

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, September 20, 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 members' present to-wit:

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

Others in Attendance: Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Ron McQueen, County Administrator; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Georgia Mills, Deputy Clerk/Finance; Lee Mills, County Engineer; Steve Minnis, SRWMD; Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager; Mitchell Gentry, Hart Springs Manager; Ron Mills, EM Chief; Charlotte Pedersen, SHIP Administrator; Sean McKillip, Ring Power Representative; Richard & Leslie Esseck; James Catlin; and Steve Gladin.

Call to Order: Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Commissioner Randy Durden delivering the invocation and Commissioner Tommy Langford leading the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Consent Agenda - Budget Entries:

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| BE10-031, Fund 001, General Revenue | \$128,888.00 |
| BE10-031A, Fund 001, General Revenue | \$ 17,081.00 |
| BE10-032, Fund 140, Transportation | \$ 17,911.00 |
| BE10-033, Fund 141, Transportation Impact | \$ 58,585.00 |
| BE10-034, Fund 301, Capital Outlay | \$ 87,360.00 |
| BE10-035, Fund 434, Solid Waste | \$ 23,500.00 |
 2. Addition: Steve Minnis, SRWMD; Presentation of Payment in Lieu of Taxes
 3. Addition: Budget Recap FY 2011
 4. Addition: A/C Bid Results
 5. Addition: FDLE Byrne Grant Award; Street Crimes & Rural Drug Enforcement Program, \$52,257.00
- Mr. Ron McQueen, the County Administrator presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Parks & Recreation; Discussion on Boat Ramps and Parks
 2. Addition: Public Safety; Request for approval for EM Base Grant FY10/11
- Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, presented the following agenda change:
 1. Addition: Resolution 2010-59, Voter Referendum

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

Consent Agenda

Budget Entries

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| BE10-027, Fund 001, General Fund | \$ 1,235.00 |
| BE10-028, Fund 140, Transportation | \$12,000.00 |
| BE10-029, Fund 434, Solid Waste | \$ 3,800.00 |

Request for Payment Approval

- Dixie County Inmate Housing (August 2010) \$7,920.23
- Inmate Medical Bills
 - 1. Russell Jones (8/24-26/2010)\$1,684.15
 - 2. Russell Jones (8/24-26/2010)\$3,031.47
 - 3. Russell Jones (8/22-23/2010), Shands \$4,374.50
 - 4. Andrew Ward (8/20/2010), Shands \$1,125.54
- Mills Engineering
 - 1. Invoice 2010046, Resurface Sun Springs Rd \$1,550.76
 - 2. Invoice 2008093, Otter Springs Surface Water Treatment \$3,796.09
 - 3. Invoice 2009069, Widen & Resurface CR337\$2,480.55

Disposition Requests

- Road Department
Tag #2825, Systemax Computer (cannibalized)

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

County Administrator's Report

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

SRWMD Grant for Remodel of Spring House Lodge: Mr. McQueen presented the bid results that were received for the renovation of the Spring House Lodge at Otter Springs as follows:

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| 1. Hansen Construction | \$37,000.00 |
| 2. Little & Williams, Inc. | \$53,100.00 |
| 3. Leslie Sapp Construction | \$43,816.00 |

Mr. McQueen stated that the Suwannee River Water Management District has award the County a grant, in the amount of \$48,000.00. These funds will be used to cover the cost of the renovation of the Spring House Lodge.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to award/approve Hansen Construction, as low bid, for the Spring House Lodge renovation (Otter Springs), in the amount of \$37,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Meeting Recap: Mr. McQueen presented a list of recommendations regarding the increase of rates at both Hart and Otter Springs. They are as follows:

1. Increasing the price of monthly camping rates for Hart Springs and Otter Springs; from \$305.00 for 30 amp to \$410.00 and from \$315.00 for 50 amp to \$425.00
2. Increase the cost of per weekly camping from \$120.00 to \$144.00
3. Make four (4) month stay limit with exception (extensions) left to the discretion of the park manager. Winter guests are excluded and can stay six (6) months per agreement when reserving.
4. Spring hopping at Hart and Otter with a combination annual pass; \$110.00

Discussion took place... Mitchell Gentry, Hart Springs Manager and Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager, were both present for discussion.

Mr. McPherson suggested that if the Board should consider all four (4) recommendations that he be directed to bring back the rate changes in the form of a resolution for the Board to accept.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the increase of rates for both Hart and Otter Springs as presented; and to direct the County Attorney to bring back in the form of a resolution for the Boards acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.

Otter Springs (SW 70th Street) Road Update: Mr. McQueen stated that he had received a phone call from Virginia Hipp requesting to meet on Monday at three o'clock to go over her obligations under the contract on the SW 70th Street project. Mr. Lee Mills was present and Mr. McQueen requested that he provide the Board with an update on the said project.

Mr. Mills stated that he had selected three (3) locations and performed density tests of the roadway base. The base was the contractor's responsibility.

Of the three locations that were tested there were two failures; both failures occurred in one hole. In his experience, in a base, this should have not caused a depressed surface; this was simply because of the finish, not due to the rock. He stated that he contacted Ms. Hipp and advised her on his findings. Ms. Hipp informed him of the meeting to take place on Monday to discuss the project.

Mr. Mills stated that the surface treatment itself looks good. He believes that the problem is the underlying base; the base just wasn't prepared as good as it could have been.

Mr. McQueen stated that he and Mr. Mills had discussed another issue, the grade. The grade had not been tested yet, but there are some issues with the drainage and the run off; Mr. Mills stated that this has to do with the surface finish.

Mr. Mills also stated that he hasn't tested the grade or cross section of the road, at this time. This will need to be done to determine if the road was constructed to our specifications.

The issue of withholding any further payment to the contractor, John C. Hipp Construction was discussed. Discussion continued...

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to withhold any/all further payments to John C. Hipp Construction, until all issues on the Otter Springs Road project are resolved. Motion carried unanimously.

County Road 337: Mr. Mills updated the Board on the CR 337 project. He stated that he is waiting on a letter from Alachua County. The permits are being held up until we receive proof that Alachua County agrees with our project although it is funded by FDOT. As of date, we have not received but have moved forward with going out for bid this week.

Citizen's response to Spring Ridge Special Assessment Issues: Mr. McQueen provided for the Boards information, a copy of an email that he had received from Ms. Beth Murphy, concerning the paving of the Spring Ridge Roads. No Board action taken at this time.

Solid Waste; Contract w/ NCFRPC for Annual Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators: Mr. McQueen presented for the Boards approval and the Chairman's signature, the Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement between Gilchrist County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, for Fiscal Year 2011. The agreement reflects no changes, same as last year; the Planning Council shall be paid \$2,697.00 for services provided in completing the Scope of Services as described in Appendix A of the agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement between Gilchrist County and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, for Fiscal Year 2011; and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Center Usage Policy: Mr. McQueen presented the *final draft* for the Facility Usage Policy as prepared by the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Discussion took place on the sections regarding the age of senior citizens and the liability clause...

The Board agreed for Commissioner Sharon Langford to address these issues at the next SREC, Inc. meeting that she will be attending. No further action taken at this time.

SHIP: Ms. Charlotte Pedersen, SHIP Administrator, and Mr. McQueen presented the following five (5) requests, as recommended by SHIP Loan Review Committee, on the following applicants for SHIP Loans, for the Boards approval:

- Celia DelRio, Extremely Low Income Category, new construction, loan amount \$40,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve SHIP Loan for Celia DelRio, in the amount of \$40,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Christine Campbell, Very Low Income Category, rehab cost TBD, loan amount up to \$40,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve SHIP Loan for Christine Campbell, up to \$40,000.00 for rehab (true cost TBD). Motion carried unanimously.

- Barbara Geiman, Extremely Low Income Category, Existing Purchase, loan amount up to \$40,000.00; this application is currently in foreclosure and it was considered by the SHIP Loan Review Committee to be high risk...discussion took place

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to DENY the request for a SHIP Loan for Barbara Geiman. Motion carried unanimously.

- Stephanie White, Very Low Income Category, purchase existing home, loan amount \$40,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve SHIP Loan for Stephanie White, in the amount of \$40,000.00, for the purchase of an existing home. Motion carried unanimously.

- Susanna Davis, Extremely Low Income Category, rehab construction, loan amount \$40,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve SHIP Loan for Susanna Davis, in the amount of \$40,000.00, for rehab construction. Motion carried unanimously.

