

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 22, 2010**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on **Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's present to-wit:

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

Others in Attendance

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance; Patty McCagh, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary; Georgia Mills, Deputy Clerk/Finance Department; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Fire Chief Carols Perez; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Pat Fisher, Solid Waste Supervisor; EMS Chief, Linda Walker; Fire Captain, Billy Careccia; EM Chief Ron Mills; Code Enforcement Officer, Diane Rondolet; and Animal Services Officer, Tanya Rippy.

Call to Order: Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. called this budget workshop to order at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Tommy Langford delivered the invocation and Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, led the pledge of allegiance.

Other Agencies

The Board had requested that representatives from Other Agencies only be scheduled to be present if their budget requests reflected an increase, from last year.

Gilchrist Soil & Water: Mr. Gilliam stated that after submitting their original budget request, Gilchrist Soil & Water asked for their proposed budget request to be revised.

Mr. Gilliam explained that they have the opportunity to fund a position. A letter was sent asking them to be present to explain the revised numbers; no one was present.

Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, explained that a copy of the revised budget was included in the packet handed out to all Board members. She stated that the revision is to help keep the existing part-time educational coordinator; grant funding was lost. Their budget request of \$17,216.00 includes an additional \$4,000.00.

The Board tabled Gilchrist Soil & Water request until they can be present.

Food Pantry: Rick Weder (not present) with the Food Pantry had submitted a budget request in the amount of \$10,400.00, which included an additional amount of \$5,200.00 from last year's budget request. Discussion took place...

The Board agreed to hold funding to the Food pantry at \$5,200.00 for FY 10/11.

Senior Bus Program: Mr. Norm Conti submitted a request asking the Board fund him an additional \$1,350.00 to pay the volunteer bus drivers for the Seniors "Free Bus Rides".

Discussion took place... **The Board agreed to budget up to \$1,800.00 for FUEL for bus travel; NO volunteer pay.**

Budget Update: Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, presented a Budget Recap with changes since July 19, 2010. Included in the changes was the Sheriff's revised budget, without the pay increases.

Fire

Mr. McQueen presented the announcement of Chief Carlos Perez's intent to retire on September 27, 2010, from the Gilchrist County Fire Department.

Chief Carlos Perez and Captain Billy Careccia (and EMS Chief Linda Walker) were present for discussion on the proposed budget for FIRE.

- BOCC **currently agreed** to leave the 3rd Unit and Training Facility, in the proposed budget, a total in the amount of \$802,446.00, for FIRE

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve the FIRE budget request, in the amount of \$802,446.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- The County Administrator and Committee (Commissioner Durden, Clerk/Staff) will develop a proposed Staffing Plan on Fire with the retirement of Chief Perez

EMS

Chief Linda Walker was present for discussion on the proposed budget for EMS.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the EMS budget request, as submitted, in the amount of \$2,169,960.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste

Pat Fisher, Supervisor, was present for discussion on the proposed budget for Solid Waste.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve the Solid Waste budget request, as submitted, in the amount of \$1,473,688.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation

Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, was present for discussion on the proposed budget for Transportation.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Transportation budget request, as submitted, in the amount of \$2,239,640.00, with transfer in from General of \$413,565.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of a negative balance in the amount of \$1,849.00 in the Fire budget. This issue will be brought back for review.

This concludes the Budget Workshop.

Other Issues

Animal Control: Mr. McQueen presented quotes for the enclosure of the Animal Shelter. The total cost for the shelter enclosure, including a contingency, reflects the amount of \$32,368.86. Mr. McQueen requested that Finance be allowed to transfer funds out of this year's current budget for funding this project.

Ms. Tanya Rippey, Animal Control Officer, was asked to explain what the funds raised by the Fund Raiser would be used for. She stated that she would like for these funds to be placed in a separate line item for food, instead of using budgeted monies, and anything else that may be needed for the shelter.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve the total cost of \$32,368.86, for the Animal Shelter Enclosure; and the transfer of funds from Personal Services to Operating Expenses to complete the Animal Control Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Usage Committee Update: Commissioner Sharon Langford provided a list of requests made by the Board at the last meeting that were discussed for the use of the Senior Center by senior citizens of Gilchrist County. She requested the Boards confirmation on the issues addressed for her to present them to the Building Usage Committee meeting to be held this upcoming Monday.

If Mrs. Frances Terry has any questions or issues with the requests made by the County Commission, Commissioner Langford will extend an invitation for her to be present at our next meeting.

Water Issues on Countyline Road: Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, present a power point presentation on the water damage done on Countyline Road. He stated that another issue occurring on this road is weight limit. Discussion took place...

The Board directed Mr. Cannon to contact the County Attorney to draft an ordinance for Weight Limit Restrictions and bring back for the Boards consideration.

County Road 344 Cul-de-sac: Commissioner Harrison addressed the issue of unauthorized parking along the roadside and cul-de-sac at the end of CR 344 just past the Hart Springs Boat Ramp turn-off. He recommended that NO Parking signs be put up.

Discussion took place...

The Board agreed for “NO Parking in Right-of-Way” signs to be put up from Hart Springs Boat Ramp Road to the end of the cul-de-sac.

Adjourn

With no further business/discussion, *a motion was made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Harrison adjourned the Budget Workshop at 5:40 p.m.

Attest:

Gilchrist County
Board of County Commissioners

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court

D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman