

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 22, 2008.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, January 22, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Thomas, 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**

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, Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement, Taylor Brown, County Planner, Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant, Justin Watson and Billy Cannon, Road Department, Ron Mills, Emergency Management, Captain Tony Cruse, GCSO, Richard A. Hughes, Jr., Russ Augspurg, Steve Hurd, Three Rivers Regional Library, Bob & Joyce Neilson, Marc Hanna, M. Sterling, M. Myers, L. Armory, Vern & Renate Bartz, John & Mary Puglise, Bertha Ebanks, Samuel B. Ebanks, Barry Brandon, Laura Brandon, Tom Wright, Loretta Fleming, Dennis A. Fleming, Mike & Diane, Fred Koerper, William & Marcy McGehee, Durrell Hicks, John Canada with Synergy Solutions, Karen Cutler, Robert Trail, Oonagh DeNezza, and Donna Albright.

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Changes**

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk presented the following agenda changes:
  1. Alexander Group; COP #4, Replace Doors, \$2,510.00
  2. F.Y.I.; Bill Kilborn's Resignation
  
- Mr. McQueen, County Administrator presented the following agenda changes:
  3. Rolling Oaks Reminder Letter
  4. SHIP; Subordination approval for Howe
  5. Request to attend Drought Preparation Meeting
  6. Solid Waste; Request to purchase metal building

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

## Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes

Budget Workshop..... July 19, 2007  
Budget Workshop..... July 23, 2007  
Regular Meeting..... December 3, 2007

- Owner Direct Purchases

Emergency Operations Complex; Alexander Group, LLC

1. Polysteel of N Central Florida, PO #80000490..... \$40,926.00
2. Fish Bowl Materials, Inc., PO #80000483..... \$13,614.27
3. Bell Concrete Products, Inc., PO #80000483..... \$18,320.00
4. Bell Concrete Products, Inc., PO #80000483..... \$14,880.00
5. Bell Concrete Products, Inc., PO #80000483..... \$ 3,360.00

- Reimbursements

Checks from the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$29,867.00 for reimbursement from Inmate Catastrophic Insurance

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

## County Administrator's Report

Mr. Ron McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for the consideration of the Board.

### Public Safety

- EOC Update: Mr. McQueen updated the Board on the progress of construction at the new Emergency Operations Complex.
- Process for ordering furniture and bidding out the phone system for EOC: Mr. McQueen stated that the process for ordering furniture and bidding out the phone system were not including in the contract, but a line item was created for each departmental budget. He also stated that the purchasing procedure will be followed; a purchase order will be obtained for all purchases, if the purchase is over \$10,000 bidding procedures will be followed and if purchase is over \$5,000 and those items on state contract will be presented to the Board for approval.

**Board agreed that no matter what the amount of the purchase order for the EOC, all purchases will be presented to the Board for approval.**

- Request for new ambulance to go to tradeshow: Mr. McQueen asked the Boards' permission to allow one of the new ambulances to be taken the Fire East trade show in Jacksonville. Board agreed that the ambulance is for the use and benefit of the citizens of the county, not that of the manufacturer (Braun Industries).

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to deny request to send ambulance to Fire East trade show in Jacksonville. Motion carried unanimously.***

- Michael Burnett's Resignation: Mr. McQueen presented the resignation of Michael Burnett from District Chief Station 4. Mr. Burnett will remain as a firefighter at Station 4.

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to accept the resignation of Michael Burnett as District Chief Station 4, effective January 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.***

- New Medicare Rates for EMS billing: Medicare has increased their fee schedule for rates and mileage reimbursement for calendar year 2008. The EMS Department request that the Board adopt the new rates as follows:

	<u>New Rate</u>	<u>Old Rate</u>
Mileage:	\$ 9.63 per mile	\$ 9.38 per mile
ALS Level 1:	\$365.00	\$355.00
ALS Level 2:	\$525.00	\$515.00
BLS Emergency:	\$310.00	\$300.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the new Medicare rates for EMS billing, effective February 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### Road Department

- Update on SCRAP and SCOP Programs: Mr. McQueen presented submittals for the Department of Transportation SCRAP and SCOP Programs as follows for the 2008 budget year:

SCRAP:	SE 70 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	(funded)
	Spring Ridge	(no funding available)
SCOP:	CR337	(just outside funding)
	CR 341	(way outside funding)

Mr. McQueen stated that the Spring Ridge, CR 337 and CR 341 projects can be resubmitted this year.

#### S.H.I.P.

- Approval of Henry & Jessica Howe: Mr. McQueen presented the subordination agreement on Henry and Jessica Howe. This loan will replace the original construction loan with a reduction in the interest rate and a fixed rate mortgage.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the Subordination Agreement for Henry and Jessica Howe. Motion carried unanimously.***

Parks & Recreation

- Hart Springs Boat Ramp Pilings: Mr. McQueen presented the information that he had received from Mills Engineering regarding the steel pipe that was installed on the boat ramp renovation at Hart Springs.

