (8-10 loads) to the Field of Dreams for Suwannee Valley Leagues.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the Road Department to haul additional loads of clay to the Field of Dreams. Motion carried unanimously.

Lake in the Woods Subdivision: Mr. Watson stated that there were complaints about trees in the right of way. Commissioner Thomas stated that he received a call from a resident in Lake in the Woods concerned. She was upset about a lot of her trees that would have to be removed out of the right of way. He told her that he would mention it to the Board but that we do have to comply with the LDR.

Mr. Watson stated that Mr. Cannon talked to some of the residents of Lake in the Woods Subdivision and gave them until January 1, 2008 to clear the right of ways on their own. After that date the Road Department would clear them in order to perform maintenance on these County owned right of ways.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to give land owners at Lake in the Woods Subdivision until January 1, 2008 to remove any/all obstacles in right of way on SE 22nd Lane to be consistent with other areas of the County for mowing and maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

FEMA Mitigation Grant Addendum: Mr. McQueen presented an addendum to the Mitigation Grant, agreement #06HM-4@-03-31-01-050.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the FEMA Modification Agreement and allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for travel; Perez and Mills: Mr. McQueen presented a request from the Emergency Management Department, for travel approval, allowing Carlos Perez and Ron Mills to attend the 2008 Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Annual Conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida to be held on January 28 through February 1, 2008. This is a requirement for their scope of work; travel expense to be funded by Emergency Management Funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve travel for Perez and Mills to attend the 2008 Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Annual Conference January 28-February 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS Collections and Write Off's: Mr. McQueen presented the EMS Department Write Off's in the amount of \$253,008.49. Linda Walker, EMS Director, addressed the Board and explained the situation on the collection services for delinquent accounts. They are currently using Financial Credit Services for collection but to date they have only received \$100.90 from a balance of \$43,695.55 that was turned in for collection. Ms. Walker is recommending that they be allowed to start using a different collection agency.

Ms. Walker recommended First Federal Credit Control (FFCC). She stated that once the accounts are turned over to them, they do all the contacting and follow ups with the patients and then issue a check to us for any monies collected less their 35% collection fee.

Ms. Walker also asked for direction on the policy for collections.

The Board directed County Attorney, John McPherson to prepare a County Policy on EMS write off's.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to have County Attorney draft a proposed contract, moving forward with First Federal Credit Control as collection agency for EMS write off's as per the instructions of the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the EMS total write off's in the amount of \$287,791.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

5:00 pm; School Concurrency: Mr. McQueen stated that this Public School Facilities Element and is a requirement to be included in our comp plan ensuring capacity in our schools before we approve development.

Mr. McPherson stated that this is a transmittal hearing, not an adoption hearing. He stated that the Planning Commission reviewed and recommended that the Board transmit it to DCA, and then the transmittal will be scheduled for a final adoption hearing at the January 22, 2008 meeting. In the meantime, the Department of Community Affairs reviews and responds by an ORC report, Objections, Recommendations and Comments. He continued by reviewing the element and noted any corrections and/or proposed changes before being transmitted to the DCA.

Under Object X.7, Policy X.7.1, Policy X.7.2 and Policy X.7.3 these policies are noted as corrections. They are not. They are additions. Mr. McPherson stated that he recommends the language change under Policy X.7.3 (b), take off “adoption of this element” and replace with “that the adopted level of service standards go into effect pursuant to Policy X.1.2”.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve transmittal of the School Concurrency Element to DCA with the addition of the language on X.7.3(b) “ that the adopted level of service standards go into effect pursuant to Policy X.1.2”. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

5:30 pm; North Florida Economic Development Partnership: Ms. Jayne Moraski, representing the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, did a presentation on the benefits that NFEDP has to offer Gilchrist County. Ms. Moraski explained “What’s in it for Gilchrist County” as follows:

Cost = Five Cents per capita or \$795.00

Benefits (calculated by OTTED)

- Department of Environmental Protection
 1. Reduced fees for landfill closure permits (Saved \$300)
 2. FRDAP grants – up to \$200,000 X 2 annually can be waived for RACEC counties. \$200,000 for City of Trenton awarded in 2008 cycle
- Department of State
 1. Training and Resource Sharing project NE FL Library information network \$246,000 (shared Grant)
 2. Communities Libraries Caring Grant assisted Three Rivers Regional Library \$8,850 (shared Grant)
- VISIT FLORIDA
 1. Shared grant recipient for Culture & Heritage Grants (approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000 per year)
 2. Highlighted in The Official Florida Vacation Guide
- Department of Transportation
 1. Received 25% wavier for Small County Outreach Program (\$1,126,846)
- OTTED Rural Development Grant for the RACEC region \$68,150

Ms. Moraski continued explaining that the TOTAL benefit for R.A.C.E.C. from designation to date had the benefit of over \$1,750,296 since 2003 which equaled an annual average of approximately \$437,000. She stated that, at cost of \$795 per year to support the RACEC working group equaled an estimated \$550 was returned on each \$1 invested annually in the North Florida Economic Development Partnership to support the RACEC.

Ms. Moraski also asked that a member be appointed to represent Gilchrist County should the Board decide to join the NFEDP. She stated that there are five (5) annual workshops, with four remaining at this time, with the next one to be held on November 28, 2007.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to join the North Florida Economic Development Partnership and the dues of \$795 to be taking from General Revenue Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Board agreed to ask Mr. Bill Kilborn to represent the County at the NFEDP workshops and to pay all the registrations fees to attend the four remaining workshops.

5:45 pm; Synergy Solutions: Mr. John Canada and Mr. Richard Rubin, Synergy Solutions, did a presentation on how their company represents Providing Quality of Life Solutions for the Future of Florida Communities through Grant Writing, Grant Management, Financial Solutions, Comprehensive Planning, Real Estate, Urban Design and Architecture and how Gilchrist County could benefit from these services.

At this time, the Board is interested in acquiring additional land for the continuing growth of the Field of Dreams. Mr. Rubin stated that the twenty four (24) acres northeast and the ninety two (92) acres south of the Field of Dreams are being considered for this project. These are two of the main objectives they will be working on at this time. There are several other projects that they brought forward for the Board to consider.

Mr. Rubin and Mr. Canada brought a contract between Synergy Solutions for Florida, LLC and Gilchrist County for the Board to consider.

It had been questioned about the statement that there is “NO” cost to the County. It appears that the contract reads that the County could be charged as much as \$15,000 per piece of property, if so this does not reflect a “NO” cost to the County. Mr. McPherson also pointed out that the contract states that they County would have 100% reimbursement, yet the contract states 75%.

Mr. McPherson stated that this contract presented today, is a contract committing the County to \$15,000 and when we get a contract in the amount of \$15,000 it is suppose to be put out for bid.

Mr. Rubin offered that Synergy Solutions could change the \$15,000 to \$10,000 to satisfy the County.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to allow the County Attorney to meet with Synergy Solutions to work on a contract changing the County cost of \$15,000 to \$10,000 and the 75% reimbursement be changed to 100% and bring back to the Board for approval. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Kenrick Thomas voting NO.

Commissioner Durden amended his motion for the contract that is being negotiated to address the sports complex project. Amended motion carried 4-1, Commissioner Kenrick Thomas voted NO.

County Administrator’s Report

Public Safety

Squad Concept: Mr. McQueen addressed a change in strategy requested by Chief Perez. He stated that Chief Perez had proposed to purchase a brush truck. Chief Perez is trying to come up with a way to accommodate the new fire fighters/EMT, to maximize their performance, as well as, a place to carry all the equipment they use.

Mr. Perez is proposing a squad that would be capable of the following:

- carrying 300-350 gallons of water
- carry the “Jaws of Life”
- maintain ALS/EMS capability
- be staffed by the current EMT/Paramedic personnel
- carry foam
- use compressed air for foam delivery
- maintain light rescue tools

Mr. McQueen presented Mr. Perez’s request that he would like to purchase a squad in this year’s budget cycle using the funds (\$100,000) budgeted for a brush truck and the used fire truck.

Mr. Perez stated that this vehicle could very well be our main source for response, but no way should diminish the need for fire engines and fire tankers. He also stated that those units would still be required, especially to meet the ISO requirements but the squad could reduce the urgency for fire engine/tanker replacement.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the purchase of a squad truck, changing purchase of Capital Outlay from brush truck and used engine to a single squad truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoices without Purchase Orders

Hall-Mark Invoice: Mr. Gilliam addressed this issue of an invoice being presented with NO purchase order number as noted in his report while discussing Public Safety issues. Mr. Gilliam stated that the finance department received an invoice from Hall-Mark without a purchase order.

