

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 1:15 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

Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Taylor Brown, County Planner; Julie Harrison, Manager Hart Springs; Chief Perez, Public Safety; Ron Mills, Emergency Management; Frank Ritter, Building Official; Billy Cannon, Road Department; Donna Creamer, Pure Water Wilderness; Kyle Stone, Chamber of Commerce; Heather Hayes, American Cancer Society; Todd Bryant, Suwannee Valley Leagues; Linda Walker, EMS Chief; Lee Mills, County Engineer; Arnold & Gerri Jackson, Owners of Otter Springs; Charlie Houder, SRWMD; Lee & Brenda Schaltenbrand; Susie Poitras; Jackie R. Barron; Bill Wolford; Joyce Ferrante; Flora Brock; Pam & Robin Bromley; Burton & Paula Wester; Rev. Michael & Joyce LaCagnina; and Richard & Leslie Esseck.

Call to Order

Chairman Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. with County Administrator Ron McQueen delivering the invocation and him leading the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, filled in as acting Clerk during the absence of Mr. Gilliam.

Agenda Changes

- Changes presented by the Clerk:
 1. Addition: Gilchrist County Health Department Contract
 2. Addition: John C. Hipp Construction invoice for the Shady Grove Road Project
- Changes presented by the County Administrator:
 3. Addition: Animal Control Report for the Month of August 2008
 4. Addition: Gilchrist County Small Courthouse Money
 5. Addition: Request for Travel
- Changes presented by the County Attorney:
 6. Addition: Resolution 2008-66; Initial Process resolution needed to start the process for the closure of NW 5" Street

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to accept the Agenda as presented with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- **Budget Entries**
Budget Entry 08-064, Fund 00 1, General Fund \$18,500.00
Budget Entry 08-065, Fund 434, Solid Waste \$1,000.00

- **Minutes for Approval**
Regular Meeting July 21, 2008
Regular Meeting August 4, 2008

- **Request for Payment Approval**

John C. Hipp Construction, Inc.
Gilchrist County Shady Grove Road; Pay Request #1 \$166,674.31

Art Walker Construction, Inc.
Gilchrist County Road 232; Pay Request #2 \$968,049.75

Mills Engineering Company
GCR 232 from SR 26 to SR 47; Invoice #2006051 \$30,512.39
GCR 3 13 from SR 26 to CR 344; Invoice #200710 \$6,170.26
GCR 307 & 307A from SR 26 to US 129; Invoice #2007105 \$3,135.94
Shady Grove Road from SR 26 South; Invoice #2007106 \$7,197.75

Gilchrist County Sheriffs Office
Inmate Amanda Griffis, Hospital Invoice NFRMC \$13,492.00
Inmate Daily Subsistence; February 8 - August 13, 2008 \$5,588.35

- **Request for Purchase Order Approval**

Road Department
Anderson Columbia; Purchase Order Increase
Purchase of Cold Patch \$2,000.00

Clyde Townsend; Purchase Order Increase
Purchase of Limerock \$4,000.00
Kelly Oil; Purchase Order Increase
Purchase of Bulk Oil \$2,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the 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

Mr. McQueen stated according to the action taken by the Board that the responsibilities of the Public Safety Director would now fall under that of the County Administrator. Mr. McQueen was directed to bring back to the Board a plan on the Fire Chief position. He stated that moving forward with the guidelines of the 1-3-5 + 10 yr Plan and that of the Fire Protection Plan the position of Fire Chief is critical.

After consulting with Mike Grogan, Labor Law Attorney, County Attorney John McPherson, and review of the county ordinance, he stated the County already had a fire chief, Mr. Perez.

Concerned citizen, Jackie Barron addressed the Board with his personal views/opinions on the matter of the Public Safety Director position and budget issues.

Discussion continued addressing the position of Fire Chief. There is an existing line item in the current budget to fund this position. Mr. Perez had been assuming the position of Fire Chief while carrying out the responsibilities of Public Safety Director.

Chairman Langford closed the floor on this topic of discussion, moving forward with the agenda. The Board took no action at this time.