The pipe that was installed was not in conformance with the project specifications.

The Board authorized the County Administrator to instruct Lee Mills, County Engineer, to notify contractor to install correct pilings.

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas for the County Engineer to notify contractor with the instruction to install correct pilings. Motion carried unanimously.***

Prescription Drug Card Update: Mr. McQueen presented an update on the NACo Prescription Drug Card. He stated that citizens of the County are continuing to use them and it is a positive benefit that the Board has provided for them.

Thank You letter to Mr. Murray: Mr. McQueen had drafted a letter to Robert and Carol Murray thanking them for the lockers they donated to the County. The lockers will be utilized in the staff sleeping quarters of the new EOC.

SRWMD; Drought Preparation Meeting: Due to the drought, the Suwannee River Water Management District will hold a meeting on February 14, 2008, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m., at District office in Live Oak, to discuss strategies for water conservation. Mr. McQueen stated that he would be attending and if they are available, he encouraged the Board members to attend.

Solid Waste

- Request to purchase metal building: Mr. McQueen presented three (3) quotes for the purchase of a metal building (30' enclosed building with roll-up door) for Solid Waste. The quotes are as follows:

1. Derek Sanders Sales & Service	18'x61'	\$5,380.00
2. Pro-Built Portable Buildings	18'x61'	\$7,890.00
3. T-N-T Metal Buildings, Inc.	18'x60'	\$6,495.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve quote from Derek Sanders Sales & Services, for metal building in the amount of \$5,380.00, for Solid Waste. Motion carried unanimously.***

New Brush Truck for Southeast Fire Station: Mr. McQueen provided a power point presentation on the new brush truck that was delivered to SE Fire Station.

**4:30pm Time Certain**

**Road Department Report**

## Violations at Townsend Pit

- Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Supervisor, presented the assessment of violations found at the Townsend Pit.
- Mr. Watson explained the findings on which the violations were written. They included the berms not being maintained and no guardrail on the crusher. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) issued two (2) citations, \$2,901.00 and \$873.00, totaling \$3,774.00. There was also an outstanding balance, in the amount of \$374.14, making the penalties total \$4,148.14. The Board directed Mr. Watson to look into finding out what the outstanding balance was for.
- The Board recommended that Mr. Watson meet with Finance to determine source for funding the cost of the violations. Mr. Watson stated that there are some funds in the line item Civil Claims and Fees. It was suggested that funds received from the surplus sale be transferred to cover these fines. The Board agreed for the fine to be paid and the source from which it is to be paid, be brought back to the Board.
- Cost to repair Limber: Mr. Watson presented the cost to repair the Limber, in the amount of \$2,803.50

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to allow the Road Department to move forward with the repair of the Limber, in the amount of \$2,803.50. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **4:45pm Public Hearings**

Ms. Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, presented the following resolutions and budget entries for the Boards approval.

- Resolution 08-05 and BE08-012: Amending the Transportation Fund budget by resolution to lawfully expend revenues; the Transportation Fund (140) is amended with an increased amount of \$108,210.00, for the purchase of a wheel loader and loan proceeds in the FY2006-2007 budget and the delivery was delayed until FY2007-2008; the amount of the purchase and loan proceeds were not included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Transportation Fund budget

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 08-05 and BE08-012, in the amount of \$108,210.00.***

Chairman Langford called for any public comments...none noted.

***Motion carried unanimously.***

- Resolution 08-07 and BE08-005: Amending the General Revenue Fund budget by resolution to lawfully expend revenues; the General Revenue Fund (001) is amended with an increased amount of \$24,850.00, for the funding of the purpose of updating the 911 addressing for the 2010 census for Gilchrist County, form the 911 wireless and 911 landline surcharges; the amount of the transfer was not included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General revenue Budget

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 08-07 and BE08-005, in the amount of \$24,850.00.***

Chairman Langford called for any public comments...none noted.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

- Resolution 08-06 and BE08-013: Amending the Fire Fund budget by resolution to lawfully expend unanticipated revenues for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; the Fire Fund (122) is amended with an increased amount of \$248,950.00, for the receipt of additional revenues, in the form of cash carry forward, from the previous fiscal year

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 08-06 and BE08-013, in the amount of \$248,950.00.*

Chairman Langford called for any public comments...none noted.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### Attorney's Report

Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for the consideration of the Board.

Ordinance 08-01; English as Official Language: Notice failed to be published once again. It has been re-sent to the Journal for ordinance to be considered at the first meeting in February.

Resolution 08-11; Policies for Electronic Communications: Set for adoption at this meeting. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

### **RESOLUTION 2008-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND RULES REGARDING THE SENDING AND RECEIVING OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ON COUNTY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Resolution 2008-11. Motion carried unanimously.*

Recreation Straw Vote: Notices were published on December 19 and January 10. Everything is moving ahead, for vote on Election Day.

