

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 5, 2009.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 1:15 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; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent; Ron Mills, EM Chief; Major Stroupe, Veterans Services; Lee Mills, County Engineer; Tammy Moore & Belinda Wilkerson, Building Department Clerks; Donna Creamer, Pure Water Wilderness; Kyle Stone, Chamber of Commerce; Robert Burkehead and Josh Edsiel, Ring Power Corporation; Russ Auspurg, Our Santa Fe River; Gwen Milanich; Norm Conti; Charles Campbell; and Joyce Ferrante.

Call to Order

Madam Chairman, Sharon Langford called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. with County Administrator Ron McQueen delivering the invocation and Commissioner Randy Durden led the pledge of allegiance.

Madam Chairman announced that Commissioner Kenrick Thomas is attending a funeral and will be in attendance later.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Budget Recap through December 31, 2008
 2. Addition: Fuel Usage Report for the month of December 2008
 3. Addition: Bid results on loan for tractor/mower
- Mr. Ron McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Community Development; Impact Fee – Bubba Beck
 2. Addition: Veterans Services; Monument Update
 3. Addition: Road Department; Lee Mills – CR 313
 4. Addition: SHIP; Loan Review Recommendation for Zimmerman
 5. Addition: Code Enforcement; Vehicle Use Request
- Commissioner Tommy Langford presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Commissioner Tommy Langford requested Mr. Norm Conti be allowed to address the Board

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Agenda with noted changes. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting	October 06, 2008
Regular Meeting	October 20, 2008
Regular Meeting	November 03, 2008
Regular Meeting	November 17, 2008
Regular Meeting	December 01, 2008

- **Approval of Bills**

Supplement to the Agenda PacketDecember 2008

- **Request for Purchase Order Approval**

Akins Heating and Air; Emergency replacement of air conditioner in Property Appraisers office \$7,600.00

- **Request for Invoice Payment Approval**

Art Walker Construction

Pay Request #5, GCR 232; \$144,748.34

Mills Engineering Company

Invoice 2005063 \$ 1,852.50

Invoice 2008069 \$ 1,521.00

Invoice 2006051 \$ 15,544.85

Quality Internet Service of FL dba Setel \$ 33,658.58

Sungard Public Sector Pentamation Inc.\$ 3,530.17

The Rickman Partnership, Inc. \$ 2,610.05

GreenSouth Equipment, Inc. \$114,115.75

Capps' Concrete LLC.....\$ 1,800.00

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Change

- **Special Thanks:** Mr. Norm Conti thanked the Board for Senior Meal Sites and their participation.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues, for the consideration of the Board.

Road Department

Lee Mills, P.E., County Engineer

- **S.E. 70th Avenue:** Mr. Mills presented the contracts he had prepared for the S.E. 70th Avenue project for the Chairman's signature. The contracts had been approved at the previous Board meeting. He had presented two (2) original contracts requesting that one be returned to him for the Contractors file and the other was for the County's file.
- **Bid Results for CR 313; Financial ID 212152-2-58-01:** Mr. Mills presented the five (5) bid tabulations and addressed the final results. He explained that the Base Bid includes all construction except shoulders and asphalt. He also presented four (4) alternate specifications that included shoulders and asphalt.

The bids received that included the **Base plus Alternates 1& 3** (Alt 1 includes 8-ft shoulders and Alt 3 includes an asphalt mix that does not contain reclaimed asphalt...*virgin mix*) are as follows:

V.E. White Hurst & Sons, Inc.	\$1,201,927.16
Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.	\$1,218,198.62
Art Walker Construction Inc.	\$1,567,490.72
John C. Hipp Construction Equip Co.	\$1,263,177.65
APAC-Southeast, Inc.	\$1,282,597.26

- Mr. Mills recommended 8 ft. shoulders and a virgin asphalt mix. Mr. Mills stated that the LOW bid is within budget (the grant funds, estimate for construction, is \$1.325

million) for this project. Mr. Mills recommended that the Board accept the LOW bid received from V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to award the LOW bid for the CR 313 project (both sections), to V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$1,201,927.16. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract for CR 313. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development

- Status of Impact Fees for Chesley Beck: Mr. McQueen advised the status of Impact Fees for a mobile home placed on private property, located off of SW 100th Street, which is replacing a mobile home that had burned 6-7 years ago.

