

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2008.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Special Meeting** on **Monday, September 29, 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 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

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Julie Harrison, Manager Hart Springs; Ron Mills, EM Chief; Justin Watson and Billy Cannon, Road Department; Chief Carlos Perez, Public Safety Director; Robert Roux, Daniel Slaughter, Kyle Stone, Chamber of Commerce; Donna Creamer, PWW; Joyce Ferrante; Ted Burt; David Biddle; Bud Riffle; and Charlie Houder, SRWMD.

Call to Order

Chairman Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. then delivered the invocation with Vice Chairman, Sharon A. Langford, leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Alexander Group Pay Request #11, \$81,133.60
 2. Addition: Sheriff's Office; Transfer Request
- Mr. McQueen, County Administrator presented the following agenda changes:
 3. Addition: CR 307 & 307A Update
 4. Addition: Greenway 232 Project
 5. Addition: Request for additional paint for Jail, \$854.25
 6. Addition: Tower use by School Board

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

Consent Agenda

- **Minutes for Approval**

Budget Workshop August 04, 2008

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

Suwannee River Water Management District

- **Otter Springs**: Mr. Charlie Houser with the SRWMD presented a power point presentation on Otter Springs Lease/Interlocal agreement. The Board discussed moving forward with SRWMD to have Staff working on Lease and Interlocal Agreement and that the county would handle the day to day operations at Otter Springs until final agreement is reached; Clerk to check on County employee insurance issue at Otter Springs.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to move forward on agreement as presented between SRWMD and the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to allow the county to operate on a temporary basis until a final agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Emergency Management**: Mr. McQueen presented a request for the Board of County Commissioners to accept the contract from Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$101,753.00 to be used for operational costs for the County Emergency Management Program. The contract is from 10/01/2008 through 09/30/2009 and is reported quarterly.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the Emergency Management Base Grant in the amount of \$101,753.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Parks**: Mr. McQueen presented a proposal from TR Engineering LLC, Gregory Rivers, for the consulting engineering services for the construction of two new bathroom/concession buildings comprised of masonry walls with pre-engineered wood roof trusses at Hart Springs. Services to be funded are in the amount of \$2,575.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the proposal for Consulting Engineering Services for the Hart Springs Bathroom/Concession Buildings, from TR Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$2,575.00; costs will be funded out of the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

- **CFEC Tower**: Mr. McQueen presented the renewal of the Tower Lease with Central Florida Electric Cooperative.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve lease renewal with CFEC and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- School Board Radio System: Mr. McQueen presented the issue of the school board radio system. John K. McPherson is to draft and interlocal agreement between the County and the school board for the use of the US Cellular Tower. No action taken.
- Greenway Project CR 232: Mr. McQueen requested a letter for Jordan Green, FDOT on the Greenway Project funding for CR 232.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to move forward on the Greenway Project with the understanding that the County has no financial obligation. Motion carried unanimously.

- 307 & 307A S.C.O.P. Projects: Mr. McQueen requested a letter for FDOT to reduce the 307 and 307A Project to just CR 307 and then ask for 307 A to be considered as a future project.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve letter to FDOT on 307 & 307 A Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Painting Project at the Jail: Mr. McQueen requested the purchase of additional paint for the jail, in the amount of \$854.25 to be funded out of department 2310.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve \$854.25 from the 2310 fund to complete the painting project at the jail. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Report

- Resolution 2008-67: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2008-67: EMS Fees. Commissioner Tommy Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PLACING THE FEE SCHEDULE IN THE COUNTY POLICY MANUAL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution NO. 2008-67. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-76: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2008-76: Wellfield. Commissioner Tommy Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AS A WELLFIELD TO SERVE GILCHRIST COUNTY.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-76. Motion carried unanimously.

- Value Adjustment Board: Mr. McPherson stated that the VAB Hearing will be held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
- LCCC Roadway: Mr. McPherson stated that they are waiting on the list of owners so they can prepare the necessary deeds for the anticipated donations of right of ways.
- Courthouse Expansion: Mr. McPherson stated that the Alexander Group is addressing the warranty items.
- Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that the case was transferred to 3-judge appellate panel in Alachua County.
- Gilchrist County v. Richard: Mr. McPherson stated that Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer, has filed an affidavit with the court showing that Ms. Richard has not complied with the court order and asked whether they should pursue with motion to have judge hold Richard in contempt of court. More information will be given at the next meeting.
- FAC, etc. v. Conflict Counsels and Department of Revenue: Mr. McPherson stated that the State has filed motion to dismiss which is pending.

Time Certain: Public Hearing, FINAL Budget

Mr. Gilliam addressed the Board with an opening statement on the procedures for the adoption of the FINAL Budget. He stated that in order for the Tax Authority of Gilchrist County to adopt a Final Budget two public hearing had to be held. He explained the hearing process. Mr. Gilliam then presented the Final Budget resolutions to be adopted at this Public Hearing. The Board is to ask for any public comment or questions and answer to the best of their ability, prior to adoption. The Final Budget resolutions were presented for adoption.

- Resolution 2008-72: At 5:31 p.m., Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2008-72, Final Millage Rate FY2008-2009. For the record, he read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 29, 2008, adopted Fiscal Year Final 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 29th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-72.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-73: At 5:33 p.m., Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2008-73, Final Budget FY2008-2009. For the record, he read the resolution with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-73

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 29, 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 \$28,859,180.

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

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

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 29th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-73.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-74: At 5:35 p.m., Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2008-74, Final Millage Rate MSTU FY2008-2009. For the record, he read the resolution with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 29, 2008, adopted Fiscal Year Final 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 29th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-74.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-75: At 5:36 p.m., Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2008-75, Final Budget MSTU FY2008-2009. For the record, he read the resolution with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 29, 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 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 29th Day of September, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2008-75.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

- Budget Recap: Mr. Gilliam discussed the budget recap and reviewed and explained revenues. No board action required.
- The Alexander Group Change Order No. 00019: Mr. Gilliam presented Change Order No. 00019 (Public Safety Complex Project) Exterior ACT change at Rolling Door in the amount of \$103.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Change Order No. 00019 in the amount of \$103.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Alexander Group Change Order No. 00020: Mr. Gilliam presented Change Order No. 00020 (Public Safety Complex Project) Increase to Lennox ODP 80000765 in the amount of \$241.71.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Change Order No. 00020 in the amount of \$241.71. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Alexander Group Change Order No. 00021: Mr. Gilliam presented Change Order No. 00021 (Public Safety Complex Project) Deduct to Increase H&S Supply ODP in the amount of \$667.80.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve Change Order No. 00021 in the amount of \$667.80. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Alexander Group Change Order No. 00022: Mr. Gilliam presented Change order No. 00022 (Public Safety Complex Project) Field Order No. 8 – Smoke Detectors in the amount of \$1,944.62.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve Change Order No. 00022 in the amount of \$1,944.62. Motion carried unanimously.

- Florida Department of State: Mr. Gilliam discussed the Division of library and information services FY 2009-2010 Public Library Construction Grant Application. No board action required.
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE): Mr. Gilliam requested that the Award of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant be accepted by the board and signature of Chairman.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to accept the Award of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office: Mr. Gilliam presented the request from the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office for the transfer of Funds from Law Enforcement Personal Services to Law Enforcement Operating Expenses in the amount of \$26,829.51.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve the transfer of funds from Law Enforcement Personal Services to Law Enforcement Operating Expenses in the amount of \$26,829.51. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office: Mr. Gilliam presented the request from the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office for the transfer of funds from Communications Personal services in the amount of \$8,923.31 and Communications Operating Expenses in the amount of \$9,484.82 to Corrections Personal Services.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve the transfer of funds from Communications Personal services in the amount of \$8,923.31 and Communications Operating Expenses in the amount of \$9,484.82 to Corrections Personal Services. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Alexander Group, LLC: Mr. Gilliam presented Pay Request #11; for the Public Safety Complex, from The Alexander Group, LLC, in the amount of \$81,133.60.

The County Attorney recommended that the Board approve subject to the results of the scheduled meeting with the Alexander Group, on the completion of the project within budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to DENY Pay Request #11, in the amount of \$81,313.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain 6:00 p.m. Budget Amendments

- Resolution 2008-68 & BE08-066: Ms. Johnson presented Resolution 2008-68 with the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET (001).

WHEREAS, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners approved the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park using the funding as follows: \$75,000 from the City of Trenton ; \$90,156 from the transfer of Small County Courthouse Grant for courthouse parking; and \$15,000 from the sale of engraved bricks; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General Revenue Fund budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners that the General Revenue Fund (001) is hereby amended with an increased amount of \$180,156.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve Resolution 2008-68 and BE08-066. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-69 & BE08-067: Ms. Johnson presented Resolution 2008-69, Amending Law Library Fund and Budget Entry 08-067, and read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE LAW LIBRARY FUND (129)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County are in receipt of \$2,996.00 of additional revenues, in the form of cash carry-forward from the previous fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners that the Law Library Fund (129) is hereby amended in an increased amount of \$2,996.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to approve Resolution 2008-69 and BE08-067. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-70 & BE08-068: Ms. Johnson presented Resolution 2008-70, Amending Capital Outlay Fund and Budget Entry 08-068, and read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND (301)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County are in receipt of \$170,269.00 of additional revenues, in the form of cash carry-forward from the previous fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners that the Capital Outlay Fund (301) is hereby amended in an increased amount of \$170,269.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2008-70 and BE08-068. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2008-71: Ms. Johnson presented Resolution 2008-70, Amending Capital Outlay Fund and Budget Entry 08-069, and read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND BUDGET (FUND 301)

WHEREAS, the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners approved a loan of \$300,000, for the purpose of financing the balance of the Public Safety Complex construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the loan proceeds were not included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Fund budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners that the Capital Outlay Fund (301) is hereby amended with an increased amount of \$300,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Kendrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2008-70 and BE08-069. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Harrison voting NO.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. addressed the issue of Special Area Plans in Gilchrist County. He discussed how SAP affects Gilchrist County. He asked that the Board consider asking the vision committee to recommend economic development activities that will provide jobs and support businesses as farming and forestry decline in their historic role as our economic mainstay.

He stated that the Board directs the Vision Committee, with research and other assistance from Staff, to provide us with a recommendation on whether the County's comprehensive plan should encourage recreation/resort communities in rural areas as an element of economic diversity.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to request that the Visioning Committee to consider presenting a recommendation of some type of economic development to the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Harrison's Letter of Request on file in the Clerk's office

Commissioner Harrison also suggested that a policy be drafted on the procedures for employees confronted by the media/press and for the County Attorney to draft the policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford to direct the County Attorney to prepare a policy concerning communications with the press and establishing a Public Information Officer; motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Tommy Langford voting NO.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn:

With there being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Tommy Langford, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court