Rolling Oaks Special Assessment District: Second letter has been sent to parcel owners summarizing situation and reminding them of the public hearing scheduled for January 22, 2008. Public Hearing will take place at time certain for 5:00pm at this meeting.

EMS Truck: Linda Walker has sent information to the attorneys handling the class action suit against Ford.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that Saunders' attorney filed a brief on the morning of the hearing on the Motion to Dismiss. Even though the brief was months late, the case law states that an appeal cannot be dismissed until a party ignores a warning from the court that dismissal is possible if a brief is not filed by a certain deadline.

No warning by the judge had yet been given in this appeal. Mr. McPherson stated that this seems like an awfully lenient rule, but it's clear in the case law. He stated that he withdrew his Motion to Dismiss, cancelled the hearing, and will file the reply Brief on time.

Gilchrist County v. Richard: Suit for injunction to require clean-up of property. Service of the complaint was accomplished. Ms. Richards filed a response promising to clean up the property. Mr. McPherson will be working with Diane Rondolet on how to proceed.

Animal Control Interlocal Agreement: Ron McQueen is working with the cities to come up with a funding formula to put in the revised animal control agreement.

### **Clerk's Report**

Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for consideration of the Board.

Resolution 08-14; Library Grant Application: One of the conditions of the grant application, for construction of a new public library, in Gilchrist County, requires a resolution passed by the Board. The short title of the proposed resolution is as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 08-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT; PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT THE REQUIRED MATCH FOR THE GRANT WILL BE AVAILABLE; PROVIDING OTHER ASSURANCES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF THE LIBRARY FACILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mr. Steve Hurd, Three Rivers Regional Library, addressed the Board and explained the need for the construction grant, and the benefit of a new public library facility in Gilchrist County.

Mr. Gilliam stated that if the Board approved the resolution, a letter would be sent to the Three Rivers Regional Library Board, expressing our desire that they consider relocating to the new construction portion of this building, in Gilchrist County.

*Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 08-14 and instruct the Board to draft a letter on behalf of the relocation of the Three Rivers Regional Library Headquarters to Gilchrist County, and allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **5:00pm Public Hearing**

Mr. McQueen addressed the paving project of SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Court and 67<sup>th</sup> Court in the subdivision of Rolling Oaks.

### **Rolling Oaks Paving Project**

- Mr. McQueen explained what has been accomplished up to this point on the proposed project. Some post cards (responses to whether or not the parcel owners are interested in the project) have been received: 29 responding "Yes", 8 responding "No" and 15 "Undecided".

- A letter was sent out to all property owners summarizing the imposition of a special assessment on the properties located on SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Court and SE 67<sup>th</sup> Court.
- The County has received a bid for paving the two streets, so that it can now be determined that the annual assessment on each parcel would be between \$300 and \$350 for a period of 20 to 25 years. Each parcel owner will have the option of making a single lump sum payment of approximately \$3890. Should the “Special Assessment District” be created, the first annual assessment would appear on their tax bill in November 2008.
- Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, explained the legality of the project.
- Chairman Langford explained the procedure on how the public would address the Board. They could also provide their “vote” at this time. Several parcel owners addressed the Board with interests and concerns.
- Public participation continued, and the discussion carried on with many concerns. Financing was one of the main concerns and the fact that this assessment would bare a hardship on a few of the landowners was another.
- Commissioner Durden requested a provision in the ordinance to provide assistance to those who would qualify as a “hardship” case.

***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to move forward with the paving project on SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Court and SE 67<sup>th</sup> Court, in Rolling Oaks Subdivision, and that the ordinance include the stipulation on hardships.***

Chairman Langford called for any further discussion...none noted.

***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. McPherson stated that if the Uniform Method of Collection is to be used and the annual assessment is placed on the tax notice, a meeting needs to be held to consider the ordinance on special assessments. The date of February 26, 2008 was decided upon to hold a special meeting, at 6:00pm on the Rolling Oaks Special Assessments.

### **6:00pm Time Certain**

#### **Synergy Solutions**

- John Canada presented for review and discussion, the property sites identified by Synergy Solutions and requested authorization to proceed with the preparation of FCT Grant applications.
- The property sites include the Field of Dreams, McArthur Wade Site (partially in the City of Bell), Tomion Site and North American Land Site.
- After reviewing and discussing the proposed sites, the Board agreed to move forward with the McArthur Wade Site and the Tomion Site.

- Mr. Canada was instructed to obtain more information on these two projects and bring back before the Board.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to instruct Mr. Canada to move forward by obtaining more information on the McArthur Wade and Tomion property sites; and bring this information back to the Board for further consideration. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **County Administrator**

Mr. McQueen presented the request, of the GCSO, for a heavy duty vehicle for transportation needs. This vehicle would transport equipment.

