

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 6, 2009.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 1:30 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 Sharon Langford, Chair
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Randy Durden
Commissioner Tommy Langford
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas

Others in Attendance

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance; Georgia Mills, Deputy Clerk, Finance; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Road Department - Justin Watson, Superintendent, Billy Cannon, Assistant Superintendent; Taylor Brown, County Planning Director; Joyce Ferrante; Connie Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections; Lisa Capps, Deputy Clerk, SOE; Marilyn Bruce, Tax Collector; Harvey Montgomery, GCSO; Sheriff Daniel Slaughter; Phil Bishop, Elizabeth Porter and Staff, Bailey Bishop & Lane; Beth Brown and Jason Shepler, Mittauer & Associates; Greg Rivers and Laura Tropeano, TR Engineering; Duke Lang; Larry Grant; Lowell Chesborough; Elizabeth Lee; and Carl & Felice Swalla.

Call to Order

Madam Chairman, Sharon Langford called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with County Administrator Ron McQueen delivering the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Joyce Ferrante; Update on Inmate Medical Bills
 2. Addition: DOR Fuel Distribution Percentage
- Mr. McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Animal Control Report
 2. Addition: Otter Springs Lawn Mower Quotes

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Agenda with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes**
Regular Meeting March 16, 2009

- **Approval of Bills**

Supplement to the Agenda Packet March 2009

- **Request for Payment Approval**

Dixie County Inmate Housing

Invoice for the month of February 2009\$4,141.69

Childhood Development Services, Inc.

Request for Matching Funds FY08/09 \$4,750.00

- **Approval of Resolutions and Budget Entries**

Resolution 2009-15 Amending the General Revenue Fund Budget (001) with the receipt of property insurance reimbursement, by the increased amount of \$144,167.00, for fire damage to a CAT grader; and
BE09-021, Fund 001, General Fund\$144,167.00

Resolution 2009-16 Amending the Transportation Trust Fund Budget with the receipt of unanticipated funds, by the increased the amount of \$32,631.00, which represents the funds donated by Norvel Reed, Jr., for the purpose of paving SW 56th Trail, approximately 1/2 mile; and
BE09-022, Fund 140, Transportation \$32,631.00

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues.

Parks & Recreation

- **Hart Springs:** Mr. McQueen updated the Board on the Hart Springs projects. He stated that the grant work is about 90% complete and that the reimbursement request will be completed and submitted by mid-month.
- **Otter Springs:** Mr. McQueen requested permission for the Dive Committee to allow those who are approved to dive and cleanup the boil at Otter Springs. He had the dive team to do a preliminary dive and report on the health of the boil. Once the dive team cleans up the boil, they will present a proposal to the Board requesting that it be used as part of the diving program.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to allow the Dive Team to dive and cleanup the boil at Otter Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department

- Resurfacing of CR 341: Mr. McQueen stated that the FDOT has accelerated the resurfacing of County Road 341 and will be putting this project out for bid. Mr. McQueen had questioned if widening was included in the resurfacing. As of this date he had not received an answer.

S.H.I.P.

- Annual Monitoring Review Report: Mr. McQueen presented the 2009 Annual Monitoring Review results as found by First Housing on the SHIP program. The report noted a 98% overall SHIP Program Review Score.

911 Grant Information: Mr. McQueen presented the 2009 Spring Rural County Grants that were awarded to Gilchrist County. They are as follows:

E911 System Replacement	\$207,560.55
Recorder Maintenance	\$6,329.00
E911 Mapping	\$28,707.00

The Board accepted the above noted grants awarded for E911.

Agenda Changes

- Lawn Mower Quotes: Mr. McQueen presented four (4) quotes on a commercial Zero Turn Mower, for Otter Springs. The received quotes are from the following vendors:

Home Depot	\$4,999.00 – Ariens 25 HP, Kohler Engine, 60”
Suwannee River Kubota	\$7,800.00 – Kubota 27 HP gas Kubota Engine, 60”
Gilchrist Building Supply	\$7,940.00 – Scag 27 HP Kohler, air cooled, 61” and \$7,954.00 – Husqvarna 27 HP Engine, 60”

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the quote from Home Depot, in the amount of \$4,999.00, for a Zero Turn Mower, for Otter Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

- Animal Control Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Animal Control reports as an additional handout, for the month of March 2009, as well as a Year to Date.

Presentations for Engineering Services

A Time Certain schedule had been set for the following consultants to address the Board with a presentation of Engineering Services that would benefit the needs of Gilchrist County.