VA Compensation & Pension Statistics FY 2009/2010: Mr. McQueen presented the VA Compensation & Pension Statistics for FY 2009/2010 as submitted by Major Stroupe, County Veterans Service Officer. Informational purposes only.

Resignation of Michael Chapman: Mr. McQueen presented the resignation of Michael Chapman, Computer Systems Manager, effective September 8, 2010, for the Board acceptance.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to accept the resignation of Michael Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

4:30 p.m. Time Certain; Road Department Report

Rock Crusher Update: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Supervisor, provided the Board with an update on the rock crusher. He stated that the rock crusher was up and going last week and it was performing the best he had ever seen it crush rock.

Request for Speed Limit Reduction on SW 40th Street: Mr. Cannon presented a request by Mr. Scott Ambrose for a speed limit reduction in front of his house, located on SW 40th Street, across from the rodeo arena. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to instruct the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance reducing the speed limit to 30 mph on SW 40th street. Motion carried unanimously.

Sean McKillip, Caterpillar/Ring Power Representative: Mr. Cannon announced that the new motor grader (with no steering wheel) will be delivered tomorrow. He introduced Mr. Sean McKillip, Manager with Ring Power/Caterpillar Ocala store.

Mr. McKillip requested that the Board consider writing a *Letter of Intent* be sent to Ring Power/Caterpillar, for the interest of purchase two (2) Motor Graders in FY 2010/2011. The *Letter of Intent* would allow Ring Power to utilize the current price on the Florida Sheriff's Contract for the purchase of two (2) Motor Graders to take place in FY 10/11.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve a Letter of Intent to be forwarded to Ring Power. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Agenda Change...

Request for approval for EM Base Grant FY10/11: Mr. Ron Mills, EM Chief, presented the 2010-2011 Emergency Management Base Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$77,043.00, for the Boards approval and the Chairman's signature.

This agreement will be for the period of October 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; a nine month agreement allowing the GC Emergency Management program to align with the State fiscal year operating period.

Motion made Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the EM Base Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$77,043.00 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Agenda Change...

Steve Minnis, SRWMD: Mr. Steve Minnis, Suwannee River Water Management District, addressed the Board and presented a Payment in Lieu of Taxes, from the Water management District. He presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$43,990.20 (less the portion for Otter Springs).

The Board accepted the check for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the SRWMD, in the amount of \$43,990.20. No action required.

Attorney's Report

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

Resolution 2010-59, Voter Referendum: Mr. McPherson presented, as an agenda change, Resolution 2010-59, Opposing an amendment that require submission of ALL changes to a Comp plan to voter referendum.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2010-59. Chairman Harrison read the short title for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL CHANGES TO A LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO VOTER REFERENDUM

Chairman Harrison then called any further discussion, none noted; he then called for a vote...
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Harrison requested that a fully executed copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Gilchrist County Cattleman's Association and the local Farm Bureau.

Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Road Impact Fees in the City of Fanning Springs: Mr. McPherson provided a proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Fanning Springs for the collection of road impact fees within the city; Staff recommends approval.

Mr. McPherson stated that Mr. McQueen has been working with Fanning Springs. Mr. McQueen stated that there was a change with their Building Inspection Services and they now initiate the building permits in Fanning Springs so they collect the fees and remit it to the County. Discussion took place...

The Board agreed for the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fanning Springs be brought back for consideration allowing time for further information to be gathered on the collection (opting in) and disbursement of Road Impact Fees.

Ford Ambulance Class Action: Mr. McPherson stated that two checks were received as the County's portion of a settlement reached in the class action lawsuit. He stated that he had sent information to class counsel documenting the County's claims, but had not heard anything from them since early last year when we were informed that settlement was being considered. We were not informed, so far, that a settlement had actually been reached and approved by the judge back in August of 2009.

The checks we received were in the amounts of \$2,256.87 for one of the vehicles, and \$300 for the other. Linda Walker informed him that the ambulance for which the check is only \$300 had all of its work covered under warranty – the \$300 is for the three \$100 warranty deductibles paid by the County. The other ambulance did not have all of its work covered by warranty, and it was understood that the \$2,256.87 covers the County's out of pocket costs for repairs on that truck. There are other benefits provided by the settlement, such as extended warranties on the trucks, which the County may receive some benefit from.

