

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Thursday, **September 10, 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 A. 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; Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; R Chief on Mills, EM; Captain Billy Careccia, Fire; Chief Carlos Perez, Fire; Mitchell Gentry, Hart Springs Manager; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Russ Auspurg, Our Santa Fe; Sable Bolling and Wesley Asbell, GC Health Department; Devon Weaver, Riverland Title Services; S.E. Fire Department – Lee & Brenda Schaltenbrand, Don Alexander, Bud Riffle, Aleasha & Kyle Whitwood, Julie Kroll, Cathy & David Strom, Robert Whitwood, Leslie Sapp, Beverly Trail, Clint Maudlin, Jennifer Sherlock, Mike Mangone; and Jim and Jody Thomas.

Call to Order: Madam Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with County Administrator Ron McQueen delivering the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Bid results for 'Burn Box' Loan
- Mr. McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Public Safety; Presentation of Plaque
 2. Addition: Public Safety; Approval of EMPA Base Grant
 3. Addition: Animal Control; Monthly Report
 4. Addition: Community Development; Resignation of Joe Sullivan from Planning Commission
 5. Addition: Solid Waste; Amnesty Days
 6. Addition: Road Department; Fuel Depot Generator
 7. Addition: Letter of Support, PWW

Motion made by Commissioner, Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the Agenda as presented, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Bills

August 2009 (on file in Clerk’s office)

Budget Entries

BE09-033, Fund 410, EMS	\$26,707.00
BE09-036, Fund 001, General Fund	\$33,600.00
BE09-037, Fund 001, General Revenue	\$30,856.00
BE09-039, Fund 141, Transportation Impact	\$213,622.00
BE09-040, Fund 001, General Fund	\$30,000.00
BE09-041, Fund 190, Capital Obligations	\$170,599.00

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

County Administrator’s Agenda Change

Public Safety; Presentation of Appreciation Plaque: Mr. McQueen and Chief Perez addressed the Board on the issue of recognition of the tireless efforts put forth by the North Gilchrist Fire Department Fire Fighters in establishing Station 2. In their honor a plaque was dedicated to the following Fire Fighters:

- Clarence Feagle
- Bud Riffle
- David C. Strom
- David W. Strom

Mr. Lee Schaltenbrand and the Board acknowledged the dedication of the plaque and commended the Fire Fighters for their services to Gilchrist County.

County Administrator’s Report

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

Emergency Management

CodeRed Request: Mr. Ron Mills presented the All Hazard Warning System agreement with CodeRed.

Mr. Mills stated that this agreement acknowledges the service to be supplied for two (2) years, commencing September 1, 2009, and the fees are paid through the “Urban Area Security Initiative” grant; no cost to the County. He recommended approval by the Board and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the CodeRed Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval for Travel: Mr. McQueen presented a travel request allowing himself and Ron Mills to attend the annual “Current Issues in Emergency Management” sessions in October 2009. Mr. Mills will attend on October 6-8, 2009, in Tallahassee and Mr. McQueen on October 20-21, 2009, in Orlando. All travel and associated costs are provided for within the Emergency Management Budget. He stated that the sessions are a requirement to complete the mandated “Scope of Work”.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the travel request allowing Ron Mills and Ron McQueen to attend the “Current Issues in Emergency Management” sessions in October. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change

Approval of EMPA 2009-2010 Grant: Mr. Mills presented a request that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the annual Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Base Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$102,724.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the EMPA Base Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$102,724.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SERT Graduation: Mr. Mills announced that the SERT graduation will be held on September 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the EOC. He extended an invitation to all the Commissioners and any other interested parties.

Time Certain

1:45 p.m. Otter Springs FRDAP Grant, Capital Improvements: Ms. Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator, presented information to the Board on the proposals for Capital Improvements to the County. She addressed certain Capital Improvement projects for Otter Springs.

The projects being considered in this grant application for Otter Springs include, but are not limited to, a beach volleyball court, four (4) picnic shelters (three of which are similar to those built at Hart Springs), renovation of the Group Picnic Area, a gazebo down by the spring area, redo the canoe launch, build an ADA compliant restroom, along with a mobile restroom which will also be ADA compliant, renovate the shuffle board court and other existing areas including landscaping and lighting, and a new sign. She explained that the FRDAP grant is the best way these improvements can be funded.

She advised that the County would need to amend our Comp Plan relating to the Capital Improvement Element Five Year Schedule of Improvements and the removal of projects that have been completed.

Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2009-40 for adoption which supports the grant application. Madam Chairman read the short title is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO AMEND THE GILCHRIST COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 04-04, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS; SPECIFICALLY TO ADD CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO OTTER SPRINGS PARK AND TO REMOVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2009-40. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

2:00 p.m. Gilchrist County Health Department; Swine Flu Update: Ms. Sable Bolling and Mr. Wesley Asbell, with the Gilchrist County Health Department, presented an update on the Swine Flu (H1N1). They shared information on this issue and preventions on preparing for the flu.

County Administrator's Report continues...

EMS

EMS Compliance Letter: Mr. McQueen presented a letter commending the outstanding Compliance Monitoring site survey conducted by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services on July 17, 2009. The letter stated that no deficiencies were found during the site survey and that the EMS vehicles and services records were outstanding. The letter thanked Ms. Linda Walker and Staff for being a role model of excellence as an EMS provider in the state of Florida.

EMS Rural Matching Grant: Mr. McQueen presented the award of an emergency medical service (EMS) rural matching grant, in the amount of \$15,462.60. He explained that the grant is 90% state funds and 10% is matching funds, which must be provided by the applicant. The EMS department is required to provide a cash match in the amount of \$1,718.07. Mr. McQueen stated that the matching funds are available in the EMS budget.

The purpose of this grant is to assist the EMS Department in the purchase of three (3) Autovent 4000s with CPAP and air blending, adapters, and hoses.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to accept the award of the EMS rural matching grant, in the amount of \$15,462.60 and authorize the purchase of equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Approval for EMS Stars Program: Mr. McQueen requested travel approval for Sherry Cumbie to attend the EMSTARS Data Reporting Workshop on September 29 & 30, 2009, in Naples, Florida.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the travel request for Sherry Cumble to attend the EMSTARS Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

2:30 p.m. Riverland Title Services: Ms. Devon Weaver, Riverland Title Services, LLC, presented a request to vacate a general utility easement that was granted, per plat, in PB 2, pg 10.

The current owner has fee simple interest in Lots 12 & 13, located in Lancaster Estates, on which a mobile home has been placed in the center of the said two (2) lots, which means the 10' utility easement on either side of the middle lot line is running through the middle of the home. Discussion took place...

A resolution has been drafted for the request of vacating a general utility easement. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITIES EASEMENT IN THE LANCASTER ESTATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve resolution 2009-48. Discussion took place... Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

Hart Springs - Purchase Request: Mr. McQueen presented the request for the purchase of an additional mower for Hart Springs. He explained the circumstances for the need of the additional mower; the work load is more than just one mower can handle. He also addressed the need of furnishings & repairs, for the Spring House. Discussion took place...

Mr. McQueen and Mitchell Gentry, Hart Springs Manager, have obtained quotes on mowers, choosing the LOW quote in the amount of \$8,199.00, Dixie Chopper Mower, from Tri-County Rental and discussed the nature of furnishing & repairs, for the Spring House, making it ready to be rented out. He also requested that the amount of up to \$10,000.00, for the purchase of furniture and amenities (linens, kitchen items), for the Spring House, be considered.

Mr. McQueen stated that there is a \$15,000 line item in the Hart Springs budget, Springs Restoration, that has not been used and available funds in Equipment. He proposed that a transfer of funds, from the from Springs Restoration, to Capital Outlay and Operating Expenses, in the amount of \$18,199.00 to cover the cost of a new mower and the furnishing & repairs of the Spring House.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the purchase of a Dixie Chopper Mower from Tri-County Rentals, in the amount of \$8,199.00 and allow up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase of furniture and amenities for the Spring House. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the transfer of funds from Springs restoration to Capital Outlay and Operating Expense, totaling \$18,199.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board Directed Mitchell Gentry to bring back a recommended rate for the Spring House rental by the 9/21/09 Board meeting.