Presentations were presented by Phil Bishop with Bailey Bishop & Lane at 1:50 p.m.; Jason Shepler with Mittauer & Associates at 2:10 p.m.; and Greg Rivers with TR Engineering at 2:30 p.m. After all three presentations had been completed the County Attorney calculated the score sheets marked by each Commissioner. The final results reflected the following ranking:

First	Bailey Bishop & Lane
Second	TR Engineering
Third	Mittauer & Associates, Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve all three (3) companies for Supplemental Engineering Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues.

Ordinance 2009-03; Imposition of Special Assessment District on New Subdivisions: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is set for a 5:00 p.m. workshop at this meeting. He had a draft of the ordinance included in the agenda packet for the Boards review.

Ordinance 2009-04; Noise Ordinance: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance has been noticed for adoption hearing at the second meeting in April.

Ordinance 2009-**; Parks and Recreation: Mr. McPherson presented a draft ordinance creating a new chapter to be a part of the Gilchrist County Code of Ordinances, for rules and regulations of the county parks, Hart Springs and Otter Springs. He recommended that the Board set this ordinance for a workshop or adoption hearing for sometime in May.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Kenrick Thomas, to set an adoption hearing for the Parks and Recreation ordinance, at the mid-month meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-17; Park Fees: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2009-17, Park Fees, which would codify the changes, adopted at the last meeting, for park fees. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE COUNTY FOR USE OF HART SPRINGS AND OTTER SPRINGS PARKS AS SET FORTH IN THE COUNTY POLICY MANUAL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson stated that the fee table will be included in the county policies. Discussion took place...

The Board directed the County Attorney to bring back Resolution 2009-17 with additional information on setting fees for Hart Springs and Otter Springs, at the next meeting on April 20th.

3:00 p.m. Time Certain; Larry Grant; Watermelon Shed Issues

- At 3:02 p.m., Mr. Duke Lang addressed the Board on behalf of Larry Grant (who was present) seeking direction, from the Board, on how Mr. Grant could proceed with his business and resolve the problem of an illegal property split between him and Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Grant had been issued a Notice of Code of Violation to Cease and Desist Operation until problems have been rectified.

A Special Use Permit had been issued to allow Mr. Grant to operate his watermelon operation. The SUP was good for five (5) years and has now expired. Discussion took place on the original lot split that had taken place at the time Mr. Grant had purchased his property from Mr. Bailey.

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, explained that the SUP was for a specific time period. He stated that Mr. Grant's operation requires a SUP to continue to operate under County Code.

Mr. McPherson stated that there has been an illegal subdivision of that property. Mr. Bailey did not come in a get that plated prior to selling off those parcels, which clearly triggers the counties subdivisions regulations. If an illegal lot is created, the only enforcement mechanism the County has to make sure that people go through subdivision requirements is to deny the permits; if permits were granted on illegal lots, no one would ever go through our subdivision regulations because there would be no reason to.

Mr. McPherson stated the situation of the watermelon packing shed being on an illegally created lot; an application can not be accepted for a SUP, if an application had been accepted and a fee paid, it would have to be denied because it is an illegal lot.

Mr. McPherson stated that he had discussions with Mr. Grant and suggested to him, before he purchased the property, that if Mr. Bailey did not go through the platting process, that he would have problems.

Mr. McPherson stated that there only two solutions; put it all back, combining it into one parcel, then apply for a SUP or put it back into two parcels with both parcels having frontages on either of the county roads there. The property owners would have to get together and recombine those parcels. Discussion continued...

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to allow a lot split between Grant and Johnson, creating two legally split lots. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued...

Mr. Taylor Brown, Gilchrist County Planning Director, stated that he didn't see that there would be an issue for Mr. Grant to continue operation if the Notice of Code Violation were to be extended allowing operation to continue until this case can be heard and resolved, at the May 2009, Planning Commission meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to allow Mr. Grant to operate under an extended Notice of Code Violation until the case is heard at the May 2009, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3:15 p.m. Time Certain; Chesborough's Corner First Edition, Final Plat Approval

- At 3:48 p.m., Mr. Taylor Brown, County Planning Director, presented the Final Plat for Chesborough's Corner First Edition, for approval.

Mr. Brown reviewed the Staff Report from October 2006 where it was noted that flood zones needed to be shown on the plat; they are now showing on the plat.

Mr. Brown stated that Staff recommends approval of the final plat.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the Final Plat for Chesborough's Corner First Edition. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gilliam presented a request made by Mr. Chesborough, property owner and Mr. Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying that they be allowed to gate the entrance of the subdivision to prevent dumping and vandalism, until the first lot is sold.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to allow the entrance of the subdivision to be gated until the first lot is sold, to help prevent dumping and vandalism. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report continues...

RFQ for Engineering Services: Mr. McPherson stated that the presentations have been heard earlier at this meeting.

Concurrency Legislation relating to State Road 26: Mr. McPherson stated that he has sent the proposed legislation to Debbie Boyd's office for her review and action. He is waiting on response.

Commissioner Durden stated that he received a call back from Rep. Boyd stating that the proposed legislation had been put into a Growth Management Bill to begin with, and that bill has gone away and that there is a new version of it. She was 99% sure that it had been put into the new Growth Management Bill and that it will take care of our problem and that it is was in committee at that time.

Agreement with Joyce Ferrante: Mr. McPherson stated that the agreement with Ms. Ferrante has been executed by both the County and Ms. Ferrante. Ms. Ferrante is now working on the Inmate Hospital Bills.

Mr. Gilliam asked if would be alright for Ms. Ferrante to present her report at this time. He had requested an Agenda Change to allow her to address the Board.

Ms. Ferrante addressed the Board with an update on Inmate Medical Bills. She stated that she had spoken with Jeff Yeager, Manager of Financial Department at North Florida Regional Hospital, and he stated that they do their own internal audit. She questioned how the County would validate that the audit as being correct. If the County wanted to do an external audit it would be a fee of \$1.00 per sheet to copy the charts. Even if the County did an external audit that doesn't necessarily mean that they would accept what was found to be right or wrong.

At this time, she is waiting on a response to meet with their auditors in Orange Park. She hasn't contacted Shands.

Mr. McPherson asked about the bills that should have been sent to Medicaid. Ms. Ferrante stated that those bills are from Shands and she hadn't pursued them yet, but she did notice that they *do not* list the third party insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, only the County as the payer. Ms. Ferrante and Mr. McPherson will get together on the issues for request of statutes and on the billing of inmates that have been released.

Mr. Gilliam stated that Ms. Johnson, Director of Finance, had brought to his attention that she has been receiving emails from Debbie Wallace at North Florida Regional Hospital, looking for payment on inmate hospital bills. The Board clarified that they do not want any bills paid at this time. There had been a discount offer made to the County. At one time, there had been an offer made that there could be a 30% discount on the inmate medical bills for making payment in a timely manner. Because some of the charges on the invoices are in question, payment has not been made. Discussion took place questioning if the bills were to be paid, taking advantage of the 30% discount, and then research any charges in questions, would have benefited any savings to the County. If, for some reason, the charges that were researched and should not have been billed were greater than the 30% discount taken, would we be reimbursed for any additions funds? The Board continued to discuss "what ifs" and will stay with the plan to allow Ms. Ferrante to research the unpaid inmate medical bills.

Firing Range Insurance Issues: Mr. McPherson stated that he had heard back from Mr. Paul Dawson, with the insurance company but was unable to talk to him at that time because he was suffering from laryngitis. He stated that he tried calling him back and Mr. Dawson was out on vacation. Mr. McPherson stated as a reminder, that the County is covered and the question is on the insurance of those others that request to use the firing range.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that this case is set for consideration in April by the appellate panel in Gainesville.

Gilchrist County v. Richard: Mr. McPherson stated that Judge Glant found that Ms. Richards had made significant progress in cleaning up her property and gave her an additional 30 days to come into full compliance.

FAC, etc. v. Conflict Counsels and Department of Revenue: Mr. McPherson stated that since the State has appealed the circuit court ruling in favor of the counties that no activity has taking place.

SE 30th Street: Mr. McPherson stated that at the last meeting the Commission had requested that an ordinance be prepared that would lower the speed limit on SE 30th Street. He has discussed this request with Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent, and it turned out that this street meets the County's definition for a "residential street" i.e., more than 10 houses per mile of roadway, and thus, under state law, it can be posted at 30mph without an ordinance to lower the speed.

Authority to Litigate EMS Debts: Mr. McPherson stated that under our agreement with First Federal Collection Control, in order to collect past due EMS accounts, FFCC must seek our permission before pursuing litigation against persons for whom all other collection methods have failed. He stated that FFCC has asked for authority to litigate in a situation where \$1,342.73 is owed to the county.

Although the County would only have to pay filing fees, such fees are high now, and the FFCC attorneys felt that the best we could hope for is a lien against the resident's property.

The FFCC attorneys felt this would be throwing good money after bad, and he agreed.

Mr. McPherson recommended that we instruct FFCC *not* to litigate in this case.

The Board agreed with Mr. McPherson's recommendation and he will let them know *not* to litigate.

Archiving Emails: Mr. McPherson stated that, in conjunction with the County upgrading its network servers, he had raised the question whether all incoming and outgoing emails from county computers could be automatically archived. Mr. McPherson contacted Tim Bracewell, Gilchrist County IT Tech, and was informed that we do have the capability of doing this.

Mr. McPherson also stated that he is seeing more and more local governments having trouble responding to open records requests involving emails.

Mr. McPherson suggested that in order to help insure compliance with Florida open records laws, that Tim be instructed to program the system so that such automatic archiving takes place.

The Board directed Mr. McPherson to contact Tim and find out if there would be a cost involved and bring back to the Board.

Budget Cuts and My Fees: Mr. McPherson presented a memo, for the Board's information and consideration during the budget hearing to be held this afternoon, relating to his fees and whether they should be cut as part of the budget reduction process.

Clerk's Report

Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues.

EMS Grant: Mr. Gilliam presented the award of the EMS Grant, in the amount of \$6,218.00, for prehospital emergency medical services. He requested the Boards authorization for acceptance of the grant award.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to accept the EMS Grant Award, in the amount of \$6,218.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support: Mr. Gilliam presented the request for a Letter of Support, from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., for the Housing Preservation Grant (weatherization).

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve a Letter of Support for the Weatherization Program, to SREC, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for RFQ/RFP on Consultant Services: Mr. Gilliam presented an update on the receipt of RFQ/RFP's, for bids on Consultant Services for Health, Life, Dental and Vision insurance. Mr. Gilliam provided a response package to each Commissioner, for their review. Three bid packages were sent out and there were two responses; but only one was received by the deadline and that was from Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA). Mr. Gilliam stated that if there had been more than one bid received, presentations would have been scheduled. Mr. Gilliam thought it would still be beneficial for the Board to hear a presentation from PRIA and allow Ms. Sharon Gall to address them.

The Board accepted the only bid request on RFQ/RFP's for Insurance Consultants, from Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA), and a presentation will be scheduled for the April 20th meeting.

Progress Energy: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of Progress Energy providing the Board of County Commissioners with a copy of their petition for a base rate increase, which the Company filed with the Florida Public Service Commission on March 20, 2009. He stated that the petition is on file in the Clerk's office.

Long-Term Escrow Agreement: Mr. Gilliam presented the Department of Environmental Protection Closing/Long-Term Care Escrow Agreement for the Solid Waste Facilities (Land-Fill Closure), for the Boards approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign. He asked Ms. Jacki Johnson to explain the request of the Long-Term Escrow Agreement.

Ms. Johnson explained that when banks were changed, a resolution was drafted informing the Department of Environmental Protection where the money is, that it was an interest bearing account, and who had authorization to obtain access to the account. This agreement provides that information.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the Long-Term Escrow Agreement, for the Land-fill Closure, and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Alexander Group, LLC: Mr. Gilliam presented for the Boards approval, Pay Request #00015, from the Alexander Group, LLC, in the amount of \$22,006.24, for services rendered on the construction of the Trenton EMS Station.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Pay Request #00015, in the amount of \$22,006.24, to the Alexander Group, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support: Mr. Gilliam presented a request for a Letter of Support, from the Gilchrist County Health Department to obtain grant funding from the Florida Department of Health for Tobacco Prevention and Control Activities in Gilchrist County.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the request for a Letter of Support, to the Gilchrist County Health Department and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change

- DOR Fuel Distribution Percentage: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of distribution percentages that are used by the County. These percentages are used by the Florida Department of Revenue to distribute the proceeds of local option fuel tax between the county and eligible municipalities within the county. He stated that if there are any changes to be made to the percentages that they needed to be forwarded to the DOR by July 1, 2009. The following percentages were submitted last year:

Gilchrist County	85.57%
Trenton	11.07%
Bell	1.30%
Fanning Springs	<u>2.06%</u>
	100.00%

Discussion took place and there were no changes to be made for the distribution of percentages. **The Board approved sending a letter to the DOR noting NO CHANGES to the distribution percentages, for fuel, for the upcoming FY 2009/2010.**

Road Department Report

- Monthly Limerock Report: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent, presented the March 2009, Monthly Townsend Pit Limerock Report as follows:

			<u>Loads paid for out of Stock Pile</u>
District 1	71	Loads	12
District 2	00	Loads	10
District 3	51	Loads	202
District 4	32	Loads	01
District 5	53	Loads	03
Shop Stock Pile	113	Loads	00
Solid Waste (47)	<u>03</u>	<u>Loads</u>	<u>00</u>
Monthly Total	323	Loads	228 Loads

Commissioners Reports: None noted.

5:00 p.m. Time Certain; Workshop for Ordinance 2009-03, Subdivision Special Assessment

- Ordinance 2009-03: Mr. McPherson presented a draft of Ordinance 2009-03 for Subdivision Special Assessment. The short title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2009-03 (03)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ADDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT, PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF A NEW SUBDIVISION, A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT SHALL BE CREATED TO COVER THE SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF COLLECTING PER-LOT ASSESSMENTS TO PAY FOR RE-PAVING OF ROADS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson reviewed the proposed ordinance and discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to set Ordinance 2009-03 for an adoption hearing at the mid-month meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-Budget Hearing Update: Mr. Gilliam updated the Board on findings in reference to budget amendments since the budget workshop that was held on March 30th. Mr. Gilliam reviewed the limitations, as submitted by the County Attorney, that the Board could utilize for budget reductions for Constitutional Officers.

6:00 p.m. Time Certain; Budget Amendment Hearing

- Mr. Gilliam opened the hearing with an update on the budget workshop that was held on March 30th where he and Ms. Johnson, Director of Finance, gave an update on the revenue shortfalls and the impact of budget reductions on the FY 09/10 budget.

Mr. Gilliam made some recommendations for budget reductions understanding that each budget reflects a different statute. Mr. Gilliam stated that there is formal process of reducing Constitutional Officers budgets.

Mr. Gilliam also proposed that the reductions could be taken in the monthly draws from the Board, throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. If no voluntary reductions to the Board were made, the Board would have to require a mandatory reduction by a certain percentage.

The Constitutional Officers addressed the Board with their proposed voluntary budget reductions.

Clerk of Court, Joseph W. Gilliam, voluntarily proposed a budget reduction, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Durden stated that Property Appraiser, Damon Leggett, would not be present today, but had voluntarily proposed a budget reduction, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Sheriff Daniel Slaughter addressed the Board and explained his concerns on the budget of his department. Sheriff Slaughter had met with Staff last Wednesday, advised that if the budget was to be reduced, that means public services would be affected and that is just not feasible. No voluntarily reductions were made.

Supervisor of Elections, Connie Sanchez addressed the Board and proposed a voluntary reduction, in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Tax Collector, Marilyn C. Bruce addressed the Board and proposed a voluntary reduction, in the amount of \$18,000.00. She also stated that she is waiting to hear back on whether it would cost to break the contract on her postage machine. If not, she may be able to reduce her budget by an additional \$1,400.00 (approx.). It was stated that her reduction could be adjusted at the time she receives information.

All of the Constitutional Officers, with the exception of the Sheriff, agreed to have their monthly draws from the Board reduced to reflect the voluntary reductions as proposed; the total of voluntary reductions, as proposed, equal a total of \$67,000.00.

At this time, Mr. Ron McQueen, County Administrator, proposed to implement the following budget reduction measures, for the Board Departments:

County Admin Office	\$8,350	
Community Development	\$17,300	
Extension Office	\$18,665	
Animal Control	\$3,600	
Other Buildings	\$20,000	
Courthouse Operations	\$10,000	
Road Department	\$25,318	Fuel Savings
	\$30,000	Special Projects Fund
	\$21,000	Vacant Position (Mechanic)

Hours of Operation: The Building Departments hours of operation will be changed to reflect a four day work week, Monday through Thursday, opening at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 5:30 p.m. and CLOSED on Fridays; the Planning & Zoning Department will hold the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and CLOSED of Fridays.

*Adopt policy to give incentive for people eligible to retire (Age, Drop, Etc.)

*Realize we cannot continue to supplement the Transportation Budget from General Revenue as we have been doing.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to accept the proposed budget reductions as noted for the Constitutional Officers and Board Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Madam Chairman called for any public comment. None noted.

This concluded the Budget Amendment Hearing.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn: With there being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Madam Chairman adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Attest:

Sharon A. Langford, Chair

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court