Mr. McPherson stated that we were hoping to get compensated for such things as the lost value of the ambulances, but the settlement agreement does not cover such losses; keeping in mind that the County did not have to spend anything in litigation costs to receive this settlement.

Mr. McPherson recommended that the County Commission accept the settlement amounts by directing Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, to deposit the checks.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Randy Durden, for the County to accept the settlement amounts of \$2,256.87 and \$300.00, from the Class Action Law Suit on two (2) Ford Ambulances. Motion carried unanimously.

Travelocity, Etc. Class Action: Mr. McPherson stated that coincidentally, another class action that the County is a party to is about to be settled. He stated that this is the litigation that challenged the manner in which websites such as Travelocity and Orbitz pay tourist development taxes. The County did not opt out as a member of the plaintiff class and so is entitled to share in the settlement and would be bound by it in the future.

Mr. McPherson stated that the settlement proposal appears strange for a number of reasons; first, it provides for payment of back taxes over several years without any acknowledgment that the travel websites have done anything wrong. It then provides that the travel websites will not owe any tourist development taxes over the next 2 or 3 years, depending on the website, without any explanation as to how it is that a settlement agreement can override a tax lawfully imposed under state law; finally, it does not say anything about what happens after the 2 or 3 year hiatus – have the websites agreed that they should start paying taxes in the manner asserted by the counties, or not?

Mr. McPherson also stated that he was not sure if it is good news or bad news, but Gilchrist County does not have to worry itself over all this. As part of the preparation for trial, an expert had been hired to determine how much tax had been lost through onsite bookings. The expert found that three counties, Gilchrist being one of them, had not lost anything and no past taxes were due. The Court ordered that since the three counties were not gaining anything from the settlement, they would be allowed to opt out upon request.

Mr. McPherson recommended that he be authorized to file a document exercising the County's right to opt out, and let the larger counties hash out the settlement agreement as they see fit; whatever they agree to, the County will not be bound by it if we opt out.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to opt out of the Travelocity Class Action Law Suit (as it doesn't apply to Gilchrist County). Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

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

Bids Results: Mr. Gilliam presented the bid results for financing the following equipment:

- 2010 Grader (for the Road Department)

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| Ameris Bank | @ 3.58% |
| Capital City Bank | @ 3.94% |
| Drummond Bank | NO Bid |
| Lafayette State Bank | @ 4.89% |

Mr. Gilliam recommended going with Ameris bank as LOW bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Ameris Bank as LOW bid on financing the 2010 Grader, at 3.58%. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2010 Tractor (for Hart Springs)

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| Ameris Bank | @ 3.25% |
| Capital City Bank | @ 3.42% |
| Drummond Bank | @ NO Bid |
| Lafayette State Bank | @ 4.44% |

Mr. Gilliam recommended going with Ameris Bank as LOW bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Ameris Bank as LOW bid on financing the 2010 Tractor, at 3.25%. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2010 Tractor/Equipment for Otter Springs

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| Ameris Bank | @ 3.58% |
| Capital City Bank | @ 3.94% |
| Drummond Bank | NO Bid |
| Lafayette State Bank | @ 4.89% |

Mr. Gilliam recommended going with Ameris Bank as LOW bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Ameris Bank as LOW bid on financing tractor/Equipment, at 3.58%. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-53 & Promissory Note: Mr. Gilliam presented for the boards approval; and Chairman's signature, Resolution 2010-53 and Promissory Note, for loan at Ameris Bank, in the amount of \$47,747.00, to purchase a tractor and other equipment for Otter Springs.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2010-53. Chairman Harrison then read the short title for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE ~~CLERK~~ CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$47,747.00 TO AMERIS BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR OTTER SPRINGS PARK

Mr. McPherson pointed out a correction to be made in the short title...changing authorizing the ~~CLERK~~ to CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Harrison then called for any further discussion, none noted; he then called for a vote. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolution 2010-54 & Promissory Note: Mr. Gilliam presented for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, Resolution 2010-54 and Promissory Note, for loan at Ameris Bank, in the amount of \$25,857.00, to purchase a tractor and associated equipment, for Hart Springs.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2010-54. Chairman Harrison then read the short title for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE ~~CLERK~~ CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$25,857.00 TO AMERIS BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR HART SPRINGS PARK

Chairman Harrison then called for any further discussion, none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2010-55 & Promissory Note: Mr. Gilliam presented for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, Resolution 2010-55 and Promissory Note, for loan at Ameris Bank, in the amount of \$175,593.00, to purchase a used Motor Grader (for parts).