Otter Springs Park & Campground Update: Mr. McQueen updated the Board on the cleanup project at Otter Springs. He stated that SRWMD will be responsible for the cleanup of the sinkhole, bringing in dump trucks to do the job instead of the County bringing in dumpsters. The dumpsters will not accommodate the workload and it will not be the County's responsibility to cleanup.

Otter Springs Road: Mr. McQueen reported that bids for the paving of SW 70th Street are due Friday, 9/18/09. Bids results will be brought to the Board meeting on September 21st.

Renewal of project agreements with FWC, for Eula Landing & Rock Bluff: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the agreements with the Florida Wildlife Commission, for the Eula Landing and Rock Bluff boats ramps, will be expiring. The FWC would like to know if Gilchrist County would like to renew the agreements or take over the maintenance on the boat ramps.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to enter into the agreement with the FWC on the maintenance of the noted boat ramps. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Buildings - Request to purchase another mower: McQueen stated that the mowing work load performed by John Philman and crew has grown. At this time, there is only one mower being utilized for several projects throughout the County. Mr. McQueen is requesting that a 60" Dixie Chopper be purchased for John's crew. Quotes will be obtained on a new mower. Mr. McQueen stated that quotes have been obtain for the purchase of a mower for Hart Springs and would like for this additional purchase be considered on those quotes. A quote, in the amount of \$6,699.00, for the 60" (five foot) Dixie Chopper, from Tri-County Rentals was one of the quotes already obtained.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the purchase of a 60" Dixie Chopper Mower, in the amount of \$6,699.00, from Tri-County Rental; costs to be funded out of General Government. Motion carried unanimously.

Osceola Community Building: Mr. McQueen informed the Board that the Lil' Gator 4-H Club has volunteered, as a community service project, "to fix" up the Osceola Community Building. Scope of Work will be that of what the age group of the members can perform...painting, window coverings, etc.

Code Enforcement Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of September 24, 2009, as submit by Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code enforcement Officer.

Amendment #1 MOA; Revenue Distribution Approach for RACEC Catalyst Project for Economic Development: Mr. McQueen presented the Memorandum of Agreement for the Revenue Distribution Approach for RACEC *Catalyst* Project for Economic Development – North Central Florida RACEC, Amendment #1, for the Boards approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the MOA for the RACEC Catalyst Project and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

FDOT; Regional Workshop for the 2010 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan Update: Mr. McQueen presented information on upcoming Regional Workshop for the SIS Plan. He recommended that someone from the County attend.

Planning Commission; Resignation of Joseph Sullivan: Mr. McQueen presented the resignation of Planning Commission Member, Joseph P. Sullivan, for the Boards acceptance. Mr. Sullivan’s employer has a requirement against their employees being involved on outside boards. Mr. Sullivan was not aware of this before hand. A letter will be sent to Mr. Sullivan thanking him for his services.

Mr. McQueen also asked the Board for direction on advertising for Mr. Sullivan’s position and on the reappointment of Alan Mikell and Craig Watson.

Mr. McPherson stated that advertising for Mr. Sullivan’s would be the proper procedure for his replacement and that he will bring back a resolution reappointing Alan Mikell and Craig Watson to the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to acceptance Joseph P. Sullivan’s resignation and that a letter of thanks, for his services is sent, and that the vacancy of his position is advertised. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Changes

Animal Control Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Animal Control Report for the month of August 2009 as submitted by Karan Fischer, Animal Control Officer.

Solid Waste; Amnesty Days: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the availability of funds in the Solid Waste budget for Amnesty Days. Discussion took place...

Funds for Amnesty Days had not been included in the budget for FY09/10, although a budget adjustment can be done to fund this project. The hours of operation for the Solid Waste Facilities were also discussed.

Road Department; Fuel Depot Generator: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the loss of power at the fuel depot during a power failure. Billy Cannon is concerned about not being able to get fuel during that time. This is a critical issue during this time for all departments that use the fuel depot. He suggested a generator but the concern about getting the generator hooked up was another issue. Mr. McQueen had made some suggestions to Billy about whom to contact and determine a plan to get a generator in place at the fuel depot. Funding for this project would be considered to come out of General Fund Reserve. Discussion took place...

The Board agreed to hook up a portable generator that is already on hand and see if it is compatible for backing up the fuel depot before spending any additional funds.

Request for letter of Support from PWW: Mr. McQueen presented a request, for a Letter of Support, to the Pure Water Wilderness and authorizes the Chairman to sign, for the support of the awarding of the Rural Regional Development Grant from the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) to Florida's PWW.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve a Letter of Support for PWW and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2009-11: Family Lots and Dry Pipes: Mr. McPherson stated that Taylor Brown, GC Planning Director, is working on the family lot provisions for reconsideration by the Commission at the mid-month meeting.

Ordinance 2009-12: Animal Control Within Cities: Mr. McPherson stated that the ordinance for animal control within cities has been set for adoption hearing at the mid-month meeting.

Ordinance 2009-**: Special Assessment District on Existing Subdivisions: Mr. McPherson stated that he was asked to prepare a draft ordinance that would create a procedure for involuntary imposition of special assessment districts on existing paved subdivisions. If adopted, this would be Part 2 of the County's effort to defuse the financial time bomb represented by the many paved subdivisions with public roads that will all need to be re-paved 20 to 30 years from now. (Part 1 was the adoption of the ordinance requiring special assessment districts on all newly-proposed subdivisions.) He provided a draft ordinance for the Boards review. Discussion took place...

The Board agreed for the County Attorney to set a workshop on Special Assessment District on Existing Subdivisions.

Sign Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that he and Commissioner Durden have been working on revisions to the sign regulations and that the next step will be to prepare a draft ordinance with their ideas which will then be brought before the Board for review at the next meeting and then taken to the Planning Commission for their review.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that there is still no activity on Ms. Saunders case.

Clerk's Report

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

City of Trenton; Notice of Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Mr. Gilliam presented an invitation from the City of Trenton, for the ribbon cutting ceremony on the opening of the new park, NW 5th Avenue Park. The ceremony will commence on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

University of Florida; Preliminary Estimate of County Population: Mr. Gilliam presented the notice of preliminary estimate of the permanent population of Gilchrist County as of April 1, 2009. The preliminary estimate total is 17,393. He recommended that the Board accept this preliminary estimate and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the U of F Preliminary Estimate of County Population Report and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Gilchrist County: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from the Gilchrist County 4-H Club asking to use the Courthouse lawn, for the display of their Scarecrow Projects, during the month of October.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to allow the Gilchrist County 4-H Club to use the Courthouse Lawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of VOCA Grant: Mr. Gilliam presented a letter from the Attorney General informing that the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office will be awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in the amount of \$36,063 for the 2009/2010 funding cycle. This grant is awarded as recognition of our agency's commitment to provide services to crime victims in our community.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to accept the award of the VOCA Grant, in the amount of \$36,063 for the 2009/2010 funding cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-39: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-39 addressing the funds committed for health coverage.

The resolution noted that \$163,000.00 is annually spent on meeting health obligations like indigent care, subsidies for hospitals and clinics, \$38,000.00 on behavioral health, \$78,500.00 on public health, and \$100,000.00 on jail health. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; URGING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2009-39. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-41: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-41, Requiring and authorizing the Board to provide insurance for County employees. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ELECTING TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 112.08 THROUGH 112.14, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-41. Motion carried unanimously.

SREC; Request for Letter of Support: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., asking for a Letter of Support for their application for the Older Americans Act.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Letter of Support, for Suwannee River Economic Council and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Update 2010: Mr. Gilliam and Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, presented a power point presentation on the update of the 2010 budget. Ms. Johnson addressed the changes that took place in the General Fund budget, after 8/17/2009. She reviewed the changes which included a \$15,000 collection allowance adjustment, \$10,000 increased revenue for administration fees and <\$6,193> increase library salaries; making the total change in General Fund \$18,807. Discussion took place...no board action required.

FDOT Financial Project ID 424327-1-58-01; SCOP Reimbursement Agreement, CR 337: Mr. Gilliam presented the SCOP Reimbursement Agreement for the County Road 337 Project, Widening and Resurfacing from SR 26 to SE 70th Avenue and from CR 337 to CR 340, for approval and execution. The County will be responsible for bearing all expenses in excess of the amount the Department agrees to participate (\$1,957,500.00).

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the SCOP Reimbursement Agreement for CR 337 and authorized the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Entries and Resolutions: Mr. Gilliam presented the following Budget Entries and Resolutions, for the Boards approval:

- BE09-034 and Resolution 2009-42 amending the Emergency Medical Services Fund Budget with the receipt of unanticipated funds, by the increased amount of \$15,462.60, which represents a grant award for the EMS Grant Program from the Florida Department of Health, for equipment. Madam Chairman read the short title for the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve BE09-034 and Resolution 2009-42. Motion carried unanimously.

- BE09-035 and Resolution 2009-43 amending the General Revenue Fund Budget for the receipt of an insurance reimbursement by the increased amount of \$17,533.34, for the stolen maintenance truck. Madam Chairman read the short title for the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve BE09-035 and Resolution 2009-43. Motion carried unanimously.

- BE09-038 and Resolution 2009-44 amending the Capital Projects Fund Budget with an unanticipated, additional increase, in the amount of \$30,856.00, which is needed to complete the site work necessary for the Senior Center Facility, in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Projects Fund budget. Madam Chairman read the short title for the record.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve BE09-038 and Resolution 2009-44. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McQueen presented an update on the progress of the Senior Center project.

Florida Association of Counties; Letter from Representative Dean Cannon: Mr. Gilliam presented a letter from Representative Dean Cannon seeking county input regarding Offshore Energy Exploration. FAC is seeking county input on proposals. Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners took no action on this issue.

Agenda Change; Bid Results for Burn Box Loan: Mr. Gilliam addressed the bid results that were obtained from the three (3) local lending institutions, on the \$79,000.00 loan, for the purchase of a Burn Box. Ms. Johnson presented the results as follows:

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| 1. Ameris Bank | 4.33% Fixed Rate, for five (5) years |
| 2. Capital City Bank | 4.77% Fixed Rate, for five (5) years |
| 3. Drummond Community Bank | NO Bid |

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to accept the LOW bid from Ameris Bank, at 4.33% fixed rate, for 5 years, on the loan for the Burn Box. Motion carried unanimously.

4:30 Time Certain; Road Department Report

Equipment for Week's Auction: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, presented a request the Road Department would like to dispose of two (2) pieces of equipment at Week's Auction. The equipment included a **Galion packer/roller** and a **Hardee Mower Deck**. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to declare the noted equipment (Galion packer/roller and a Hardee Mower Deck) as surplus and to be taken to Week's Auction. Motion carried unanimously.

End of Year Budget: Mr. Cannon addressed the issue of unused funds in the Fuel & Lube line item. He requested that a transfer be made, in the amount of \$11,000.00 allowing him to purchase tires and signs.

Ms. Johnson explained that this transfer will not affect Carry Forward in the FY 09/10 Budget. Discussion continued...

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the transfer of \$11,000.00 from Fuel & Lube, allowing the purchase of tires and signs for the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford readdressed the issue of the request made by NACo requesting support for the immediate passage of comprehensive federal health reform legislation. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to bring Resolution 2009-39 back up for reconsideration. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. Madam Chairman called for a vote on bringing this resolution back up for discussion... Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place...***Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to rescind the previous motion on Resolution 2009-39. Motion carried unanimously.***

Commissioner Sharon Langford: Commissioner Langford addressed the issue dangers and the number of accidents that continue to happen on SR 26 and SE 70th (Paw-Paw's Intersection). She asked if a letter could be prepared and sent to the State requesting that a new study be done to determine any prevention that may eliminate accidents in the future.

The Board authorized the County Administrator to draft a letter addressing traffic dangers at SR 26 and SE 70th.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

5:15 Time Certain; TENTATIVE Budget Hearing FY 09/10

Tentative Budget Hearing: Mr. Gilliam began this hearing with an opening statement and information on what is required at the hearing. The first substantive issues that should be discussed includes the percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate needed to fund the budget, if any; and the reasons Ad Valorem tax revenues are being increased. He continued reviewing what is to be expected during the hearing. Mr. Gilliam then presented the tentative budget resolutions, for the Boards adoption.

Resolution 2009-35, Tentative Millage: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-35. Madam Chairman read Resolution 2009-35 for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-35

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 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 10, 2009, 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 \$656,721,621.

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

1. The FY 2009-2010 operating millage rate is 8.2695 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.6789 mills by 4.7%
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 10th Day of September, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Resolution 2009-35. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. She then called for any public participation...

Mr. Jim Thomas, Concerned Citizen, addressed the Board. He questioned how the millage rate is determined. Mr. Gilliam explained that, for years, the County assessed a maximum of 10mils, \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 assessment values. He stated that a couple of years ago the Legislature mandated that the millage rates be rolled back, provided guidelines to determine the millage rate. This year that requirement had been relaxed, but the maximum the Board could raise this year was 9.65mils. This is set by the Department of Revenue and the

Legislature. Mr. Thomas asked if this has any affect on *Save Our Homes*. Mr. Gilliam, stated that to his knowledge, it does not.

Madam Chairman called for any further discussion...none noted. Madam Chairman then called for a vote...Motion carried unanimously.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioner duly adopted Resolution 2009-35 at 5:26 p.m.

Resolution 2009-36, Tentative Budget: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-36. Madam Chairman read Resolution 2009-36, for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 10, 2009, 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 2009-2010 in the amount of \$19,223,688.

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

1. The FY 2009-2010 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 10th Day of September, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2009-36. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. Any public participation...none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioner duly adopted Resolution 2009-36 at 5:27 p.m.

Resolution 2009-37, Tentative Millage M.S.T.U.: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-37. Madam Chairman read Resolution 2009-37, for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-37

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 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 10, 2009, 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 \$658,620,250.

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

1. The FY 2009-2010 operating millage rate is 1.0996 mills, which is the same as the rolled-back rate of 1.0996 mills and is a 0% increase.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 10th Day of September, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2009-37. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. Any public participation...none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioner duly adopted Resolution 2009-37 at 5:30 p.m.

Resolution 2009-38, Tentative Budget M.S.T.U.: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-38. Madam Chairman read Resolution 2009-38, for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 10, 2009, 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 2009-2010 in the amount of \$1,607,268.

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

1. The FY 2009-2010 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 10th Day of September, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2009-38. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted. Any public participation...none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioner duly adopted Resolution 2009-38 at 5:31 p.m.

Resolution 2009-33, Annual Rates for Solid Waste: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-33. Mr. Gilliam stated that during the budget process the special assessment rates are rated annually and a resolution is drafted to establish the rates for Solid Waste. He stated that it is the same rate as years past, no increase. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION 2009-33

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 2009-2010; 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 Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2009-33. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...

Mr. Gilliam advised that Appendix 'A' of Resolution 2009-33 reflects the Schedule of Assessment Rates Apportioning the Service Costs of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services and Facilities within the Unincorporated and Municipalities in Gilchrist County. He reviewed the annual assessments as noted in Appendix 'A'.

Madam Chairman called for any further discussion...none noted. Any public participation...none noted. Madam Chairman then called for a vote...Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-34, Annual Rates for Fire: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-34, for Fire Special Assessment. He stated that the annual rate had no increase this year keeping it the same as in the past several years. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-34

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 THEREFOR 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 2009-2010; 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 Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-34. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...

Mr. Gilliam advised that Appendix 'A' of Resolution 2009-34 reflects the Schedule of Assessment Rates Apportioning the Service Costs for Fire Rescue Services and Facilities within Gilchrist County. He reviewed the annual service assessments as noted in Appendix 'A'.

*Madam Chairman called for any further discussion...none noted. Any public participation...none noted. Madam Chairman then called for a vote...**Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Gilliam stated that this concluded the Tentative Budget Hearing.

Adjourn: With there being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Madam Chairman adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Approved:

Attest:

Sharon A. Langford, Chair

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court