Mr. Perez stated that the invoice was turned in, in error. He stated that he is contesting this invoice because he believes we should not have been billed for this work should have been covered under warranty. It is still the fact of the matter that no purchase order number was issued. The Board stated that ALL invoices, purchases must have purchase order number as stated in the Purchase Order Policy.

Woodland Craft Signs: Mr. Gilliam presented another invoice from Woodland Craft Signs that was submitted for payment from the Public Safety Department without a purchase order number.

Mr. Perez stated that he was under the impression that the blanket purchase order that is open for the Gilchrist County Journal was one in the same for Woodland Craft Signs being that it is a subsidiary to the Journal. Even when a blanket purchase order number is used, the purchase number should still be given to be put on the invoice.

The Board stressed to Mr. Perez that he needs to follow the purchase order policy. It was stated by the Board that this incident, first offense, will be written up, and the second offense will be a little stiffer.

Wilkerson Welding, Inc.: Mr. Gilliam presented another invoice from the Public Safety Department that did not have a purchase order number. Mr. Perez stated that is was an emergency, that the water tanker that holds the water for Station 3 sprung a leak. He stated

that they called upon Wilkerson Welding, Inc., and as soon as he found out the cost he submitted an emergency purchase order. Unfortunately, a purchase order was not gotten until after the invoice was received. In this situation, being an emergency, a purchase order number should have been gotten the next day.

Change Order Policy for the EOC: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of Change Orders for the EOC. He stated that a policy needs to be established on how change orders should be handled so everyone, Carlos, Ronnie, Jacki, and himself, will know who will do what and how it will be presented.

Commissioner Randy Durden stated that the Board has already established a policy when we built the addition on the Courthouse (Judicial Complex). He stated that everything we have ever done, on any kind building, we have always utilized the same policy and the Board of County Commissioners is the only ones that can approve a Change Order; it's always been that way and there is no reason to change it now. He also stated that no matter if that Change Order is not a scope of the work, it still adds to the cost of the project. Whether it's paid out of a different fund/budget, the change order still goes to the cost of the project and the Board needs to be the one to approve it.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford that the same Change Order Policy will be utilized on the EOC Complex as established for the Judicial Complex, that all Change Orders will be approved by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mills Engineering Addendum: Mr. McQueen presented an addendum to Mills Engineering contract for the Shady Grove, Rolling Oaks, CR 307 & 307A, CR 313 projects as required by Department of Transportation.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the addendum to the Mills Engineering contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Rolling Oaks (Letter and Vote Card): Mr. McQueen presented a copy of the letter and vote card that is being considered for mailing to the residents of Rolling Oaks. It was a concern that if the residents do not attend the Public Hearing that they would not get a complete picture of what is taking place. It was decided to hold the Public Hearing along with mailing the letter and vote card. This should educate the residents to the fullest extent on the paving costs for Rolling Oaks.

The Board agreed to go forward with sending letter, with changes to list the number of years (20/25 and one time cost of \$3,891.00 each) and vote cards to home owners at Rolling Oaks on the cost of the paving project.

SCTAS Grant: Mr. McQueen stated that we have received a LUCA (Local Update of Census Assessor) Grant in the amount of \$7,500.00. He stated that a lot of the money we get for sales tax and other things is dependant on our census count and for the first time they are allowing the counties to challenge or update census information. We have also received a Small County Technical Assistance Services Grant in the amount of \$7,200.00. He stated that all of this is working together, it all has to do with verifying addresses and locations, one is for 911 and the other is for local update of census. He stated that he wrote a grant for part-time position in the LUCA grant. The SCTAS grant didn't include a quote for hardware and software, so a proposal was presented from Arch View, the amount of \$10,500.00. He stated that there additional funds in the 911 Budget that are available.

Mr. McQueen asked the Board to accept both these grants and that he will bring back to the Board before January 1st, an outline of what he proposes how we should fund the balance of the hardware/software.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept both grants. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Kenrick Thomas to advertise for part-time position to assist in County Census, using grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control

Animal Control Report for October: Mr. McQueen presented the Animal Control report for October. He stated that this is a new format and the report will be presented at the first of the month.

