

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 24, 2008**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 4:00 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. (not present)

Others in Attendance

John McPherson, County Attorney, Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, Patty McCagh, Board Secretary, Georgia Mills, Finance Department, Ron McQueen, County Administrator, Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant, Taylor Brown, County Planner, Chief Carlos Perez, Public Safety, John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal, Captain Tony Cruse, GCSO, Sheriff David Turner, Deputy Harvey Montgomery, GCSO, and Jered Ottenwess, City of Trenton Manager.

Call to Order

Chairman Langford called this Budget Workshop to order at 4:05 p.m.

Clerk

Mr. Gilliam addressed the Board with how the impact of Amendment One, the slow economy and revenue reductions are going to impact the County's budget. He stated that it is something we need to start looking at now in order to be prepared at the beginning of the budget process. He turned the floor over to Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, who presented an update on the Board of County Commissioners Revenue Projections for the balance of FY07/08 with State and County revenues.

Director of Finance

Ms. Jacki Johnson addressed the Board and reviewed all Board Department budgets and Projected Expenditures thru September 30, 2008. She also reviewed the estimated fund balance for September 30, 2008.

Policy Change

Commissioner Durden addressed the issue of the possibility of changing the purchasing policy to reduce authorized speeding caps for Department Heads to \$500.00 and the County Administrator to \$1,000.00, without Board approval.

This will have no reflection on emergency purchases. Emergency purchases will be handled using the same policy that is currently being utilized.

Discussion took place on this suggestion, with the intention to have closer control on expenditures and budget balances.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the reduction of speeding caps for all department heads to \$500.00 and the County Administrator to \$1,000.00 without Board approval. Motion carried 4-0.

With no further business/discussion the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Approved:

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court