

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Public Hearing** on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Trenton High School Auditorium located at 1013 North Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's present to-wit:

Commissioner Tommy Langford, Chairman
Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Randy Durden
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

Others in Attendance

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; John McPherson, County Attorney; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Taylor Brown, GC Planning Director; Ray Earl Thomas, Jr., P.A., Agent for Blue Springs Properties, Inc.; Kim Davis & Barr Family; and Concerned Citizens of Gilchrist and surrounding Counties.

Call to Order

Chairman Tommy Langford called this Public Hearing to order at 6:08 p.m.

Opening Statements

Mr. John K. McPherson, County Attorney, explained that the hearing procedures would be quasi judicial and Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, swore in all those participants addressing the Board during public participation.

Special Use Permit; DMI/SUP 08-04: Mr. Taylor Brown, Gilchrist County Planning Director, addressed the Board presenting a power point on the application received from by Ray Earl Thomas, Jr., P.A., agent for Blue Springs Property, Inc., for the Development of Major Impact – Special Use Permit, for Spring Water Bottling Plant, Warehousing, Packing and Parking, on an agriculturally zoned property located near the intersection of CR 341 & NE 60th Street; parcel # 02-08-16-0000-0002-0010.

Mr. Ray Earl Thomas, Jr., P.A., Agent for Blue Springs Properties, Inc., submitted a packet for the record as additional information and reviewed for the Board's information and consideration.

Ms. Kimberly J. Davis, owner of Blue Springs Properties, Inc., addressed the Board with her proposal on the request for a Special Use Permit for a bottling plant. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Barr, Mr. H.M. "Matt" Barr, are also owners of the said properties.

Mr. Thomas continued with the explanation of the exhibits that he submitted on behalf of the application for the special use permit as he questioned Ms. Davis in regards to each exhibit submitted as evidence, for the record.

It was noted for the record, that Chairman Tommy Langford authorized ALL exhibits presented be allowed to be entered into as evidence.

Mr. William Karl, a registered professional engineer, with Environmental Consultant Technologies, Gainesville, Florida, submitted as Exhibit “F” the Gilchrist County Noise Survey Results. He explained the report on noise levels. His report and testimony were entered into the record as evidence. Public input was received.

Mr. Thomas then excused Mr. Karl and examined Mr. Matt Barr, one of the owners of the Blue Springs Properties, Inc., in reference to Exhibit “A-8” County History on NW 182nd Avenue. (Mr. Thomas moved Exhibit A-8 into the record as evidence). Public input was received.

BREAK...

Chairman Tommy Langford called the Public hearing back to order...

Mr. Thomas presented a power point presentation on economics, taxes, new jobs, and operations relating to the benefits of the proposed use of the spring water bottling plant. Mr. Thomas turned the floor over to Mr. Steven Boyes with GeoSolutions, Inc., who concluded the presentation. Public input was received on Mr. Boyes report.

Moving on, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Davis continued with the discussion on the acreage, potential foot size, and infrastructure, as well as other topics, of the proposed plant. Discussion continued for a while.

Mr. Taylor Brown, GC Planning Director, took the floor and submitted his resume (for informational purposes only) and addressed the Staff’s findings on the proposed application. These findings are included as part of the Staff’s Report, submitted as part of the official records.

Mr. Brown also stated that is was the Planning Commission’s recommendation *to DENY the DMI/SUP 08-04 based on the general lack of compatibility and harmony with the uses and structures on adjacent and nearby properties, public infrastructures, safety issues regarding trucks, and the lighting.*

At this time, the floor opened for public participation. Mr. McPherson reminded participants that any questions for Ms. Davis must be addressed to the Chairman.

The following concerned citizens are those who requested to address the Gilchrist County, Board of County Commissioners, noting whether they were “for” the special use permit being granted or if they were “opposing” it.

Steven T. Gladin	For	Joseph Mulcahy	Opposed
Bobby Wooddell	Opposed	James Tatum	Opposed
Jacki Clark	Opposed	Joyce Ferrante	Opposed
Renee Welton	Opposed	Vivian Elliot	Opposed
Russell Apple	Opposed	Steve Baker	Opposed
Jeffery Spencer	Opposed	Crystal Burnett	Opposed
Russ Augspurg	Opposed	Carolyn Baker	Opposed
Albert Rice, Jr.	Opposed	Don Paulsen	Opposed
Rob Brinkman	Opposed	Joel Clark	Opposed
Barbara Ferguson	Opposed	Mary Lou Rider	Opposed
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson	Opposed	Catherine B. Gramatzki	Opposed
Jack Cuthbertson	Opposed	Bill Escue	Opposed
Dave Smith	Opposed	Bob Kerkel	Opposed

Mary Ann Smith	Opposed	James P. Johnson	Opposed
Johanna Wyatt	Opposed	Bobby Simmon	Opposed
John Malone	Opposed	Mike Gianikas	Opposed
Elayne Dubin	Opposed	Jacqueline Pace	Opposed
Lily Apple	Opposed	Pat Galiger	Opposed
Cathy Street	Opposed	Saroj Earl	Opposed
Wanda Baxter	Opposed	Gere Woodruff	Opposed
Laurel Lynch	Opposed	Toni McIntosh	Opposed
Gloria Kennedy	Opposed		
William Gilchrist	Opposed		
Martha A. Strawn	Opposed		
Joe Rice	Opposed		
Rhonda Long	Opposed		
Joseph (Doc) Halliday	Opposed		
John Class, Jr.	Opposed		
Robert Gay	Opposed		
Fred Bowdoin	Opposed		
Dannette R. Pender	Opposed		
Judy Langlier	Opposed		
Jack Langlier	Opposed		
Robert Linnens	Opposed		
Pamela Mincey	Opposed		
William R. Martin	Opposed		
Diane Mulchay	Opposed		

During the public participation, 10:50 p.m., *a motion was made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to continue the hearing until midnight. Motion carried 5-0.* Public Participation continued with those noted above.

Mr. McPherson brought to the Boards attention that it is now 11:45 p.m. and recommended that a motion be made to continue the hearing...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to continue the hearing until 1:00 a.m. Public Participation continued with those noted above.

Upon conclusion of the last public participant, the Chairman asked Mr. Thomas if he had any further business, Mr. Thomas had no further business.

Chairman Tommy Langford concluded public comments, with Mr. McPherson and Mr. Thomas concurring.

Commissioner Randy Durden made **a motion to DENY the DMI/SUP 08-04 based on the general compatibility and harmony with the uses and structures on adjacent and nearby properties, public infrastructure, safety issues regarding trucks and lighting; and not compatible with the Gilchrist County Vision Statement; and authorizing the Chairman to sign the Final Order. Commissioner Sharon A. Langford seconded the motion.**

At this time, each Commissioner expressed their concerns/views on the proposed application for a special use permit as applied for by Ray Earl Thomas, Jr., P.A., Agent for Blue Springs Properties, Inc.

Chairman Tommy Langford called for a vote...**the motion to *DENY* DMI/SUP 08-04 carried 4-1, with Commissioner Tommy Langford voting, NO.**

Adjourn

With there being no further business/discussion, this Public Hearing was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Approved:

Randy Durden, Chairman

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court