He stated that the ordinance allows replacing a mobile home/home before impact fees are reassessed.

Mr. Bubba Beck addressed the Board on behalf of his son, Chesley Beck, with the request that the impact fees be waived for the replacement mobile home that has been placed at SW 100th Street.

Discussion took place and it had been determined that the original impact fees may not have been paid and there were still inspections that needed to be satisfied on this mobile home. The issue of financing the impact fees had also been discussed.

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, stated that the County Ordinance does not allow impact fees or special assessments to be waived and that the only option the Board would have, is to pay the impact fees for the person making the request. He also stated that there is nothing in the ordinance about a financing option but the Board could reach an agreement with someone if they so choose. He will look into what would take place if an agreement was to be made and for some reason was never satisfied by the citizen.

Discussion continued and there were several issues that still needed to be satisfied for this mobile home to be in compliance with County codes and ordinances. It was recommended that Mr. Beck obtain the inspections and permits required.

The Board *took no action* at this time on the request made by Bubba Beck on the Impact Fee issue presented on S.W. 100th Street.

Veterans Services

- Update on names to be engraved on monuments: Major Stroupe, Veterans Services Administration, presented a list of sixteen (16) names to be added to the Vietnam, Korea, or WWII Monuments in the new Courtyard. He stated that the Historical Society has collected the money that will pay Mr. Davis for his engraving services. No Board action required.

S.H.I.P.

- Recommendation of Loan Committee; re: Mr. Zimmerman's Offer: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of an extension on the reverse mortgage offered by Mr. Zimmerman, of First Choice Mortgage, on the County's SHIP loan for the Soulis Property.

It was presented that Mr. Zimmerman now states that the mortgage company is willing to extend a reverse mortgage on the property; however, the funds will not be enough to pay Ameris Bank, the first lien holder, in full and pay SHIP \$3,000.00.

As noted by the SHIP Administrator, according to Mr. Michael McElroy of Ameris Bank, his firm has agreed to reduce the original court order amount by approximately \$12,000.00; foreclosure action has been filed with the Clerk of Courts Office on

behalf of Ameris Bank and a sell date has been set for January 12, 2009. If the reversed mortgage does not take place, the sale will continue.

The Board continued discussion on this issue and agrees with the recommendation of the Loan Review Committee which is noted as follows:

...to maintain the original approval of the BOCC set on September 15, 2008 accepting the \$3,000 remaining in second position and subordinating...

However, if this action is not possible it is recommended the BOCC, along with the County Attorney, prepare a reasonable repayment schedule allowing the applicants the opportunity to repay their obligation to the County from the date of the last mortgage payment to Ameris Bank through completion of payment in full.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to stick to the original agreement and approval on the Zimmerman issue and direct Staff to look further into the issue of reverse mortgages, for future cases. Motion carried 4-0.

2:00 p.m. Time Certain

Ordinance 2009-01; Amending Civil Citation Language: Madam Chairman read the short title to Ordinance 2009-01 as follows:

ORDINANCE 2009-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CIVIL CITATION PROVISIONS IN THE GILCHRIST COUNTY CODE; CLARIFYING THAT FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY A CIVIL PENALTY IS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE SECOND DEGREE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. McPherson stated that we are looking for alternative ways of enforcing payment on civil citations without having to bring all cases before a Judge.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to pass Ordinance 2009-01. Motion carried 4-0.

County Administrator's Report continues...

Fire Rescue

- Training Certification Class: Mr. McQueen presented the request for Captain Billy Careccia to be allowed to attend the EVOC Recertification Class and Fire-Rescue East Meeting to be held January 27-31, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Captain Billy Careccia to attend the EVOC Recertification Class and Fire-Rescue Meeting to be held in January. Motion carried 4-0.

- City of Trenton; Fire Protection Agreement: Mr. McQueen submitted a letter from the City of Trenton requesting an increase in the annual payment made by the County. The City is requesting that the current \$25,000.00 payment be increased to \$32,500.00 to compensate for increased services rendered as stated in the Fire Protection Agreement. Discussion took place...

The Board took no action on the request made by the City of Trenton to amend the Fire Protection Agreement between the City and the County, increasing the annual payment.

Road Department

- FDOT Supplemental Agreement CR 232 & Resolution: Mr. McQueen presented Supplemental Agreement #2 for CR 232, SCOP Financial ID 212162-3-58-01 project, for additional funding, in the amount of \$138,571.00. Mr. McQueen stated that a resolution would be drafted reflecting the same information as Supplemental Agreement #1 except for the resolution number, agreement number and the amount.

He stated that he had informed the Board during an earlier meeting that the estimated funds for this project wasn't enough, but with the additional funds provided by Supplemental Agreements #1 and #2, there would be enough to complete this project. He, therefore, recommended that the Board accept Supplemental Agreement #2 and authorize the Chairman to sign, along with the resolution to be drafted as part of the required documentation.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to accept Supplemental Agreement #2 CR 232 SCOP Project along with the resolution to be drafted and authorize the Chairman to sign both documents. Motion carried 4-0.

- Alachua County Interlocal Agreement; Maintenance Responsibilities for County Line Road: Mr. McQueen presented an amended Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County for the Maintenance Responsibilities on Countyline Road. There was an additional *termination clause* added.

The original agreement noted #5 as Termination by Default and has now been amended by noting it to read as follows:

5. Termination

- 5.1. Voluntary** – Either county may terminate this agreement without cause by first providing written notice to the other county at least 180 calendar days prior to the termination date. The Alachua County Manager and the Gilchrist County Administrator are authorized to provide written notice of intent to terminate on behalf of their respective counties.
- 5.2. Default** – The failure of a county to comply with any provision of this agreement will place that county in default and will subject this agreement to possible termination. Prior to terminating the agreement, the non-defaulting county wishing to terminate will notify the county in default in writing. This notification will make specific reference to the actions or inactions by the county in default giving rise to the default. The county in default will have 30 calendar days after the receipt of the notification to cure the default referenced in the notification. The Alachua County Manager and the Gilchrist County Administrator are authorized to provide written notice of intent to terminate due to default on behalf of their respective counties. If the default situation is not corrected within the allotted time, the Alachua County Manager and the Gilchrist County Administrator are authorized to provide final termination notice on behalf of their respective counties.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County for the Maintenance Responsibilities for Countyline Road and authorized the Chairman to sign. Motion carried 4-0.

Community Development

- Request to Transfer Impact Fees: Mr. McQueen presented a request from Mr. William E. Action, Jr. that the impact fees paid for the temporary residence on Lot #42 be transferred and applied to the new home they are building on their property, Lot #43.

Mr. Action also requested that the impact fees that were paid on 11/21/08 be refunded if the transfer request is granted.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the request made by Mr. Action to transfer impacts fees and refund the impact fees paid on 11/21/08. Motion carried 4-0

- City of Trenton; re: Ice House: For informational purposes only, Mr. McQueen addressed the permit issue for the old ice house. Building Official Frank Ritter performed a Change of Occupancy and Compliance Inspection on said structure

located at 111 NW 4th Avenue. Mr. Ritter noted that the building is not structurally stable and could collapse.

Mr. Paul Metts, property owner, wanted to obtain permits to allow him to do some porch work on the structure.

Mr. McQueen stated that Mr. Metts had brought a sealed letter that was received today from Mr. Bouda, Structural Engineer, which Mr. Ritter will review this evening.

Mr. McQueen stated that he thinks that they will go ahead and issue permits for Mr. Metts to do porch work and then Mr. Bouda will provide information needed to ensure the safety of the old ice house. No Board action taken.

Code Enforcement: Mr. McQueen presented the Monthly Report for January 2009 for the Boards information as submitted by Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official. Mr. McQueen also presented a request for Ms. Rondolet to be allowed the use of the County vehicle, to and from work, no personal use, while her personal vehicle is being repaired.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the temporary use of the County vehicle to and from work for Code Enforcement Official, Diane Rondolet. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas arrived at 2:17 p.m.

Emergency Management

- Amendment to Debris Contract: Chief Ron Mills, EM, presented an amendment to the original Debris Contract that requires an additional form (FHWA Form 1273) to avoid any conflict in the reimbursement process for Federal Aid Eligible Roads; this form must accompany contracts on file.

Chief Mills stated that DRC Emergency Services has already submitted an executed amendment to be signed off on by the Chairman of BoCC. The amendments from the other two (2) contractors are yet to be received.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the First Amendment to the Debris Contract for all three (3) Contractors and authorizes the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Update on “Debris Monitor” Proposals: Chief Mills stated that the review of the proposal for “Debris Monitor” is complete. It was the Review Committee’s recommendation that the County contract with two (2) of the companies with no primary designation. The two (2) companies recommended are Malcom-Pirnie and Beck Disaster Recovery.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Review Committee’s recommendation and contract with Malcom-Pirnie and Beck Disaster Recovery for “Debris Monitors”. Motion carried unanimously.

- Proclamation 2009-01; Hazardous Materials Awareness Week: Chief Mills presented Proclamation 2009-01 for Boards approval and Chairman’s signature. It is being requested that the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County proclaim the week of January 18-24, 2009, as “Hazardous Awareness Week” in Gilchrist County.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Proclamation 2009-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Hart Springs

- Quotes for Golf Cart: Mr. McQueen presented three (3) quotes for the purchase of a golf cart for Hart Springs. The following quotes were received:

1. Hogan Brothers, Inc. \$2,620.00
2. Craig Carter Golf Cars, Inc. \$2,884.69
3. Town & Country Golf Cars, Inc. \$4,425.07

Ms. Julie Harrison, Park Manager, recommended that the low quote from Hogan Brothers, Inc. be considered for approval.

Mr. McQueen stated that Ms. Harrison had budgeted \$2,500.00 for a golf cart in this years budget; she will meet with Finance and determine where to fund the \$120.00 from to make up the difference.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the purchase of a golf cart from Hogan Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$2,620.00, for Hart Springs; and to meet with Finance to determine funding for the \$120.00 difference. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS

- Ambulance Rate Increase Request: Mr. McQueen presented a request from Linda Walker, EMS Chief, to increase the ambulance base rates. He stated that Medicare had recently increased their fee schedule for base rates and mileage reimbursement. In order to receive the highest level of reimbursement from Medicare, Ms. Walker requests the following changes:

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Mileage	\$9.63 per mile	\$10.00 per mile
ALS Level 1	\$365.00	\$375.00
ALS Level 2	\$525.00	\$545.00
BLS Emergency	\$310.00	\$315.00
BLS non Emergency	\$200.00	\$210.00

Discussion took place...It was agreed that a policy needed to be established allowing EMS to automatically revise their rates to reflect the changes Medicare may have in the fee schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the new rate changes for the EMS Fee Schedule and authorize any future rate changes made by Medicare. Motion carried unanimously.

S.E. 50th Street: Mr. McQueen addressed the issue of paving S.E. 50th Street, for ¼ mile. He stated that Mr. Larry Rogers had made an offer to pave the said street requesting the County reimburse him for the expense of the asphalt only. The cost of the asphalt at today's rate would be an expense of approximately \$12-15,000.00. Engineering services would be considered by Lee Mills. It was recommended that the offer be put in writing and brought back to the Board for further consideration. No Board action taken at this time.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2009-01; Amending Civil Citation Language: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was noticed for adoption at this meeting. Ordinance 2009-01 was approved during this meeting.

Amendment to Land Development Code: Mr. McPherson stated that Staff and the Planning Commission have been working on an ordinance that would make various minor changes and corrections to the Land Development Code. He presented a draft ordinance along with an explanatory memo for the Boards' review. He recommended that this be set for adoption hearing during February. It was agreed upon to set an adoption hearing at 5:00 p.m. at the February 16, 2009 meeting to consider this ordinance for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to allow the County Attorney to move forward to advertise Ordinance 2009-02, LDC Glitch Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

LCCC-Related Roadway: Mr. McPherson stated that the deeds have been prepared and delivered to Ron McQueen to get signatures. Mr. McQueen stated that he would be taking the deeds with him to the January 12, 2009 meeting for signatures.

RFQ for Engineering Services: Mr. McPherson stated that he has prepared an ad for publication in the newspaper which he had submitted for the Boards review. This ad will be published this month and set a deadline for response.

Blue Springs v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that on behalf of the County Commission he had filed a Response to the Order to Show Cause. A copy will be provided to the Commissioners.

Saunders v. Gilchrist County: Mr. McPherson stated that there is no activity at this time and is waiting for action by court on question whether appeal filed late.

Gilchrist County v. Richard: Mr. McPherson stated that the hearing on contempt motion was held on December 16. Judge Glant said he would issue an Order to Show Cause why Lisa Richard should not be held in contempt of Court.

FAC, etc. v. Conflict Counsels and Department of Revenue: Mr. McPherson stated that the trial court entered Summary Judgment in favor of the Counties. The Judge ruled that the requirement that the Counties pay for the Regional Conflict Counsel is unconstitutional; no word yet on whether the State is going to appeal.

Abandoned Livestock: Mr. McPherson addressed the issue of abandoned livestock. The County has no idea who owns the livestock and thus could not serve the owner as required by the statute. Since September no one has made any attempt to claim the animals. After discussion with Lynn Watson, Ron McQueen, and Joe Gilliam, it was decided to treat the animals as abandoned without seeking a court order to that effect. Lynn and Karen are working on finding homes for the animals.

Recent Open Meetings Case: Mr. McPherson provided information on a recent Open Meetings Case of Finch v. Seminole County School Board. The Seminole County School Board was involved in the preparation of a redistricting plan. A bus tour was organized to view some boundary issues. Two school board members were on the bus, but were kept separated at opposite ends of the bus and had no discussions with each other. A member of the press was invited to go along. Despite these safeguards the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal ruled that there was an open meetings violation. The court acknowledged that there is a fact-finding exception to the open meetings law, but that such exception applies only to meetings among staff, and not to meetings among the ultimate decision makers. No word yet on whether the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Clerk's Report

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

Inmate Hospital Bills

- Samuel Pittman: Mr. Gilliam presented inmate hospital bills on Samuel Pittman, in the amount of \$16,876.50. Mr. McPherson had reviewed these invoices and noticed that Mr. Pittman has personal health insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield. He called the hospital and they are looking into why we were billed for this instead of Mr. Pittman's insurance being billed. It was recommended to hold off on processing payment for this invoice until further notice. No Board action at this time.
- Josh Sullivan: Mr. Gilliam presented the hospital bill on inmate Josh Sullivan, in the amount of \$2,973.00. Mr. McPherson also recommended holding off on processing payment until further notice. He stated that Mr. Sullivan was the passenger in Mr. Pittman's vehicle and his car insurance should have been billed, not the County. No Board action at this time.
- Carolyn Boudreau and Susan Hill: Mr. Gilliam presented the hospital bills for inmates Carolyn Boudreau, in the amount of \$7,525.20 and for Susan Hill, in the amount of \$266.01 for payment.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve payment for the Inmate Hospital Bills for inmate Carolyn Boudreau, in the amount of \$7,525.20 and inmate Susan Hill, in the amount of \$266.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Dixie County Inmate Housing: Mr. Gilliam presented for payment the invoice for the housing of inmates in Dixie County, in the amount of \$8,480.04, for the month of November 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Dixie County Inmate Housing invoice, in the amount of \$8,480.04 for the month of November 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2008-87; Sunshine Law: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2008-87 which had been approved by the Board at the December 1st meeting. Mr. Gilliam read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2008-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRES STATE LEGISLATURE TO OPERATE UNDER THE SAME SUNSHINE LAW AS COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve Resolution 2008-87 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislation Delegation Hearing: Mr. Gilliam announced that the Legislation Delegation Hearing would be held on January 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting facility of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners. No Board action required.

Motor Fuel Usage: Mr. Gilliam presented, for the Boards review and information, the Motor Fuel Usage reports from October '07 through September '08, and October, November and December 2008 and discussed recent fuel costs. Discussion took place. No Board action required.

Estimated Revenue Reductions per LCIR: Mr. Gilliam presented the Estimated Revenue Reductions per LCIR for the Boards information. Discussion took place. No Board action required.

Bid Results on Loan for Tractor/Mower: Mr. Gilliam presented the bids results on the loan for the purchase of a tractor/mower for the Road Department. The bids received are as follows:

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| 1. Ameris Bank | Interest Rate | 4.27% | Annually |
| 2. Capital City Bank | Interest Rate | 4.84% | Quarterly |
| 3. Drummond Bank | Interest Rate | 4.69% | Annually |

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve low bid from Ameris Bank with the interest rate of 4.27% Annually, for the loan to purchase a tractor/mower. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Recap: Mr. Gilliam presented and reviewed the Budget Recap Report for Fiscal Year 2009 for the period ending December 31, 2008. No Board action required.

SBA Investments: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of the investments the County has with the State Board of Administration and FLGIT. He stated that he and the Director of Finance had been reviewing the ways that the interest on our investments could be improved. Mr. Gilliam stated that he was advised that one alternate way to invest was for the County to consider investing in CD's (Certificate of Deposit). One issue is that the investments need to be liquid ensure the funds are accessible fairly quickly.

Mr. Gilliam requested approval from the Board to allow him and Finance to invest County funds up to \$1 million in CD's to achieve higher interest rates than SBA.

The Board agreed to allow Mr. Gilliam and Finance Director to move forward with investing up to \$1 million in CD's to achieve higher interest rates than SBA.

Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Kenrick Thomas addressed the issue of an old surplus bus that had been requested for the use of hauling food by the Food Pantry. The bus had already been declared surplus and will be transferred/donated for public use to the Food Pantry (Rick Weder).

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to transfer the surplus bus to Rick Weder for public use by the Food Pantry Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Tommy Langford is to be scheduled on the next Board meeting agenda to present donated flags from the offices of Senator Mel Martinez and Congressman Cliff Stearns to the Board of County Commissioners.

Road Department Report

- Monthly Limerock Report: Mr. Justin Watson, Road Department Superintendent, presented the November 2008, Monthly Townsend Pit Limerock Report as follows:

			<u>Loads paid for out of Stock Pile</u>
District 1	39	Loads	00
District 2	23	Loads	00
District 3	40	Loads	00
District 4	54	Loads	00
District 5	33	Loads	10
Shop Stock Pile	54	Loads	00
Solid Waste	<u>08</u>	<u>Loads</u>	<u>00</u>
Monthly Total	251	Loads	10 Loads

- Insurance Information on Grader #29: Mr. Watson provided information that he had received by email from Mr. Stephen Kotzin, Regional General Adjuster, regarding the insurance coverage on the grader that had burned:

Per Mr. Kotzin, his email read... *This will confirm my conversation with Billy Cannon advising that the grader is a total loss. Stated value on the policy is \$128,758 less \$2,500 deduct = \$126,258 net loss. This is subject to carrier/PGIT approval. I will be submitting this shortly to PGIT for authority to conclude.*

In the meantime, two representatives from Ring Power Corporation, Josh Edsiel and Robert Burkehead presented options on the purchase of a replacement of the grader for the Board's consideration.

Discussion took place...it was agreed upon to wait and see what the Legislature Special Session does before any decisions are made.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn: With there being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Attest:

Sharon A. Langford, Chair

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court