Time Certain Issues

- 1:50 p.m. Suwannee River Water Management District: Mr. Charlie Houser, Deputy Executive Director for SRWMD, came before the Board to address the issue of the acquisition of Otter Springs and to hand deliver the Payment in Lieu of Taxes check in the amount of \$17,817.00.

He stated that the primary reason for hand delivering the payment was to make sure that the Commission is aware of the change in State law this year which removes the 10 year cap off of the payment in lieu of taxes.

Otter Springs: Mr. Houser stated that the SRWMD has a contract pending on the purchase of Otter Springs. He presented a power point presentation on the property of Otter Springs and reviewed the SRWMD interest in the property. His main objective for addressing the Board was to see if the County Commission was interested in working with Water Management on utilizing this park for public recreation, and take over operation of the facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, park owners, were also present to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Ms. Donna Creamer, Pure Water Wilderness Executive Director, addressed the Board stating that if the County is able to maintain and facilitate this offer, she highly recommends the County accepts. She explained the benefits to the County.

The Board recommended that Mr. McQueen meet with the SRWMD and that he bring back a plan/proposal for the Boards consideration.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to instruct Staff to meet with the District and bring back a proposal for the Boards consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2:26 p.m. American Cancer Society: Ms. Heather Hayes, representative of the American Cancer Society, presented and reviewed Tool Kits with valuable cancer information available to County employees at no cost.

This information is provided to educate and save lives. The Board recommended that she meet with Lisa Mathews, Administrative Assistant, to coordinate program.

- 2:30 p.m. Bell Church of God: Ms. Flora Brock with the Bell Church of God Outreach Program, addressed the Board requesting the use of the community building on SE 70th Avenue, behind Papaw's, and that the fee be waived. She stated that they are forming Children's Bible Study and Drama Club for this area and the fee is not affordable.

They would be using the building once a week, on Saturday mornings, from 10 am until Noon. If for some reason this building is not available she requested the use of the one on 70th Avenue and CR 129.

The regular fee for the use of the building requires a \$50.00 deposit and an occupancy fee of \$30.00.

Mr. McPherson reminded the Board to be cautious when making a finding, as with any group, that there is a public benefit and not just allowing the use of public property for private purposes without compensation to the County. He also stated that it would be unlawful for any group if there is only a private benefit and not a public benefit, again being especially careful in that regard with church groups because of the additional provisions in the constitution about separation of church and state.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the request of Ms. Flora Brock, Bell Church of God, for the use the Community Center either at Waccasassa or Osceola for a three month trial period for bible study and drama club meetings to be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2:59 p.m. S.C.O.P. Projects CR 307 & CR 307A; Funding Issues: Mr. Lee Mills, County Engineer, explained the restructured bid requirements for the SCOP projects CR 307 & CR 307A. He reviewed the proposed reductions in order to have the project within the budget.

Discussion took place on what the Board felt feasible for the CR 307 project to be completed. Mr. Mills stated that the first step would be to make sure that FDOT is in agreement with us and then we would go back to the Contractor.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to instruct the County Administrator to meet with Lee Mills and prepare a proposal for the CR 307 SCOP Project and CR 307A but consider it as a priority as a future SCOP project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Shady Grove Road: Mr. Mills presented a Supplemental Agreement on the Shady Grove Road project, in the amount of \$5,380.00, from John C. Hipp Construction, for cutting out 18" of clay and replace with asphalt.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the Supplemental Agreement on the Shady Grove Road project, in the amount of \$5,380.00, from John C. Hipp Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

- Addendum to County Engineer's Contract: Mr. Mills presented for the Chairman's signature the addendum to his contract for 2007-2008, in accordance with the County's contract with the FDOT reflecting the statement that he will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the FDOT for any of his actions on the project (S.E. 70th road project).

At the September 2, 2008, Special Meeting held by the Board of County Commissioners, the addendum to the Engineers' contract was approved at that time.

- 2008-2009 Contract for Engineering Services: Mr. Mills presented his contract for the 2008-2009 year, for Engineering Services, with one change. The change reflected a rate increase from \$75.00 per hour to \$95.00 per hour; he stated that this is the first rate increase to the contract since 1996, and still doesn't reflect the standard engineering rate, but it's getting him closer.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the annual contract for the engineering services of Lee Mills, including the rate change increase from \$75.00 to \$95.00. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report Continued...

Rolling Oaks S.A.D. Project (SE 62nd & SE 67th Court): Mr. McQueen presented invoice #24595, from John C. Hipp Construction, in the amount of \$117,540.00, for the work performed on the Rolling Oaks S.A.D. project.

He also presented a request made by John C. Hipp Construction asking that the Board consider sharing the additional cost in the amount of \$28,264.00 for liquid asphalt alone. This additional cost has been incurred above the original cost used to bid the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve payment on invoice #24595, from John C. Hipp Construction, in the amount of \$117,540.00, for the Rolling Oaks S.A.D. paving project (SE 62nd & 67th Court); this does not include the request for support to cover the unforeseen increase in the cost of asphalt liquid, in the amount of \$28,264.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

- EM Performance Grant: Mr. McQueen presented the request made by Ron Mills, EM Chief that the Board accept and allow the Chairman to sign, the contract from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$25,965.00, to be used for domestic preparedness. This contract is effective from 08/01/2008 through 07/31/2009 and is reported quarterly.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to accept the Homeland Security contract, in the amount of \$25,965.00 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Request for Travel: Mr. McQueen presented a request from Ron Mills, EM Chief, for approval of travel to attend the following two (2) events:
 1. LEPC Chairman and Staff in Tallahassee, October 2 & 3, 2008; for Local Emergency Planning Council and State Emergency Response Commission; travel is state subsidized.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve travel for Ron Mills to attend the Local Emergency Planning Council and State Emergency Response Commission event to be held in Tallahassee on October 2nd & 3rd, 2008; travel is state subsidized. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Current Issues in Emergency Management Annual Meeting at the State Emergency Operations Center, October 14, 15, & 16, 2008; Scope of Work required attendance; EM Grant subsidized.**

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve travel for Ron Mills to the CIEM Annual Meeting, October 14-16, 2008, at the state EOC; scope of work requires attendance and costs are subsidized by the EM Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

SHIP

- Request for Rehabilitation Work: Mr. McQueen presented the request from the SHIP Administrator asking the Board to approve rehab work for a new applicant, Muriel Cannon, in the amount of \$29,000.00. She is elderly and in the LOW income group with special needs.

The SHIP Loan Review Committee's recommends approval subject to the following conditions: Availability of SHIP Funds, Applicant's Contribution and a signed Contract from the Contractor.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the SHIP Loan, in the amount of \$29,000.00, to Muriel Cannon subject to the noted conditions of the SHIP Loan Review Committee. Motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Kenrick Thomas was abstained from voting, reason being the applicant is his mother-in-law.

- Foreclosure Proceedings on Mr. & Mrs. Soulis: Mr. McQueen presented the issue of the foreclosure that has been filed on the household of Mr. & Mrs. Soulis. He stated that a court date has been set for October 7, 2008.

Mr. Zimmermann, of First Choice Mortgage, notified the SHIP Administrator that the mortgage company is willing to extend a reverse mortgage on the property; the funds will only be enough to pay off the first lean holder, Ameris Bank, and pay SHIP \$3,000.00. The SHIP Administrator noted that if the reverse mortgage does not take place, full foreclosure and sale will take place. It is the recommendation of the SHIP Administrator that the County except the \$3,000.00 and allow a subordination to take place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the subordination and the acceptance of the \$3,000.00 paid back to SHIP, for the reversed mortgage of Mr. & Mrs. Soulis. Motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste

- Disposition Request: Mr. McQueen presented a Disposition Request from the Solid Waste Department for a Compactor/Recycling and a Modified Flatbed (Comp).

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the Disposition Request Form from the Solid Waste Depart, noting that the pump & cylinder on the Compactor/Recycling will be salvaged, the rest to be recycled as scrap metal and the Modified Flatbed (Comp) will be recycled as scrap metal. Motion carried unanimously.

- NCFRPC Hazardous Waste Generators: Mr. McQueen presented the agreement between Gilchrist County and the North Florida Regional Planning Council for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators for fiscal year 2009, in the amount of \$2,697.00. He stated that the method of compensation for services provided pursuant to this Agreement is on a fixed fee basis.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Tomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the Agreement with NCFRPC for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators for the Fiscal Year 2009, in the amount of \$2,697.00 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilchrist County Small County Courthouse Money: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the receipt of the approval from the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, for the allocation of the balance of funds, (\$90,155.70) to be used for the courthouse parking project; FYI, no Board action required.

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 2008-10: Mr. McPherson stated that Ordinance 2008-10, Gas Tax, has been noticed and set as a 5:00 p.m. Time Certain for review later in this meeting. He stated that there may be two problems with this proposal; first, that he had confirmed that this tax would only be applied to gasoline, and not to diesel fuel. Mr. McPherson explained that there is some concern that this is not fair due to the damage done to the roads by diesel trucks. He stated that the second problem he saw with this proposal is that he believes that the deadline for putting this on the November ballot has passed. He also stated that in any event, the tax would not go into effect until January 1, 2010, so this measure could be put on a ballot next year and the tax would still have the same start date.

Resolution 2008-65: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2008-65, Building and Planning Fees for review and adoption. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Discussion took place and the following corrections, amending the fees to be charged by the Building and Planning Divisions, were noted and to be corrected by the County Attorney:

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| Under PERMITS : | Overnight Recreational Park...
<i>change</i> fee <i>from</i> \$ <u>2,500</u> to \$ <u>1,000</u> |
| Under SUBDMISION : | Major Subdivision (More than 5 lots). . .
Fee \$2,400... <i>add</i> plus \$ <u>50</u> per additional lot |
| Under RELIEF : | Appeal to Planning Commission or County
Commission...
<i>change</i> fee <i>from</i> \$ <u>525</u> to \$ <u>150</u> |

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-65 with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-66: Mr. McPherson presented, as an agenda change, Resolution 2008-66, vacating a portion of NW 5th Street. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; FINDING THAT A HEARING SHOULD BE HELD ON THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF NW 5th STREET STARTING AT COUNTY ROAD 313 FOR A DISTANCE OF 500 FEET TO THE WEST IN GILCHRIST COUNTY; SETTING A HEARING DATE ON SUCH VACATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-66. Commissioner Sharon Langford was abstained from voting, the request for vacation was made by her brother. Motion carried 4-0.

Value Adjustment Board: Mr. McPherson stated that Patricia Carter is monitoring the DOR rules and pronouncements and is keeping him posted. He also stated that it is possible that a second organizational meeting may be needed.

LCCC – Related Roadway: Mr. McPherson updated the Board on the status of the list of owners that he will be preparing the necessary deeds for the anticipated donations. He stated that Mr. McQueen is still working on getting him the list.

Courthouse Expansion: Mr. McPherson stated that the Alexander Group is addressing the warranty items. No Board action needed at this time.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that Ms. Saunders attorney has filed his Reply Brief and requested oral argument. As of yet, no action has been taken by the Judge.

Gilchrist County v. Richard: Mr. McPherson stated that Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer, has filed an affidavit with the court showing that Ms. Richards has not complied with the court order and that they will be seeking enforcement of the order if the Judge does not take action on his own. Mr. McPherson asked for some direction from the Board; the Board discussed and asked John to readdress at the next meeting.

FAC, etc. v. Conflict Counsels and Department of Revenue: Mr. McPherson stated that the State has filed a motion to dismiss. He stated that he will provide information on the pleadings to anyone who is of interest.

Marion County Consumptive Use Permit Case: Mr. McPherson provided information as part of his report package on the consumptive use permit involving a water bottling plant proposed for Marion County. No Board action required; informational purposes only.

Clerk's Report

Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, as acting Clerk, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for consideration of the Board.

Dixie County Inmate Housing: Ms. Johnson presented the August 2008 invoice for housing and medications, in the amount of \$14,570.32. She pointed out the substantial increase from last month and if this should become a trend, it could impact next year's budget.

It was noted on the invoice/letter dated September 8, 2008, from the GCSO, Sheriff Turner, that the number of inmates housed here in Gilchrist County, for the month of August 2008, was 26. From the understanding of what had been told to Ms. Johnson, during the process of painting the jail, the inmates had to be moved while the cells were being painted.

The Board directed Mr. McQueen to contact the GCSO to find out what is needed to complete the painting project at the jail.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Harrison to pay the Dixie County Inmate Housing Invoice, in the Amount of \$14,570.32. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-60: Ms. Johnson presented, for Board approval and authorization for Chairman to sign, Resolution 2008-60 and Promissory Note to Ameris Bank, for the loan to cover construction costs, in the amount of \$300,000.00, for the EOC. Chairman Langford read the Short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$300,000.00 TO AMERIS BANK WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-60 and Promissory Note for EOC Construction Costs, in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Discussion took place...Concerned Citizen Jackie Barron addressed the Board, questioning what the \$300,000.00 was actually for. Ms. Johnson explained that the funds are needed for the balance of the contract.

Mr. Barron asked if this loan represents funds needed for transactions that have not been presented before and approved by this Board, for specific payments, or is this simply a loan to balance the books as to payments that have already been made.

Commissioner Randy Durden explained that the additional funds are for our part of the purchase of the land, engineering, and a loss of revenue experienced by an agreement change by FEMA. Chairman Langford added that there was a contract with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) until the completion of the project.

Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. voting NO.

Fire Control Assessment: Ms. Johnson presented an Amendment of Contract for Fire Control Assessment with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services increasing the charge per acre from \$.03 to \$.07 for FY2008-2009. The total amount due for Fire Control Assessment for FY08/09 will be \$14,650.44.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the contract amendment with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Fire Control Assessment and the amount of \$14,650.44 including increased rate for FY08/09. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilchrist County Health Department Contract: Ms. Johnson presented as an agenda change, the FY08/09 contract for the Gilchrist County Health Department for the Boards approval and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the contract for the Health Department, subject to the approval of the County Attorney and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

Senior Citizen Center: Mr. McQueen presented the recommendation of the Site Plan for the Senior Citizen Center, subject to permitting and additional boring, per the request of Bailey, Bailey & Lane. Mr. Phil Bishop addressed the Board and explained the proposed Site Plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to accept the recommendation from Bailey, Bishop & Lane, on the Site Plan for the Senior Citizen Center, subject to permitting and additional boring. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department Report

Quotes for Tractor and Mower: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Supervisor, addressed the issue of obtaining quotes, per the direction of the Board, on a new tractor and mower for limbing. Mr. Terry Hunter, Sales Representative from GreenSouth, presented a proposal on the tractor and mower options for the Boards consideration.

Discussion took place and it had been decided to change the FY08/09 Tentative Budget for a 7130 John Deere Tractor with a 22 foot Extreme Alamo Mower with 2 heads (buzz bar and mower) for the Road Department; funded by the allocated monies budgeted for the grader, replacing the grader with the trimmer, reducing the actual affect to the Road Department by approximately \$9,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the purchase of a new mower/tractor (rolling the old grader off and keeping it) lessoning the budget by \$9,000.00, making funds available for the new purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment: Mr. Watson presented the request to declare the following equipment as surplus:

1. 1966 F850 Fire Truck; VIN# C85KU894702
2. Timber Jack 380C Limber; County ID# 02444

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the request to declare the noted equipment as surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

School Sign Repairs: Mr. Watson presented a proposal from Summerville Electric, Inc. for repairs to the School Signs as noted by the DOT. The total price for the repairs is in the amount of \$3,498.36.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve proposal from Summerville Electric, Inc. to make repairs as noted by the DOT to the school sign, in the amount of \$3,498.36, next years budget and subject to them being a vendor. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department Report

- Monthly Limerock Report: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent, presented the August 2008, Monthly Townsend Pit Limerock Report as follows:

			<u>Loads paid for out of Stock Pile</u>
District 1	09	Loads	00
District 2	11	Loads	00
District 3	55	Loads	03
District 4	07	Loads	00
District 5	09	Loads	00
Shop Stock Pile	23	Loads	00
Solid Waste	<u>00</u>	<u>Loads</u>	<u>00</u>
Monthly Total	114	Loads	03 Loads

SpringRidge Village: Mr. Watson addressed the issue of the roads in SpringRidge Village. He stated that the inspections were complete and the improvement had been brought up to standards and request that the Board accept these roads under the County's Maintenance Program.

The Board directed Mr. Watson to bring back something in writing, a check list, stating such before a final decision is made.

Time Certain

Ordinance 2008-10; Gas Tax: Chairman Langford read Ordinance 2008-10, Gas Tax with the short title as follows for the record and Boards consideration for adoption:

ORDINANCE 2008-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLACING A BINDING REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT OF THE NEXT AVAILABLE GENERAL ELECTION; ASKING VOTERS WHETHER TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL 5 CENT TAX ON EACH GALLON OF GASOLINE SOLD IN THE COUNTY; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND BALLOT SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to DENY Ordinance 2008-10, Gas Tax. Motion carried unanimously to DENY.

Time Certain: Public Hearing TENTATIVE Budget

5:31 p.m. Resolution 2008-61; Tentative Millage Rate FY2008-2009: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-61 for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 15, 2008, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$680,473,782.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2008-2009 operating millage rate is 8.2695 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.6810 mills by 4.7%.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 15th Day of September, 2008.

Chairman called for any public comment and any discussion...none noted.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-61. Motion carried unanimously.

5:35 p.m. Resolution 2008-62; Tentative Budget FY2008-2009: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-62 for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 15, 2008, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$28,953,180.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2008-2009 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 15th Day of September, 2008.

Chairman called for any public comment and any discussion...none noted.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-62. Motion carried unanimously.

5:37 p.m. Resolution 2008-63; Tentative Millage Rate MSTU FY2008: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-63 for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 15, 2008, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners - Municipal Services Taxing Unit as \$680,473,782.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2008-2009 operating millage rate is 1.0523 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 1.0524 mills by 0%.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 15th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-63.

Discussion took place...

Chairman called for any public comment...none noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5:39 p.m. Resolution 2008-64; Tentative Budget MSTU FY2008: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-64 for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 15, 2008, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$1,750,673.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2008-2009 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 15th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-64.

Chairman Langford called for any discussion or public comment...none noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-57; FINAL Fire Special Assessment: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-57 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THEREFORE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND CERTAIN INCORPORATED AREAS, OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; KNOWN AS THE FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; SETTING FORTH PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; MAKING LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; SETTING FORTH A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT RATES; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2008-57.

Chairman Langford called for any discussion or public comment...

Concerned Citizen, Jackie Barron addressed the Board asking that the Board consider reassessing the methodology and moving forward with the plan in effect for fire assessment rates.

Mr. McPherson responded to the request of Mr. Barron and explained how the Fire Assessments and responsibilities of the County are determined and carried out.

Discussion continued...Mr. McPherson interrupted the discussion at this time due to the fact the topic at hand, resolution 2008-57, had been led astray and we need to move forward. Chairman Langford called for a vote on the motion on the floor at this time...

Motion and a second on the floor; Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-58; Solid Waste Annual Rate: Chairman Langford read Resolution 2008-58 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE SOLID WASTE ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; IMPOSING SERVICE ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN BOTH THE UNINCORPORATED AND MUNICIPAL AREAS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; APPROVING THE SERVICE ASSESSMENT ROLL; APPROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-58.

Chairman Langford called for any discussion or public comment...none noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports: None noted.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: Mr. Richard Esseck addressed the Board with the issue of transportation service for the elderly. He presented, for the Boards consideration that the service of transportation for the citizens of the County be provided by the County. This service could be another source of revenue for the County.

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court