- '94 Freightliner: The request to transfer the 1994 Freightliner (an old ambulance) to the Sheriff's office. This vehicle is no longer in use by the EMS department.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to transfer the '94 Freightliner to the Sheriff's Department, which is no longer any use to EMS, and as long as there is no stipulations to any licenses or grants. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Clerk's Report**

Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for consideration of the Board.

RFP GCB001 FY008; Regular Unleaded Gasoline & Diesel: RFP's for Regular Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel have been drafted and presented to the Board; Mr. McPherson has also reviewed.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to move forward with the RFP for bids on the fuel for the Fuel Depot, county purchases. Motion carried unanimously.*

Rental House Renewal: At the time the Board purchased the Burt Property, the "Blue" house was being rented. Mr. Gilliam received a request from the renter to renew the lease for one (1) year. He asked for direction from the Board whether they wanted to renew lease or allow renter to terminate lease contract early.

**Board agreed to allow renter, Michelle Jenkins, to terminate her lease early (exp 4/30/08) and vacate the house (Burt Property- Blue House).**

Spending Analysis by Department: Ms. Jacki Johnson presented the report on Spending Analysis for the FY07-08, First Quarter by departments. She also presented the Budget Recap for the period ending December 31, 2007.

### **Resolutions in support of Lake City Community College**

- Resolution 08-12: Chairman Langford read short title as follows:

## RESOLUTION 08-12

### A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATON OF A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS IN GILCHRIST COUNTY

Mr. McPherson explained the commitment and support of the Boards in supporting this project.

*Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 08-12. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Resolution 08-13; Chairman Langford read short title as follows:

## RESOLUTION 08-13

### A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DONATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A MULTIPLE USE PUBLIC FACILITY COMPLEX IN GILCHRIST COUNTY

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioners Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 08-13. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### Mills Engineering Invoices

- Invoice #2006051      CR 232, Widening and Resurfacing      \$8,205.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Mills Engineering invoice #2006051, in the amount of \$8,205.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Invoice #2007105      CR 307 & 307A, Widening & Resurfacing      \$19,086.38

*Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve Mills Engineering invoice #2007105, in the amount if \$19,086.38. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### Owner Direct Purchases

- Coreslab Structures      \$57,415.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the invoice from Coreslab Structures, in the amount of \$57,415.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Overhead Door Company      \$22,743.88

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the invoice from Overhead Door Company in the amount of \$22,743.88. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Jasper Thompson Lightning Protection \$5,571.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve invoice from Jasper Thompson Lightning Protection, in the amount of \$5,571.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

EMS Grant Award, Number C7021: Gilchrist County has been awarded an emergency medical services (EMS) county grant, number C7021, in the amount of \$5,543.00. This grant is for improving and enhancing pre-hospital emergency medical services; presented for Boards acceptance.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept EMS Grant, in the amount of \$5,543.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 08-10; Loan for Ambulances: Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM CAPITAL CITY BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE GILCHRIST COUNTY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$355,022 TO CAPITAL CITY BANK, AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, IN ORDER TO PURCHASE TWO NEW AMBULANCES**

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-10. Motion carried unanimously.*

Change Order #5, Alexander Group: This change order is for collected ODP revisions in the amount of (\$5,045.38), from the Alexander Group; an increase of (\$6,704.00) from Bell Concrete and decrease of \$1,658.62 from Fish Bowl Material.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Change Order #5 from the Alexander Group, in the amount of (\$5,056.38). Motion carried unanimously.*

#### Agenda Change

- COP #4 from the Alexander Group: To replace inactive door leaves to Rooms 1000 and 1200 in the new Judicial Complex; COP#4, in the amount of \$2,510.00.

*Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve COP# 4 in the amount of \$2,510.00, for door replacement, to the Alexander Group. Motion carried unanimously.*

Bill Kilborn's Resignation: Mr. Bill Kilborn resigned as the Gilchrist County representative on the Board of the Original Florida. The Board will consider replacement for a County representative.

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas: None noted.

Commissioner Randy Durden: None noted.

Commissioner Sharon Langford: None noted.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.: Readdressed the issue of “hardships”. He recommended the Board consider granting an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption to those qualifying citizens of 65+ years of age, with income limitations. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to instruct the County Attorney to draft a ordinance on granting an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, to those qualifying with income limitation and 65+ years of age. Motion carried unanimously.***

The ordinance will be set for adoption hearing at the mid-month meeting in February.

Commissioner Tommy Langford: None noted.

**Old Business**: None noted.

**New Business**: None noted.

**Public Participation**: None noted.

**Adjourn:**

With there being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned at 9:20pm.

Board of County Commissioners  
Gilchrist County, Florida

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Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

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Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk