

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AUGUST 4, 2008**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 5:00 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.

Others in Attendance

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; Georgia Mills, Deputy Clerk, Finance; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Donna Creamer, Pure Water Wilderness; Kyle Stone, Chamber of Commerce; Marilyn Bruce, Tax Collector; Ron Mills, Emergency Management Chief; Joyce Ferrante; Julie Thomas; Todd Bryant, SVL; Mylonia Viaggio, Child Development; Geneva Cornwell, Character Council; Jo Buckles; James Winters; Ricky Whitley; and Representatives of Meridian Behavioral Leo Ducet and Jim Winters.

Call to Order

Chairman Langford called this Budget Workshop to order at 5:02 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the FY 08/09 proposed budgets for the Tax Collector and Other Agencies.

Constitutional Officer

- **Tax Collector:** Ms. Marilyn C. Bruce presented/reviewed the submitted proposed budget for FY08/09. Personal Services did not include longevity pay and the 2% step plan increase.

5:15 p.m. Commissioner Randy Durden and Ron McQueen, County Administrator were excused to attend the City of Trenton meeting.

The Board recommended that Ms. Bruce resubmit her proposed budget amending Personal Services to include longevity and 2% step plan.

Budget Reviews

Other Agencies: At this time, representatives from the Other Agencies addressed the Board presenting their requests for FY 08/09 funding for the Boards' consideration.

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| • Chamber of Commerce | \$14,250 | 5% reduction from 2008 |
| • Pure Water Wilderness: Ms. Donna Creamer | \$5,000 | same as 2008 |
| • Early Learning Coalition | \$5,000 | same as 2008 |
| • Character Council | \$1,000 | same as 2008 |
| • Suwannee Valley Leagues | \$35,000 | 17% increase from 2008 |

- Meridian Behavioral \$43,150 8% increase from 2008
- Historical Society \$1,200 same as 2008
- Other Miscellaneous Agencies
The Board reviewed the submitted requests for FY08/09

Commissioner Harrison addressed the issue of the Boards' request that a 5% reduction be considered when submitting budget requests. He questioned whether the Other Agencies were directed to reduce their budget requests.

Only the Constitutional Officers and Board Departments were directed to include a 5% reduction in budget requests.

He stated that if we are asking ourselves to take a reduction that everyone needs be directed to consider a 5% reduction when asking for funding.

Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford that all budget proposals from Other Agencies be reduced by 5% of the '08 budget, as the Constitutional Officers and Board Departments were directed to do by the Board, for budget workshop purposes only.

Discussion continued...

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Recap

Ms. Jacki Johnson presented a Budget Recap including changes that took place after July 21, 2008, including the TRIM Compliance options.

Transportation Budget

Ms. Jacki Johnson presented the Transportation Budget history, including current year figures, for discussion. No action taken.

Adjourn

With there being no further business/discussion, this Budget Workshop was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved:

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court