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2010-55. Chairman Harrison then read the short title for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE ~~CLERK~~ CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$175,593.00 TO AMERIS BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR HART SPRINGS PARK

Chairman Harrison then called for any further discussion, none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2010-56 & BE10-025: Mr. Gilliam presented, for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, Resolution 2010-56 and BE10-025, amending the General Revenue Reserve Budget (001), for the purchase of a tractor and implements, for Hart Springs Park, in the amount of \$25,857.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2010-56 and BE10-025. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-57 & BE10-026: Mr. Gilliam presented, for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, Resolution 2010-57 and BE10-026, amending the Otter Springs Trust Fund Budget (470), for the purchase of a tractor and implements, canoes w/trailers, and picnic tables, for Otter Springs Park, in the amount of \$47,747.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2010-57 and BE10-026. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-58 & BE10-030: Mr. Gilliam presented for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, resolution 2010-58 and BE10-10-30, amending the Solid Waste Fund budget (434), in the amount of \$128,000.00, for the purchase of Mack Truck; the amount of the purchase and loan proceeds were not included in the FY 09/10 Solid Waste Fund budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2010-58 and BE10-030. Motion carried unanimously.

Reimbursements on Ford Ambulances: Mr. Gilliam stated that this issue was addressed and accepted during the Attorney's Report. He did ask for direction on where to put the settlement funds. Discussion took place...

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to authorize the Finance Department to put the settlement funds in the amount of \$2,256.87 and \$300.00 back into the EMS Budget, from the two (2) Ford Ambulances. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain: 5:15 p.m. FINAL Budget Hearing

Opening Statement: Mr. Gilliam stated that this is the second of the two required public hearings to adopt both millage and budgets for Gilchrist County, Fiscal Year 2010/2011. He stated that this is the **FINAL Budget Hearing**, which was advertised in the Gilchrist County Journal. He continued with the procedures that had to be followed during this hearing.

Resolution 2010-49; FINAL Millage Rate: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2010-49 for the Boards approval. Mr. Gilliam stated that the adopted millage rate is 8.2695 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.7217 mills by 5.5%. These funds are needed to fund Personal Services, Operating Expenditures, Capital Outlay and Contingencies.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2010-49. Chairman Harrison read the resolution for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 20, 2010, adopted Fiscal Year FINAL Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$632,415,496.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2010-2011 operating millage rate is 8.2695 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.7217 mills by 5.5%
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 20th Day of September, 2010. Time Adopted 5:21 PM

Chairman Harrison then called for any discussion, none noted; he then called for any public participation, none noted. Chairman Harrison then called for a vote... *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2010-50; FINAL Budget: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2010-50 for the Boards approval. Mr. Gilliam stated that this resolution adopts the budget in the amount of \$23,675,565.00 for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. These funds are needed to fund Personal Services, Operating Expenditures, Capital Outlay and Contingencies.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2010-50. Chairman Harrison read the resolution for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 20, 2010, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$23,675,565.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2010-2011 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 20th Day of September, 2010. Time Adopted 5:22 PM

Chairman Harrison then called for any discussion, none noted; he then called for any public participation, none noted. Chairman Harrison then called for a vote... ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolution 2010-51; FINAL Millage MSTU Rate: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2010-51 for the Boards approval. He stated that this resolution establishes the MSTU Millage Rate; the adopted millage for the MSTU for EMS is 1.0996 mills and is 5.4% below or less than the rolled-back rate of 1.1589 mills.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, to approve Resolution 2010-51. Chairman Harrison read the resolution for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 20, 2010, adopted Fiscal Year FINAL Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners - Municipal Services Taxing Unit as \$643,826,313.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2010-2011 operating millage rate is 1.0996 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 1.1589 mills by 5.4%.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 20th Day of September, 2010. Time Adopted 5:24 PM

Mr. Gilliam stated that these funds are needed to provide Personal Services, Operating Expenses, Capital Outlay and a Contingency.

Chairman Harrison then called for any discussion, none noted; he then called for any public participation, none noted. Chairman Harrison then called for a vote... ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Resolution 2010-52; FINAL MSTU Budget: Mr. Gilliam presented Resolution 2010-52 for the Boards approval. He stated that this resolution is to fund the budget for the EMS fund. The total operating budget for EMS will be \$2,166,230.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2010-52. Chairman Harrison read the resolution for the record as follows:

RESOLUTION 2010-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 20, 2010, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, in the amount of \$2,166,230.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2010-2011 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 20th Day of September, 2010. Time Adopted 5:27 PM

Chairman Harrison then called for any discussion, none noted; he then called for any public participation... Mr. Richard Esseck addressed the Board and questioned where the money goes that is collected by EMS. The Board clarified that the monies collected by EMS are included in the proposed budget.

Chairman Harrison then called for any further discussion, none noted. He then called for a vote... ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Clerk's Report continues...

John C. Hipp Construction: Mr. Gilliam had a pay request that was submitted by John C. Hipp Construction, on the Otter Springs Road project (SW 70th Avenue), in the amount of \$8,615.38, that was considered part of the decision made earlier during this meeting to withhold all payments to Hipp Construction until all issues have been resolved on the Otter Springs Road project. No further action taken on this request.

Pay Request #1 – APAC Southeast, Inc.: Mr. Gilliam presented Pay Request #1, in the amount of \$84,200.30, from APAC – Southeast, Inc., for the Sun Springs Project (SW 20th Street), for the Boards approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Pay Request #1 to APAC Southeast, in the amount of \$84,200.30. Motion carried unanimously.

U of F Preliminary Population Estimate: Mr. Gilliam presented the preliminary estimate of the permanent resident population reflecting the numbers for the County as 17,708 and the Unincorporated Area as 15,219, for Gilchrist County as provided by the U of F Bureau of Economic and Business Research. He requested the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Preliminary Population Estimate and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Agenda Changes...

Air Conditioning Bid Results: Mr. Gilliam presented the bid results for replace the unit #5 air conditioning unit on top of the Courthouse. The bids that were received are as follows:

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| • North Central Florida A/C, Inc. | \$15,865.00 | |
| • Southern Air Systems of North Fl | \$16,177.62 | |
| • Akins Heating & Air | \$10,500.00 | |
| • Millennium Mechanical | \$14,380.00 | alternate bid A/C unit \$10,500 |

Mr. Gilliam recommended the bid from the local contractor, Akins Heating & Air, in the amount of \$10,500.00, for a Lenox unit.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Akins Heating & Air bid, in the amount of \$10,500.00, for the Courthouse unit #5. Motion carried unanimously.

FDLE Byrne Grant Award: Mr. Gilliam presented the award of the FDLE Byrne Grant Award, in the amount of \$52,257.00, for STREET CRIMES & RURAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT Program, for the Boards acceptance and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Gilliam stated that he had contacted the Sheriff to confirm what the funds would be used.

The Sheriff clarified that the funds would be used for overtime on drug related type cases; no new positions.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to accept the award of the FDLE Byrne Grant Award, in the amount of \$52,257.00, for STREET CRIMES & RURAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT Program, and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Recap FY2011: Mr. Gilliam asked Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, to present the Budget Recap for FY 2011.

Ms. Johnson stated that after the September 9, 2010 meeting she reworked the salary dollars to reflect 2% recurring raise rather than the \$750 one-time, per employee. She stated that the net effect to General Fund was an increased amount of \$12,902; a decrease of \$(2,743) to Fire; a decrease of \$(7,857) to EMS; and an increase of \$2,128 to Solid Waste.

Ms. Johnson stated that this left a reserve in the amount of \$738,804.00, in General. Discussion took place... No Board action needed.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Tommy Langford: Commissioner Langford addressed the issue of forming a committee to consider applying County parks and boat ramps, for grants, for improvements. Discussion took place...

The Board agreed that a committee be formed and that a recommendation be brought back for consideration.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None noted.

Adjourn: With there being no further business... *A motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Harrison adjourned at 5:52 p.m.*

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Approved:

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court

D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman