

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD OCTOBER 19, 2009.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, **October 19, 2009**, 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 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; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Taylor Brown, County Planning Director; Nancy Nieman, Otter Springs Manager; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Sheriff Daniel Slaughter, GCSO; Charlotte Pedersen, SHIP Administrator; Phil Kennedy, Kennedy Communications; George Roberts, "Fair Tax"; Phil Bishop, BB&L; Mr. Harley Pfaffenberger; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying; Deanna May; Norm Conti; and James Hastings.

Call to Order: Madam Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. with Commissioner Randy Durden delivering the invocation and Commissioner Tommy Langford lead the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

1. Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Letter from the Tax Collector requesting Tax Roll Extension
 2. Addition: CD Rollover (Ameris Bank)
 3. Addition: COBRA Administration Service Agreement
2. Mr. McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Amendment to Otter Springs Lease
 2. Addition: Nature Coast Trail Extension
3. Changes presented by Commissioners:
 1. Addition: Norm Conti, President of the SREC Senior Advisory Group, requested to address the Board on the issue of transportation for Senior Citizens
 2. Addition: Change George Roberts Time Certain to 4:40 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting September 10, 2009

Request for Payment Approval

Mills Engineering Company \$1,906.30
Inv#2007104, Widen and Resurface GCR 313 from SR 26 to CR 344

VE Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. \$116,694.18
Pay Estimate #5, Gilchrist County Road 313

Sungard Public Sector \$19,739.87
Maintenance on Finance System for Board and Community Development

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

Agenda Change

Norm Conti: Mr. Conti addressed the Board on the issue of the lack of transportation, for the senior citizens of Gilchrist County. He asked that the Board consider meeting with the School Board to discuss this issue to share the costs for gas and insurance to transport seniors within the county and to Chiefland. Mr. Conti will be going back to the School Board and obtain a cost and make arrangements for a meeting date and time, for both boards to meet. The Board willing agreed to meet with the School Board to discuss the issue of transportation for Senior Citizens within the county and to Chiefland.

County Administrator’s Report

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

City of Trenton: Mr. McQueen presented a request, from the City of Trenton, asking that the Board of County Commissioners appoint a Commissioner to be a part of a Working Group to discuss fire issues that affect the City and the County. Some of the issues to be addressed are the Contract (the current contract needs updated), Level of Service, and the Retention of Volunteers. Discussion took place...

Commissioner Tommy Langford volunteered to be a part of the Working Group.

Time Certain

4:15 p.m. Kennedy Communications: Mr. Gilliam stated that Phil Kennedy with Kennedy Communications has been working with him along with the Constitutional Officers and the County Administrator, on a proposal for new telephone services. Mr. Gilliam stated that the purchase agreement had been forwarded to the County Attorney for his review. He then introduced Mr. Kennedy who gave his prospective on how his proposal will benefit the County.

Mr. Kennedy addressed the Board and reviewed the proposal and purchase agreement, as prepared by Kennedy Communications, L.L.C., in the amount of \$152,963.70. Discussion took place...

Mr. Gilliam stated that one of the items in the works is the financing of the phone system. He stated that Staff had talked about going out for financing on our own and not going through with the lease purchase agreement. Mr. Kennedy stated that this is a government lease and has non appropriations clauses and is written specifically for government agencies. Discussion continued...

Mr. McPherson stated that he did review the lease agreement. If the Board chooses to finance locally, some of the provisions in the lease agreement will have to be readdressed.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to allow the Clerk/Finance to proceed with securing financing quotes, for phone system, through local banks, in the amount of \$152,963.70.

4:30 p.m. Road Department Report

Status on Limbing Tractor: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on the status of the new limber that had been down. He stated that the piece of equipment was sent back to Texas about a month ago and was received back this week. A representative from Texas has arrived to show the Road Department Crew how to operate the equipment and shared some information that they came across during repairs.

The warranty had been extended until 2013. Mr. Cannon stated that they sent back to us the machine that we had originally not the one that we had purchased. He stated that he believes with the modifications that were made and their intentions seem to be true and at this time the machine is up and going.

S.W. 85th Lane and S.W. 20th Street: Commissioner Sharon Langford addressed the issue of additional county roads, for placement on the list of projects on the five year plan, to be considered for stimulus funds, if such funds should become available. She suggested S.W. 85th Lane (Sun Springs Road) and S.W. 20th Street (Wilcox Road).

Commissioner Langford stated that she will inform Ms. Katrina Sadler, FDOT on the Boards request to add these roads to the five year plan.

Otter Springs Road: Mr. Cannon informed the Board that the rock has been put in for the first ¾ mile, as far as the Road Departments part, 8" of rock, and the base shouldn't be an issue.

Resolution 2009-56, Closure of County Road SE 7th Court: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2009-56, Closure of County Road SE 7th Court. He stated that this resolution sets a hearing for November 16th at 5:00 p.m. on whether or not to close a portion of SE 7th Court, starting at CR 319 and running north for approximately ¼ mile. Madam Chairman read the short title is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-56

FINDING THAT A HEARING SHOULD BE HELD ON THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF SOUTHEAST 7TH COURT IN GILCHRIST COUNTY; SETTING A HEARING DATE ON SUCH VACATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-56. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...

Mr. McQueen stated that since the last meeting, Mr. Cannon has gone out and looked at the conditions of the road and does not object to the closing of the road under certain conditions. He asked for direction on whether the Board wanted to discuss the conditions, here today, so the principals involved can be addressed between now and the public hearing.

Mr. Cannon addressed the Board on the condition of the turn-around on SE 7th Court. His general concern is backing in and out. Mr. Overstreet and Mr. Adams seemed to have no problem with the County using their turn around; but as far as the public use of this turn around maybe another issue. This concern will be readdressed during the public hearing.

Madam Chairman called for a vote... *Motion carried unanimously.*

4:45 p.m. George Roberts, FairTax: Mr. George Robert, representative of the FairTax Organization, addressed the Board with a presentation on FairTax. Mr. Roberts reviewed and explained the following topics:

- Creates jobs where the current system destroys jobs
- Gives you your whole paycheck. No Federal withholding!
- Eliminates Social Security withholding
- Eliminates the corporate taxes and cost of compliance
- Dramatically lowers effective tax rates
- Allows families to save more and faster
- Allows homeowners to pay their entire house payment with pretax dollars
- Frees up time wasted
- Raises the same amount of revenue
- **Abolishes the IRS**

Discussion took place... **NO Board Action was taken at this time.**

5:00 p.m. Ordinance 2009-11, Family Lot Splits and Dry Pipes: Madam Chairman read the short title of Ordinance 2009-11 as follows:

ORDINANCE 2009-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; CLARIFYING AND AMENDING THE FAMILY LOT REGULATIONS; ADDING A REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS INSTALL IMPROVEMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF A CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was sent back to the Planning Commission for review; they have reviewed it, and have no problems with it and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Ordinance 2009-11. Madam Chairman called for any public participation...none noted; any further discussion...none noted. She then called for a vote...
Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

Health & Safety Conference: Mr. McQueen presented a request for travel allowing Billy Careccia to attend the Health & Safety Conference.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the travel request allowing Billy Careccia to attend the Health & Safety Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

SHIP

Resolution 2009-55; Local Housing Trust Funds: Mr. McQueen presented Resolution 2009-55, supporting the Local Housing Trust Funds. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING ELIMINATION OF THE CAP ON THE STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (HOUSING TRUST FUNDS) AND SUPPORTING FULL APPROPRIATION OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-55. Motion carried unanimously.

Subordination Request: Ms. Charlotte Pedersen, SHIP Administrator, presented a loan subordination request for Mr. Harland Pfaffenberger.

The Loan Review Committee forwarded to the Board, a *request for denial* on the subordination for Mr. Pfaffenberger, due to the fact that it does not meet the standard guidelines of the program.

Ms. Pedersen stated that Mr. Pfaffenberger is in need of water at his home. He is requesting to borrow \$20,000.00 from the bank and they are requiring that he consolidate debit; he has a credit card debt that exceeds \$10,000.00.

Ms. Pedersen also stated that the Committee attempted to explain to him that they must work within the guideline standards. The Committee had asked him if he would consider focusing on getting his well issues addressed as it is a true health and safety problem and not focus on the consolidation of his over \$10,000 credit card debt and he stated no.

Mr. Pfaffenberger has been offered several suggestions and options including programs that he may seek for help. He has continued to refuse anything that Staff and Loan Review Committee had recommended.

There was another issue addressed on the fact that he had a 42 x 21 foot slab in his back yard. Mr. Pfaffenberger had built a storage unit to house his belongings due to the fact that he had to tare down an old mobile home that he had used for storage. Mr. Pfaffenberger continued construction on this unit even though a Stop Work Order was issued on November 16, 2007.

Mr. Pfaffenberger addressed the Board defending his request for subordination.

Discussion took place... Madam Chairman called for the pleasure of the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to accept the S.H.I.P. Loan Review Committees recommendation to DENY the request subordination for Harlan Pfaffenberger due to the fact that it does not meet the standard guidelines. Madam Chairman called for any further discussion...

Commissioner Tommy Langford stated that he wanted to make it clear that it's not that there isn't help available for Mr. Pfaffenberger but there are guidelines that have to be followed.

Mr. McQueen stated that as noted in the minutes from the SHIP Loan Review Committee meeting that was held on October 8, 2009, the Committee was willing to come before the Board and make a one time appropriation under SHIP funds to resolve his well issues, but Mr. Pfaffenberger wanted nothing to do with that. Another issue was that Mr. Pfaffenberger only referred to a portion on the 80% rule, not taking all of the guidelines into consideration. Mr. Pfaffenberger's case has been going on for over two years.

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

5:15 p.m. WORKSHOP on Special Assessment Ordinance: Mr. McPherson presented a draft of the ordinance creating a procedure for imposing special assessment district on existing subdivisions to cover future costs of paving and other repairs.

Madam Chairman called for any public participation...

Mr. Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying addressed the Board. He stated that he believes that the existing subdivisions, as those in Spring Ridge, were built without the construction standards are becoming more known and due for repairs; unlike the roads in newly development subdivisions where those roads are built to the FDOT construction standards.

Mr. McPherson stated that this proposed ordinance for special assessment district to cover paving and other repairs for subdivisions will need to be set for an adoption hearing; the date set for the hearing will be November 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to set the proposed ordinance for adoption hearing on November 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Madam Chairman called for any further discussion... ***Motion carried unanimously.***

5:45 p.m. Buck 23, FINAL Plat Approval: Mr. Taylor Brown, GC Planning Director, presented the Final Plat for SUB 09-01, Buck 23 Subdivision, for approval.

Mr. Brown stated that there were a few outstanding issues that will need to be resolved; the plat will need to show the owners names on plat exactly as they appear on the property deed and that the plat needs to show Certification of Title and Certification that all payable taxes have been paid.

Mr. Brown also stated that the Planning Commission reviewed this application at their September 28, 2009 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval, consistent with the Staff recommendation, to the Gilchrist county Board of Commissioners.

It is the recommendation of Staff that the requested Minor Subdivision Final Plat for SUB 09-01, Buck 23 Subdivision, be approved with the following condition: that the applicant acknowledges that any further expansion or subdivision of the applicants' property may require a major subdivision review.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the FINAL Plat for SUB 09-01, Buck 23 Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

FDOT - Notice to Proceed SCOP Project, CR 337: Mr. McQueen presented the fully executed Reimbursement Agreement for CR 337 SCOP Project, Widening and Resurfacing of CR 337 from SR 26 to SE 70th Avenue, Financial Project ID 424327-1-58-01.

This agreement details the terms and conditions for construction of the subject improvements which Gilchrist County will undertake and serves as the **Notice to Proceed**. The contract **beginning** date is **October 10, 2009** with an ending date of December 31, 2009. Gilchrist County is responsible for bearing all expenses in excess of the amount the Department agrees to participate (\$1,957,000.00).

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to move forward on SCOP Project County Road 337. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2009-59 & BE10-001: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2009-59 and BE10-001 Amending the Transportation Impact Fund Budget; where the FDOT has agreed to reimburse Gilchrist County for the widening and resurfacing of County Road 337 from SR 26 to SE 70th Avenue, the amount not to exceed \$1,957,500.00. Madam Chairman read the resolution for the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-59 and BE10-001. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Citizens Center: Mr. McQueen stated that everything is on schedule and moving forward.

Sheriff's Drainage Project: Mr. McQueen stated that the Contractor is out there and the project seems to moving along quite smoothly.

Animal Control: Mr. McQueen stated that the next Animal Control Board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the first of the month.

Planning Commission - Applications/Resumes for vacant position on Planning Commission Board: Mr. McQueen provided copies of the applications, in the agenda packets, that were received for the vacant position, on the Planning Commission, for the Boards review. He stated that this issue will be brought back at the first BOCC meeting in the month of November, for a decision to be made.

The Board set a time certain at 4:00 p.m. on November 2, 2009, for consideration of filing the vacant position on the Planning Commission Board.

FAC Legislative Conference December 2-4, St. Petersburg: Mr. McQueen stated that if registration is turned in by November the 2nd we could benefit a savings of a \$100.00. He asked that they Board members notify Julee as soon as possible if they would be attending.

Agenda Changes

Amendment of Lease Agreement with Gilchrist county for Otter Springs Park and Campground: Mr. McQueen presented a memorandum from the Suwannee River Water Management District recommending approval and execution of an amendment to the Lease Agreement with Gilchrist County for Otter Springs Park & Campground to increase road expenses up to \$175,000.00, for FY 2010. No Board action taken at this time; action will be taken upon receipt of the amending lease agreement.

Nature Cost Trail Extensions: Mr. McQueen presented a request for property right of ways for improvements to connect the greenway trail to Newberry. Discussion took place...

The Board requested additional information on the Nature Coast Trail Extension, on the east side of the County.

Central Florida Community College: Mr. McQueen presented an agreement from CFCC for students in the Health Academy to *ride a long* with Gilchrist County EMS. This is a renewal for the already existing agreement, with a few minor changes. Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, has reviewed the agreement and finds no problems with the proposed changes. The changes are to add the language marital status, replace the word ~~handicap~~ with disability and increase the limits for the students' liability insurance.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve the renewal of the amended CFCC Agreement (per the recommendations of the County Attorney) for Health Academy Students; and allow 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 this ordinance was adopted earlier at this meeting.

Ordinance 2009-13: Annual Update of Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is set for adoption hearing at first meeting in November.

Ordinance 2009-**: Special Assessment District on Existing Subdivisions: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was set for adoption hearing at the November 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Ordinance 2009-**: Revised Sign Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance will be taken to the Planning Commission for review.

Resolution 2009-56: Closure of Portion of SE 7th Court: Mr. McPherson stated that this resolution was adopted earlier at this meeting.

Resolution 2009-57: Road Department Fees: Mr. McPherson stated that this resolution is adopting Road Department fees for limerock and asphalt delivery. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES RELATING TO THE GILCHRIST COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The fees to be charged by the Gilchrist County Road Department shall be as follows:

- Limerock per load to other governmental entities \$150
- Delivery of asphalt per load (delivery only) \$200

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2009-57. Madam Chairman called for any further discussion...none note; any public participation...none noted. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2009-58: Rates for Hart Springs Lodge: Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE HART SPRINGS LODGE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson stated that this resolution is for creating rates for the Hart Springs lodge which will be included in the policy manual; Section 4.1 of the Gilchrist County Manual of Rules and Procedures, setting fees for the Gilchrist County Parks, is amended to read as follows:

Otter Springs: Cabins 2, 3, & 4	Per night: \$ 65 Week: \$375 Month: \$1,125 Linens: \$10	
Otter Springs: Lodge	\$280	
Otter Springs: Picnic Building	November–March \$25 April–October \$30	

Note: The air-conditioned pavilions at both parks are available at no charge for official functions of the Board of County Commissioners and the Gilchrist County School. At the park manager’s discretion, other uses of the pavilions may be allowed free of charge where the proposed function is directly related to the mission of promoting safe and enjoyable use of Gilchrist County’s recreational resources. This may include, but is not limited to, the Gilchrist County River Cleanup planning and organizational meetings, the Tri-County Tourism Taskforce, and the Hart Springs Flotilla 7-14 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-58. Madam Chairman called for any discussion...none noted; any public participation...none noted. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Regional Conflict Counsel: Mr. McPherson stated that the State has appealed decision finding that counties do not have to pay for regional conflict counsel offices.

Challenge to SB 360: Mr. McPherson informed the Board that Lee County and a group of cities have filed a challenge to SB 360, this year’s major growth management legislation. They have challenged the legislation as an unfunded mandate and as violating the single-subject rule. The State has filed a motion to dismiss which is pending before the circuit court in Leon County.

Clerk’s Report

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

W.W. Gay Fire & Integrated Systems, Inc.: For the Boards information, Mr. Gilliam provided the results of the annual Fire Alarm System Inspection performed by W.W. Gay Fire & Integrated Systems, Inc. He stated that he requested an estimated cost of repairs to fire alarm system, which came to \$1,792.00; a purchase order *was* issued due to the urgency of the matter and because of this, he informed the Board on what had taken place.

Air Conditioner Replacement for the Tax Collectors Office: Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that the air conditioning unit that provides air to the Tax Collectors office had to be replaced. A purchase order was issued in the amount of \$7,600.00, for a new air conditioning unit. He requested after the fact purchase order approval.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the purchase order request for a new air conditioning unit for the Tax Collector's office, in the amount of \$7,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuel Usage Report: Mr. Gilliam provided the Fuel Usage report for the Boards information.

Resolution 2009-59 and BE10-001: Mr. Gilliam stated that this resolution and budget entry had been approved earlier during this meeting.

Clerk's Agenda Changes

Certificates of Deposit: Mr. Gilliam stated that the Certificate of Deposits currently held by Ameris Bank is due to mature/roll over as of October 30, 2009. He stated that it is his/finances recommendation to stay with Ameris Bank, rolling the cd's over for six (6) months at the interest rate of 2.18%. Mr. Gilliam requested direction from the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the maturing Certificate of Deposit, as of October 30, 2009, at Ameris Bank, to be rolled over. Motion carried unanimously.

COBRA Administrative Services Agreement: Mr. Gilliam presented the COBRA Administrative Services Agreement for the Chairman's signature. He stated that the County's new insurance policy will be in effect as a November 1, 2009, and that this COBRA agreement will reflect the new terms.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the COBRA Administrative Services Agreement and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 Tax Roll Extension: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from Marilyn C. Bruce, Tax Collector, requesting that the 2009 Tax Roll be extended to her office prior to the Value Adjustment Board completing their hearings, pursuant to F.S. 197.323. Mr. Gilliam explained that this would allow her to process the tax bills in a timely manner.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Tax Collectors request to extend the 2009 Tax Roll prior to the Value Adjustment Boards Hearing (to allow tax bills to be mailed by November 1, 2009). Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford asked what would be the procedure to support the "Fair Tax". Mr. McPherson stated that a resolution could be drafted stating the Board of County Commissioners is in favor of supporting the Fair Tax issue. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to direct the County Attorney to draft a resolution supporting the Fair Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Langford requested that he be allowed to have more time to work with Brian Olmert, from Loncala, allowing him to finish up on a proposal that he would like to present to the Board.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Langford more time to work with Mr. Olmert.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: Mr. Gilliam stated that he was reviewing the Boards policy on the election of officers for a new Chairman and Vice Chairman is suppose to be on the second Tuesday of November. This date falls between our meetings so at the November 16th, mid month meeting, nominations and election will take place.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn: With there being no further business a motion was made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Madam Chairman adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Approved:

Sharon A. Langford, Chair

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court