S.H.I.P. Foreclosure: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the S.H.I.P. Foreclosure on the home Wendy Meyers. Mr. McPherson explained the procedure of purchasing a foreclosure.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to find out more about the property and the house, instructing Finance to advise whether or not this purchase is affordable, what funding is available and bring back recommendation to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Office of Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel: Mr. McQueen addressed the request from Daniel W. Clark, Assistant Regional Conflict Counsel, for acquiring facilities and personnel in Gilchrist County (as we do for the States Attorney Office). Mr. McQueen stated that we would look for potential office space and bring back recommendation.

Hart Springs Boat Ramp: Mr. McQueen requested official approval for the contract to be signed by the Chairman for the Hart Springs Boat Ramp in the amount of \$181,162.27.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the contract for Hart Springs Boat Ramp and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Members to the Small County Coalition: Mr. McQueen presented the request to appoint two (2) members to the Small County Coalition. At this time, Commissioners Sharon Langford and Kenrick Thomas already serve as members.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to leave Commissioner Sharon Langford and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas as representatives of the Small County Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Ordinance 07-21; English as Official Language: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is set for adoption hearing at the December 3rd meeting.

Resolution 07-45; Use of ATVs in Hart Springs: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 07-45 for the Boards consideration. He stated that it avoids the golf cart issue by merely outlawing ATV's using the state definition of ATV. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2007-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROHIBITING THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES IN HART SPRINGS PARK; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson stated that in a discussion with Julie Harrison, Park Manager, a distinction about the definition of "golf cart" was to be determined. He stated that he did what was asked of him; defined ATVs, which is separate from all other types of vehicles, banning them. Ms. Harrison agreed that this should take care of the problem.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2007-45. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 07-61; Employee Gifts: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 07-61 for the Boards consideration. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2007-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; LIMITING THE PROVISION OF GIFTS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Resolution 2007-61. Motion carried unanimously.

New Jail: Mr. McPherson stated that the meeting for the Public Safety Coordinating Council is set for November 30th to discuss options.

Recreation Straw Vote: Mr. McPherson stated that everything is in place and the language has been provided to Connie Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections, and he will send notice to the Gilchrist County Journal.

Rolling Oaks Special Assessment District: Mr. McPherson stated that this issue has already been addressed earlier at this meeting...

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that he will set a hearing on that motion to dismiss.

Code Violations: 6170 SE 67th Court: Mr. McPherson stated that this is the second case that the County will have filed for an injunction.

Mr. McPherson noted that the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer found numerous violations on the property, and gave the owner, Lisa Richards, until July 15, 2005, to remedy the violations. Since that time, fines have been accruing, but no action has been taken by the owner to alleviate the problem, and the neighbors are continuing to complain.

Mr. McPherson stated that he and Diane Rondolet recommend that the County Commission authorize him to file suit for an injunction requiring that the property be brought into compliance.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to allow the County Attorney to file suite for an injunction on Code Enforcement Violations for Lisa Richards. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Gasoline Purchases; State Contract compared to Stoney Smith (Hudson Foods Store): Mr. Gilliam stated that he had talked to Mr. Smith and he would like for us to consider him in the future. Mr. Gilliam asked Ms. Johnson, Finance Director to present her findings. Ms. Johnson stated that she compared fuel prices from fuel terminals in Jacksonville and Tampa, and State Contract cost and Mr. Smith's prices were higher.

Mr. Gilliam stated that since the fuel depot has been up and running there hasn't been any complaints from the state contract vendors. Commissioner Harrison would like to see that the purchasing of fuel be put out to bid to give the local providers a chance to serve the County.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded Commissioner Sharon Langford to go out for bid on the prices for unleaded gasoline and diesel, including freight on the same conditions as on state contract, for the Fuel Depot. Motion carried unanimously.

National Claims Review: Ms. Johnson addressed the issue of inmate hospital bills. She stated that as the bills come in, they are paid. She requested that the Board allow her to contact the National Claims Review to see if their services would be beneficial to us.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to move forward with pursuing the National Claims Review for services on reviewing inmate hospital bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Burt Property Summary Appraisal: Mr. Gilliam presented the appraisal reports on the Ted Burt Property that the Board is considering. He stated that after reviewing the two (2) reports there seems to be a discrepancy in the asking price and the total appraised value. Mr. Gilliam recommended that the Board authorize him or Mr. McQueen, Mr. McPherson or a Board member to meet with the property owner to negotiate a price and bring back to the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford for the Clerk to meet with Mr. Ted Burt, Property Owner and negotiate a purchase price based on the appraisal value. Motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Report: Mr. Gilliam presented the Revenue Report for the month ending September 30, 2007 compared to the September 30, 2006 report.

Davis, Monk & Company: Mr. Gilliam presented the progress billing invoice from Davis, Monk & Company in the amount of \$15,000.00 for audit work.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve invoice for \$15,000.00 to Davis, Monk & Company for audit work. Motion carried unanimously.

John C. Hipp Construction: Mr. Gilliam presented Pay Request #3 from John C. Hipp Construction, in the amount of \$18,118.98 for work on the CR344 project.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Pay Request #3, in the amount of \$18,118.98 to John C. Hipp Construction for CR 344 project. Motion carried unanimously.

Dixie County Inmate Housing: Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice for Dixie County Inmate Housing for the month of October in the amount of \$6,258.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve inmate housing bill in the amount of \$6,258.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 07-53 & BE07-091: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 07-53 & BE07-091, for the receipt of unanticipated funds in the amount of \$135.00, which represents the payoff of the second mortgage for Eddie and Betty Baker and amends the Local Housing and Assistance trust Fund (180) by the increased amount of \$135.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 07-53 and BE07-091. Motion carried unanimously.

S.H.I.P. Resolutions and Budget Entries: Mr. Gilliam presented the following Resolutions and Budget Entries for approval:

- Resolution 07-54 & BE07-089 Dorsett Hodge \$ 4,918.32
- Resolution 07-55 & BE07-095 John Deen \$ 4,083.25
- Resolution 07-56 & BE07-093 Sandra Gail Hodge \$ 1,098.12
- Resolution 07-57 & BE07-094 Mellissa Hutcheson \$10,888.47
- Resolution 07-58 & BE07-095 Lorraine Lightner \$ 4,705.58
- Resolution 07-59 & BE07-096 Samantha Russum \$ 5,000.00
- Resolution 07-60 & BE07-092 Barbara J. Riley \$ 3,278.70

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolutions and Budget Entries as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Results for Loan on Ted Burt Property: Ms. Johnson presented the outcome of the bids results after the re-bid for the loan on the Ted Burt Property. Two (2) bids were received, Ameris Bank with a 10 year fixed rate loan @ 4.95% and Capital City Bank with a 5.56%, 7 year fixed rate with interest paid quarterly and NO bid from Drummond Community Bank.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to accept the Ameris Bank proposal of a 10 year fixed rate loan @ 4.95 % for the Ted Burt Property. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Redevelopment: Mr. Gilliam presented an invoice for Community Redevelopment from the City of Trenton in the amount of \$167,698.00. He stated that we had budgeted \$170,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the disbursement of \$167,698.00 to the City of Trenton for Community Redevelopment invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

FDLE Byrne Grant: Mr. Gilliam presented the Bryne Grant, which has been awarded to the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$2,399.00. He asked the Board to accept the grant and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to accept the Byrne Grant in the amount of \$2,399.00, for the Sheriff's Department and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Report's

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas: None noted.

Commissioner Randy Durden: None noted.

Commissioner Sharon Langford: None noted.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.: None noted.

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford addressed the issue a Road Closure on NE 90th Way. This closure has been requested by Mr. Johnny Taylor due to the public turn-a-rounds on his private property. This would also benefit the County by not having to maintain that ½ mile on NE 90th Way.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Kenrick Thomas that the Board initiates the closing of the last ½ mile on NE 90th Way.

The Board agreed to amend the County Policy, that the County initiates all Road Closures at their expense.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to amend the original motion, by stating that no one would be charged from this date forward, for a road closure. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Harrison voting NO.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to initiate and close the last ½ mile of NE 90th Way as amended by the addition of the policy. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Harrison voting NO.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn: With there being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn.

Approved:

Attest:

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk