

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD
FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday**, February 26, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's present to-wit:

Commissioner Tommy Langford, Chairman
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Randy Durden
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.Absent

Others in Attendance

John McPherson, County Attorney, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant, Taylor Brown, County Planner, Justin Watson and Billy Cannon, road Department, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, and residents of Rolling Oaks (SE 62nd Court and SE 67th Court)

Call to Order

Chairman Langford called this Rolling Oaks Special Assessment Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He also announced the procedures that were expected to be followed during public participation.

Resolution 2008-17; Uniform Method of Collection

Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE LEVIED ON CERTAIN LOTS WITHIN THE ROLLING OAKS UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson explained that the purpose of Resolution 2008-17, along with the three (3) exhibits, will serve as a method of collection and provide for the placement of this special assessment on the tax bill. The exhibit attachments are described as follows:

- Exhibit A: Proof of publication for notice of duly advertised public hearing prior to the adoption of this resolution
- Exhibit B: Letters from the Gilchrist County Property Appraiser and Gilchrist County Tax Collector, agreeing to the holding of the public hearing after January 1, 2008, but prior to March 1, 2008
- Exhibit C: A description of certain lot numbers and parcel numbers within the Rolling Oaks unrecorded subdivision, for a total number of parcels for assessment purposes of fifty two (52).

Mr. McPherson stated that the three (3) exhibits will be added to the resolution upon approval and that it has nothing to do with the decision to whether or not the special assessment will be created; the passing of the ordinance creates the special assessment (which is scheduled to be presented for approval at this meeting).

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

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-17. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 08-04; Rolling Oaks Special Assessment

Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 08-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COVERING CERTAIN PARTS OF THE ROLLING OAKS SUBDIVISION IN UNINCORPORATED GILCHRIST COUNTY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; IMPOSING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT (THOSE FRONTING ON SE 62ND COURT AND SE 67TH COURT); PROVIDING FOR USE OF REVENUES; PROVIDING FOR HARDSHIP WAIVERS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson stated that this is the ordinance that will actually create the special assessment. He reviewed and explained the ordinance, section by section.

There is a correction to be noted under Section 70-113. Imposition of Special Assessment; Use of Revenues, (c), first sentence:

(c) Each Parcel owner shall have the option of pre-paying the assessment at any time by paying to the Gilchrist County clerk the full principal balance due, plus accrued interest, as determined by the Clerk.

...changing "at any time" to "between April 1st through June 30th of each year"

After Mr. McPherson finished reviewing/explaining the ordinance, Chairman Langford called for any public comments/participation...

Marc Hanna addressed the Board for clarification on the three month window for payment. Mr. Gilliam explained that it was needed to provide the Property Appraisers office ample time to prepare the tax rolls.

Dennis Fleming addressed the Board with concerns on how the maintenance and upkeep on the road would be paid for. Mr. McPherson explained that it will be a county road, and the County would be responsible for the maintenance on the road.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Ordinance 2008-04. Motion carried 3-1, with Commissioner Kenrick Thomas voting NO.

Resolution 2008-23; Special Assessment Bond

Mr. McPherson read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF A \$206,000 GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND, SERIES 2008, IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROAD AND ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ROLLING OAKS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY; PLEDGING THE MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS UPON PROPERTY WITHIN SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BENEFITED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED IMPROVEMENTS TO SECURE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; COVENANTING TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE LEGALLY AVAILABLE NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS TO PAY THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS INCLUDING AUTHORIZING A NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS RESOLUTION.

Mr. McPherson continued reviewing and explaining Resolution 2008-23.

Chairman Langford called for any public comments/participation....

Mr. Vernon Bartz addressed the Board and asked for clarification on how the full payments made ahead of time would affect the total amount of money that would have to be borrowed. Mr. Gilliam and Mr. McPherson explained.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-23. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Langford announced that this concludes the Rolling Oaks Special Assessment meeting. The Board had one other item of business to address before adjourning.

New Fire Truck Inspection

Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of a new fire truck that is being purchased under the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant). He stated that the manufacturer said that the truck is ready to be delivered, but requires an onsite visit, which is part of the contract. Because time is of the essence, Mr. McQueen requests that the Board approve travel (all expense paid) for Chief Perez to do onsite fire truck inspection.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve two (2) day travel for one person, Chief Perez to do fire truck inspection. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business/discussion the Rolling Oaks Special Assessment Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Approved:

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk