

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2009.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, February 16, 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 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, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; Georgia Mills, Finance Clerk; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Taylor Brown, Planning Director; Nancy Nieman, Otter Springs Manager; Ron Mills, EM Chief; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official; Gene Parrish, Parrish Landscaping; Sheriff Slaughter, GCSO; Joyce Ferrante, Concerned Citizen; Geneva Cornwell, Character Council; ALERT Unit 40 (25 young men); Elizabeth Porter, Bailey, Bishop & Lane; Russ Augspurg; Leslie Sapp; Joyce Tarno; and Richard & Leslie Esseck.

Call to Order

Madam Chairman, Sharon Langford called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas delivered the invocation and Commissioner Randy Durden led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Firefighter W2 Issue
 2. Addition: Utility Disconnections at Blue & Yellow House

- Mr. Ron McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: EMS Write-Offs for 4th Quarter
 2. Addition: SHIP Resolution (Additional Handout)
 3. Addition: Road Department; Termite Agreement
 4. Addition: Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Establishment of the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority

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

Consent Agenda

• **Request for Purchase Order Approval**

Genesis Door and Hardware, Inc.	\$ 5,019.00
Owner Direct Purchase for Trenton EMS Station	
Morgan Bros Supply	\$ 1,500.00
Owner Direct Purchase for Trenton EMS Station	
Wilson Gas & Services	\$ 3,700.00
Otter Springs	
Nextran Truck	\$ 4,000.00
Road Department; PO Increase, repair injectors on #12 and future repairs	

• **Request for Payment Approval**

Davis Monk & Company	\$ 25,000.00
Progress billing for audit work completed on 2008 Annual Audit	
VE Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.	\$117,491.10
Pay Estimate No. 2; Gilchrist County Road C-307	
Art Walker Construction, Inc.	\$231,864.81
Pay Request No. 7; Gilchrist County Road C-232	

Mills Engineering Company

Inv#2005063, 2005 Hazardous Mitigation Grant App for GC Jail	\$ 3,182.50
Inv#2006051, Resurfacing GCR-232 from SR 26 to SR 47	\$ 11,243.73
Inv#2006053, Resurfacing GCR-344	\$ 4,238.38
Inv#2007104, Widen/Resurface 313 from SR 26 to CR344.....	\$ 1,078.69
Inv#2007105, Widen/Resurface 307 & 307A from SR26 to US129	\$ 4,871.33
Inv#2007039, Hart Springs - Campground Improvements	\$ 1,757.50
Inv#2009016, Hart Springs - Ball field Restrooms/Sanitary Sewer	\$ 2,280.00
Inv#2008093, Otter Springs Access Road	\$ 2,400.63
Inv#2006053, Resurfacing 344, Billing Period 8/1/2008-8/31/2008	\$ 2,205.00
Inv#2006053, Resurfacing 344, Billing Period 10/1/2008-10/31/2008	\$ 4,282.50
Inv#2006053, Resurfacing 344, Billing Period 11/1/2008-11/30/2008	\$ 475.00
Inv#2006053, Resurfacing 344, Billing Period 1/1/2009-1/31/2009	\$ 274.38

• **Budget Entries**

BE09-004, Solid Waste, Fund 434	\$ 3,500.00
BE09-005, General Fund, Fund 001	\$ 850.00
BE09-006, Fire, Fund 122	\$ 5,000.00
BE09-007, EMS, Fund 410	\$ 5,000.00
BE09-008, General Fund, Fund 001	\$ 40,600.00
BE09-009, Fire, Fund 122	\$ 29,000.00
BE09-010, Capital Projects, Fund 301	\$114,500.00
BE09-011, Otter Springs, Fund 470	\$ 3,600.00

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

County Administrator’s Report

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

Parks & Recreation

- Hart Springs Update: Mr. McQueen presented a power point presentation on the progress of the swimming pool and parking lot projects.
- Otter Springs Update: Mr. McQueen stated that the fee schedule is still being worked on and will be brought back to the Board as soon as possible.

Emergency Management

- TracStar Activation Service: Mr. Ron Mills, EM Chief, presented the service activation agreement, for broadband services, from TracStar, requesting the Boards approval and the Chairman’s signature.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the TracStar Service Agreement and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

4:15 pm Time Certain

- Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Gilliam presented a request, on behalf of Kyle Stone, Executive Director of the Gilchrist County chamber of Commerce, for permission to use the following locations for their upcoming festival, The Suwannee Valley Quilt and Old Time Craft Festival, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., on March 14, 2009:

Courthouse LawnCivil War Re-Enactment
BOCC Building/PorchRug Hooker & Spinner
Building Department Parking LotTwo (2) Portable Bathrooms
Grassy area east of the retention pond
(South of the Chamber Office)Seminole Creek Indian Village

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the request made by the GC Chamber of Commerce, for the use of County Property (as noted). Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator’s Report continues...

Animal Control

- New Facility Update: Mr. McQueen presented a power point presentation on the progress made at the new Animal Control Facility. He also addressed the issue of the need for additional funds to complete the project.

The facility still needs fans and chain link fence for the pens. These costs will be about \$8,000.00 and were not included in the original budget.

The Animal Friends raised funds to help with the costs of the project and will cover their portion for the cost of chain link fence, approximately \$4,400.00.

He requested that the Board approve \$5,200.00 out of General Fund Reserve for chain link fence and fans, for funding necessary to get the project completed enough to open. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the request of \$5,200.00 out of General Fund Reserve for chain link fence and fans to complete the new Animal Control Facility.

Discussion took place...

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

Solid Waste

- Trailer Update: Mr. McQueen stated that the day after the Board approved the purchase of the flat bed trailer, in the amount of \$3,500, there was inquiry made by Putnam County about the Boiler, on top the trailer. They were interested in purchasing the Boiler; Solid Waste was only interested in the flat bed trailer. Arrangements were made between Solid Waste and Putnam County to split the costs of \$3,500 and the boiler would be dropped off to them when Solid Waste picks up the trailer. No Board action required.

Code Enforcement

- ALERT Team Update: Ms. Diane Rondolet addressed the Board and updated the Board on the work provided by the ALERT Team. She stated that she is very satisfied with the performance of their services and what a great benefit it is to the residents of Gilchrist County.
- Travel Trailer Update: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of the County's concerns about regulations relating to the use of RVs for residential purposes. Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, reviewed the circumstances, abiding regulations whereby RVs are allowed to be used for living purposes. They are as follows:
 - Where an RV was allowed pursuant to a building permit issued under prior regulations allowing permanent use of RVs for residential purposes.
 - In an RV park.
 - On property where a permanent structure is being built pursuant to an active building permit. The County Administrator may grant this temporary permit.
 - To allow for visitors to stay in an RV parked at a residence. The County Administrator may issue this temporary permit for up to 30 days.

- Pursuant to a Special Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission. The RV must be on vacant land in an area where the RV will not be incompatible with surrounding uses. The RV may not stay on the site for more than 120 consecutive days, and may not be on the site for more than a total of 180 days in any calendar year.

Mr. McPherson stated that although questions have been raised about particular situations, Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official, is going to enforce the County’s rules as presently written. Suggestions by a County Commissioner that the above rules need to be modified should be brought to the County Commission for discussion.

The Board agreed to allow Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official, to follow current policy in addressing RV/Travel Trailer issues.

4:30 p.m. Time Certain

Road Department Report: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent, not present at today’s meeting.

- Monthly Limerock Report: Mr. McQueen presented the November 2008, Monthly Townsend Pit Limerock Report as follows:

District 1	39	Loads
District 2	23	Loads
District 3	40	Loads
District 4	54	Loads
District 5	33	Loads
Shop Stock Pile	54	Loads
Solid Waste	<u>08</u>	Loads
Monthly Total	251	Loads

County Administrator’s Report continues...

Transportation Concurrency Update: Mr. McQueen reported on the Transportation Concurrency meeting that was held. He stated that concurrency on SR 26 was a main concern. Mr. McPherson stated that Representative Debbie Boyd had called him and suggested that we draft some language that would help Trenton (Gilchrist County) and Newberry with the SR 26 problem. He stated that Rep. Boyd had filed a “place holder” with the Legislation on this issue. They discussed options centered around the fact that here is a two-lane highway that the FDOT hasn’t put any money into SR 26 becoming a four-lane highway nor have the even put it on their 5-year Plan. He stated that a proposal will be sent to Representative Boyd saying that...*in that situation, where there is a two-lane SIS (Strategic Intermodal System) road, that development is exempt from the level of service requirements on the road*

Mr. McPherson stated that Representative Boyd will only present once the FDOT and DCA sign off on first, she did want to present it and they come in and shoot it down. He has calls in to her, and the next step will be to meet with DCA and FDOT and discuss language to see if they will support it. No Board action required.

S.H.I.P.; Agenda Change

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: Mr. McQueen presented Resolution 2009-08; Appointing Members to the AHAC. The following people were recommended for appointment, by resolution, and approved by the Board, at the February 2, 2009 meeting:

Michael McElroy, President of Ameris Bank, Trenton/Newberry, Florida
Christopher Luke, Local Builder, Trenton Florida
James Miller, Investor and Owner of Low-Income Units
Dean Lancaster, Local Realtor, Trenton, Florida
Alan Mikell, Gilchrist County Planning Board Member

Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-08 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS; Agenda Change

- 4th Quarter Write-Offs: Mr. McQueen presented the EMS Account Write-Off's for the 4th Quarter 2008, in the amount of \$54,780.20, for the Boards review and approval. Discussion took place...

Mr. McQueen to look into the setup of taking credit cards, as a form of payment for EMS services.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the 2008, 4th Quarter Write-Off's, in the amount of \$54,780.20, for EMS. Motion carried unanimously.

- EMS Rate Change Resolution: Mr. Gilliam readdressed the issue of the resolution that was to be drafted allowing the automatic increases with Medicare rates, as adjusted changes to the EMS rates without them having to be brought before the Board for approval. The rates changes were previously approved, but authorization for automatic changes needs to be done in the form of a resolution. This resolution was requested to be drafted at the January 5th meeting. As of date, this resolution has not been presented for approval.

The Board directed Mr. McPherson to draft a resolution on EMS Rate Changes.

Road Department; Agenda Change

- Termite Agreement: Mr. McQueen presented the Subterranean Termite Agreement from A-1 Pest Control.

A-1 Pest Control, Inc. will extend protection and re-inspection annually to the Road Department for 5 years, for \$130.00 per year, payable annually at the time of service.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the A-1 Pest Control, Termite Agreement, totaling \$130.00, for the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement; Agenda Change

- Interlocal Agreement relating to the Establishment of the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority: Mr. McQueen presented the Interlocal Agreement relating to the establishment of the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority for Board approval and for the Chairman to be allowed to sign.

The agreement requires a two (2) year commitment at \$5,000.00 per year.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Interlocal Agreement relating to the establishment of the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority with a two (2) year commitment at \$5,000.00 per year; and authorized the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

ALERT Team: Ms. Geneva Cornwell, Character Council, stopped by with the ALERT Team and introduced them to the Board. There were twenty-five young men, between the ages of 17 and 25 that participated in this program. They were in the area performing demolition and debris cleanup for the low income and elderly citizens of Gilchrist County.

At this time, the County Attorney, addressed an issue that had not been placed on the agenda for discussion...

- Firing Range Issue: Mr. McPherson addressed the issue of liability insurance for those other than the employees of the Sheriff's Department that use the firing range.

Mr. McPherson stated that it had been questioned whether the two groups that are continuing to use the firing range have insurance coverage.

Mr. McPherson stated that there is no reason why the 4-H Club, Sea Scouts and FWC couldn't continue to use the firing range as they have in the past. He stated that a recommendation should be made to these groups that some type of insurance should be carried to protect their members, but that the County would be covered by its own insurance policy. Mr. Leslie Sapp was present representing the 4-H Club, and stated that they do carry insurance on their members.

Mr. McPherson stated that whether this policy is enough to adequately cover their members or not, this would not alter the fact that the County would be covered by the County's insurance for any County liability on the firing range.

Mr. McPherson stated that he will contact the County's insurance company and bring back any recommendations for the Boards consideration. No Board action taken.

5:00 p.m. Time Certain

- Ordinance 2009-02; LDR Glitch Ordinance: Mr. McPherson presented Ordinance 2009-02, Land Development Code Glitch Ordinance and read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2009-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING AND ADDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW RELATING TO SMALL DAY CARE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES; CLARIFYING WHERE OVERNIGHT RECREATIONAL PARKS ARE ALLOWED; CLARIFYING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL USES; CORRECTING THE OMISSION OF A LOT REDUCTION PROVISION IN THE AGRICULTURE-1 DISTRICT; CORRECTING THE INCLUSION OF "GROUP TREATMENT HOME" IN CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING THE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF PUBLIC USES AND ADDING CERTAIN USES TO SUCH DISTRICT; CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND LANDSCAPING; ADDING CERTAIN SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXCAVATION REGULATIONS; CLARIFYING THE STANDARDS FOR COUNTY ISSUANCE OF POWER POLE AUTHORIZATION; CORRECTION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRELIMINARY PLATS; AND CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson provided a section-by-section summary of what the ordinance does; review and discussion took place...

- Sec. 1: Corrects existing definitions relating to various types of day care and residential care facilities to bring the code into compliance with state law. Basically, state law requires small day care and residential care facilities to be treated the same as single family homes. The definitions in the existing code do not adequately define those facilities that must be treated the same as single family homes.

Adds definitions relating to vehicular repair and vehicular service. As you recall, this distinction came up at your last meeting. Definitions are needed to provide better clarity with regard to what is meant by the two types of uses.

- Sec. 2: Removes “Group Residential Home” from the list of uses allowed only by special use permit in the Ag 1 district. This use must be treated like a single family home and thus the county cannot require a special use permit.

Adds “Neighborhood Commercial Uses” to the list of uses allowed by special use permit in the Ag 1 district. The comp plan provides that “Neighborhood Commercial Uses” are to be allowed in Ag 1, but the existing code does not clear it clear how such uses would be authorized that district. (This use was listed as being allowed by special use permit in the other Ag districts.)

Adds “Overnight Recreational Park” to the list of uses allowed by special use permit in the Ag 1 district to correct the unintentional omission of this use from the list.

- Sec. 3: Within the Ag 1 district, adds the provision that a 10% reduction in lot size is allowed so long as the density limits of the comp plan are adhered to. (This provision was included in the other Ag districts but was inadvertently left out of Ag 1.)
- Sec. 4: Removes “Group Residential Home” from the list of uses allowed only by special use permit in the Ag 2-5 districts. This use must be treated like a single family home and thus the county cannot require a special use permit.

Adds “Overnight Recreational Park” to the list of uses allowed by special use permit in the Ag 2-5 districts to correct the unintentional omission of this use from the list.

- Sec. 5: Removes “Group Residential Home” from the list of uses allowed only by special use permit in the Residential districts. This use must be treated like a single family home and thus the county cannot require a special use permit.
- Sec. 6: Provides that all uses to be allowed in the Public Use district shall be treated as developments of major impact and thus to be approved by the County Commission.

Adds “Electric Generating Facility” to the list of uses allowed in the Public Use district.

Adds the larger group residential and treatment facilities to the list of uses allowed in the Public Use district.

- Sec. 7: Removes “Group Residential Home” from the list of uses allowed by special use permit in the Commercial district. This is not being done to comply with state law, however, but rather to prohibit this essentially residential use within the Commercial district.
- Sec. 8: Clarifies that when a site plan or other approval requires that trees or other landscaping be planted, such trees or landscaping must be in place within 6 months of approval and must stay healthy thereafter.

- Sec. 9: Provides that a map showing existing conditions be provided as part of an application for excavation. Without this requirement, the county has no way of knowing whether there are wetlands or other features on the site that should be protected.
- Sec. 10: This change results from a request by the county property appraiser. As currently written, the question whether a power pole is issued is partly decided by whether a parcel has been given agricultural classification for property tax purposes. This results in owners putting pressure on the property appraiser to give agricultural classification in order to get a power pole. The new language would allow the building official to make an independent determination of whether the property is being used for agricultural purposes without tying the determination to the property's classification for property tax purposes.
- Sec. 11: Makes it clear that notice should be given of the hearing before the county commission on a preliminary plat.
- Sec. 12: Makes it clear that the county planner may accept a conceptual plan with an application for a special use permit, with the detailed site plan to be reviewed if the SUP is approved. This is the current practice.
- Sec. 13: Provides that special use permits expire after one year if not used. A single one-year extension may be granted for good cause.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Ordinance 2009-02.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

5:30 p.m. Time Certain

- Resolution 2009-07; Personnel Policy: Mr. McPherson addressed the issue of formatting the employee handbook and personnel policies into one manual. Madam Chairman read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2009-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; CODIFYING AND UPDATING THE COUNTY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR PERSONNEL POLICIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE CODIFICATION; REQUIRING THAT THE PERSONNEL AND BOOK BE UPDATED TO CONFORM TO THE NEWLY CODIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve Resolution 2009-07.

Madam Chairman called for any public comments...none noted.

Discussion took place...There was one change to be noted for correction: page 10, paragraph (D), to read Longevity Pay Bonus, instead of Longevity Pay ~~Increase~~.

Mr. McPherson stated that a set of policies will be drafted for the Emergency Medical Service department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2009-02; Amendments to Land Development Code: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was noticed for adoption at this meeting. The Board reviewed and approved.

Ordinance 2009-03; Imposition of Special Assessment District on New Subdivisions: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance will be scheduled for a workshop at the first meeting in April.

Ordinance 2009-04; Noise Ordinance: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance has been set for a workshop at the first meeting in March.

Resolution 2009-07; Adoption of Personnel Policies: Mr. McPherson provided a clean copy with no strikeouts or underlining. The Board approved earlier during this meeting.

RFQ for Engineering Services: Mr. McPherson stated that there were six (6) responses. Staff recommends that the Board appoint a committee to review the responses. Recommendations for those to be appointed are Joe Gilliam-Clerk, Ron McQueen-County Administrator, John McPherson-County Attorney, Justin Watson-Road Department Superintendent, and Taylor Brown-Planning Director. The top three (3) will be brought back to the Board. The engineering firms will be asked to do a presentation and the Board will rank them accordingly to criteria determining the most qualified.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the recommendation to appoint the Clerk, County Administrator, County Attorney, Planning Director and Road Department Superintendent as the RFQ Review Committee for Engineering Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Blue Springs v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that Blue Springs has dismissed their petition for writ of certiorari.

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

Gilchrist County v. Richard: Mr. McPherson stated that Ms. Richards was found to be in contempt of court and sentenced to six months in County jail. This sentence was suspended for 45 days to give her one last chance to cleanup the property.

FAC, etc. v. Conflict Counsels and Department of Revenue: Mr. McPherson stated the State has appealed the circuit court ruling in favor of the counties.

Regulation of RVs: Mr. McPherson stated that this issue was reviewed earlier during this meeting.

Clerk's Report

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

Reminder: Mr. Gilliam reminded the Board that Senator Nelson will be here in Trenton at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The County Officials from Gilchrist, Levy and Dixie counties were all invited to attend.

Correction: At the last meeting, Proclamation 2009-01 was approved for "Children's Week". The proclamation number 2009-01 had already been issued and a correction to "Children's Week" had been made issuing it number 2009-02.

Agenda Changes

- Blue & Yellow Houses: Mr. Gilliam recommended that the utilities at the Blue and Yellow houses be disconnected, in order to save money. Discussion took place...

Mr. Gilliam was directed to find out the cost of a reconnection fee and bring back to the Board.

The Board agreed to allow the disconnection of the utilities at the Blue & Yellow Houses if reconnect fee is not excessive in comparison to the money to be saved by having it disconnected.

The Alexander Group, LLC: Mr. Gilliam presented two (2) Change Orders for the Trenton EMS Station project from the Alexander Group. They are as follows:

1. Change Order #00028; Owner Direct Purchase, form Genesis Door, in the amount of \$5,019.00

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Change Order #00028, to Genesis Door, in the amount of \$5,019.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Change Order #00029; Owner Direct Purchase, from Morgan Brothers Supply, in the amount of \$1,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, To approve Change Order #00029, in the amount of \$1,500.00, to Morgan Brothers Supply. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoices for Juvenile Evaluations: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of the State billing the Counties for Juvenile Evaluations. He stated that the Board is now responsible for paying these invoices and we can try to collect reimbursement from the parents. There is no line item budgeted for these cost and currently we have five evaluations totaling \$1,000.00.

Mr. Gilliam asked the Board for direction, on the process of collection for the evaluation fees, from the parent of these juveniles. He was provided with a case number, but no contact information. Mr. McPherson stated that the contact information will be provided to him.

The Board directed the Clerk to draft a letter to the parents of the juveniles seeking reimbursements for the medical evaluations.

Inmate Medical Reimbursements: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of the Boards responsibility of the balance due on inmate hospital bills after the \$10,000.00 deductible. He stated that there in no line item in the budget for these costs.

The Clerk and County Attorney suggested that a meeting needs to take place with the Sheriff and the Jail. **The Board agreed.**

Inmate Medical Invoices: Mr. Gilliam presented two (2) inmate medical invoices submitted by Sheriff Slaughter, GCSO, requesting that the County pay. The invoices are for the following inmates:

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| 1. Inmate Joshua Lee Johnson | \$19,395.25 |
| 2. Inmate Rebecca A. Blackerby | \$30,365.25 |

Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to DENY the request for payment on the inmate medical bills for Joshua L. Johnson, in the amount of \$19,395.00 and Rebecca A. Blackerby, in the amount of \$30,365.25, until proof is received from the hospital advising of their attempt to collect from the patient. Motion carried unanimously.

6:00 p.m. Time Certain

- Budget Update: Mr. Gilliam addressed the current year to date revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, presented the actual revenues v. actual expenditures, no incumbencies, for Transportation, Solid Waste, EMS, Fire and General.

The Board discussed ways to cut current budgets in order to keep from laying employees off; cutting weekly hours was one option that was considered.

It was also recommended that all Board Departments be notified of the fact that budgets are going to be asked to be cut and that they considered cutting back hours in order to keep current year budget practical.

It was recommended to send a letter to the Constitutional Officers/Board Departments making them aware of current budget issues.

Mr. Gilliam agreed that he and Mr. McQueen should together and drafts a memo to be sent out to the Constitutional Officers and Board Department Heads informing them of the current budget issues and that a workshop will be scheduled requesting that they attend. **The Board agreed.**

Budget Entry BE09-003 & Resolution 2009-09: Mr. Gilliam presented Budget Entry BE09-003 and Resolution 2009-09, Amending the General Fund (001) Budget whereas the receipt of unanticipated funds in the amount of \$80,00, which represents donations to the Gilchrist County Public Library. Madam Chairman read the resolution for the record.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve BE09-003 & Resolution 2009-09. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change

- Firefighter W2 Issues: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of payment and withholdings made to firefighters. In 2008, 1099's were issued for wages earned and in January 2009, arrangements were made to start deducting FICA through the payroll system so a W2 could be generated for 2009 wages. It was brought to Finances attention that a W2 should have been issued in 2008, not a 1099. After contacting the County Auditors, it was recommended that we file the necessary W2 for 2008.

Ms. Johnson, Finance Director, requested direction from the Board on how to obtain reimbursement. Should the whole amount be paid for out of FIRE or bill each individual for their half of the FICA and Medicare?

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison that the Firefighters reimburse the County for FICA & Medicare that wasn't withheld from their compensation in 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports: None Noted.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: Ms. Joyce Tarnow, Dixie County Citizen, addressed the Board with her concerns about the forthcoming incinerator plant, in Dixie County. Because this plant would be close to the Dixie/Gilchrist County line, she wanted to ask the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners to support the residents of Dixie County, to keep this plant from becoming part of Dixie County. No Board action taken.

Adjourn: With there being no further business, a motion was made by, seconded by Commissioner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Madam Chairman adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Sharon A. Langford, Chair

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court