

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2011.

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on Monday, **February 7, 2011**, at **1:30 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 A. Langford
Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman
Commissioner Tommy Langford
Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, Vice Chairman

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; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Billy Cannon, Road Department Supervisor; Ron Mills, EM Chief; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official; Mitchell Gentry, Hart Springs Manager; GCSO, Sgt. Anita Moore, Lt. Cheryl Brown, Tim Bracewell, IT, and Sheriff Daniel Slaughter; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Robin Riley, PRIA; Dave Lucarelli, Extended Health; Lee Mills, Mills Engineering; Virginia and Caleb Johns, Hipp Construction; Pete Butt; Clif Bradley; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Robert Yarbrough; Sheree H. Lancaster; Diane Clifton; Tim Hastings; Donna Creamer; Jon Gray; Todd Gray; Alex & Leon Wyskowski; Don Bennink; Jordan Hagan; Tracy Cowart; and Donald Green.

Call to Order: Chairman Durden called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. delivered the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Ron McQueen, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Recognition of Major Stroupe
 2. Addition: Dixie Music Quote, PA System at Otter (additional handout)
 3. Addition: Visit Florida Grant request by the Chamber & TDC
 4. Addition: Recognition of BOCC by Progress Energy
 5. Addition: Solid Waste – Ground Water Monitoring Well Bid Results
 6. Addition: FAC Legislative Meeting
 7. Addition: Request from 4 Pets Sake

- Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, presented the following agenda change:
 1. Omit: 3:30 p.m. Time Certain; Ordinance 2011-02, Diving Program

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Bills

January 2011 (on file in Clerk’s Office)

Request for Payment Approval

Hansen Construction Service’s LLC	\$18,500.00
Invoice #168, Spring House Lodge Remodel ADA Compliance	
CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM	\$15,000.00
Progress Billing on 2010 Audit	

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

County Administrator’s Report

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

Emergency Management: Storm Ready Recognition: Mr. Ron Mills, EM Chief, presented on behalf of the National Weather Service, a certificate of StormReady Recognition, to Gilchrist County. He also presented a new sign that will be erected near the highway outside the EOC.

The Board graciously accepted the recognition from the National Weather Service as presented by Mr. Mills.

EMS; Resolution 2011-07 and Grant Application: Mr. McQueen presented Resolution 2011-07, accepting the 2010-2011 EMS County Grant Award, in the amount of \$818.00 and to authorize the Chairman to sign the EMS County Grant Application. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING THE 2010-2011 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNTY GRANT AWARDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY’S PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2011-07. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control; Request to attend Training: Mr. McQueen presented a request, for the Boards approval, to allow Animal Control Officer, Tanya Rippy to attend the Chemical Immobilization Certification Class, February 17-18, 2011; cost is \$165.00 and does not require over night lodging.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve request for training for Tanya Rippy, Animal Control Officer, February 17 - 18, 2011; at the cost of \$165.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control; Low Cost Vaccine Clinic: Mr. McQueen presented a request to hold the 1st Annual Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic as a fund raiser for Animal Services. This event will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 9:00 am – 12:00pm, at the Gilchrist County Animal Shelter. He stated that it is the request of the Animal Control Officer to use the funds raised from the last fund raiser to buy the supplies for these fund raiser and that all proceeds that are raised would go back into that fund.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the 1st Animal Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Animal Control Monthly report, for February 2011, as submitted by Ms. Tanya Rippy, Animal Control Official. Informational purposes only.

Code Enforcement Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Code Enforcement Monthly report, for February 2011, as submitted by Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Official. Informational purposed only.

Community Development; Mapping for Comp Plan Amendments: Mr. McQueen asked for permission to go out for quotes on updating maps that need to be done, for the Comp Plan.

The Board agreed to allow the County Administrator to go out for quotes on map work that needs to be done for Comp Plan and bring them back to the Board for further consideration.

Otter Springs; Lease Amendment: Mr. McQueen presented the Second Amendment to Lease between Suwannee River Water Management and Gilchrist County, changing the total amount, for the Otter Springs Road Projects, to \$212,000.00, for the Board's approval and Chairman's signature.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Second Amendment to Lease with SRWMD, for the Otter Springs Road Projects, with changes including total amount of funds to \$212,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Otter Springs; “Spring into Fun” Community Event: Mr. McQueen presented a request as submitted by Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager, for the Boards’ approval to hold the First Annual “Spring into Fun” Community Event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. He stated that this will be an interactive way to promote a variety of activities and resources available in the Tri-County Area.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the First Annual “Spring into Fun” Community Event, for Otter Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

1:45 p.m. Sheriff Slaughter; Request to Upgrade Booking Area, and Security Camera System in Jail

Security Camera System in Jail: Sheriff Slaughter addressed the Board presenting a request to upgrade the security camera system in the jail. Mr. Tim Bracewell, MIS Director GCSO, presented the problems that they are experiencing with the current equipment (security camera system) and explained what he feels to be the solution to correct it. He then presented the following proposal:

- Utilize the existing Cameras, Wiring, Monitors Switch; thus saving money
- Add 12 IP Cameras – 6 inside and 6 outside; to cover blind spots and uncovered areas
- Add 20 variable wide angle lenses; to fix the existing cameras
- Add a 24 port POE Switch; to ensure power
- Replace the two (2) small computers and storage device with a 40 channel stand alone system; this will increase security and storage capacity and eliminate the chance of human error

Discussion took place.

The Board requested that the GCSO go out for bids (purchase request is over \$10,000) for cameras and equipment for the areas of the jail that are not covered by cameras and replace recording device to increase recording time and storage capabilities; and bring back bid results, for further consideration.

Sheriff Slaughter then presented the other issue, renovation of the booking area. He stated that Sgt. Anita Moore is heading up this project.

Sgt. Moore addressed the Board and presented a handout of the scope of work and the two (2) quotes that she had received.

Of the two quotes, only one was drafted to the scope of work as requested. The bids received are as follows:

- Gray Construction Services, Inc. \$11,500.00 (covered all specifications)
- C K Contracting, Inc. \$ 9,700.00 (didn't cover all specifications)

Discussion took place. The bid from Gray Construction meets scope of work, as requested. ***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to accept the proposal/bid, in the amount of \$11,500.00, (for the Booking Area at the GCSO) from Gray Construction Services, Inc.*** Discussion took place.

Chairman Durden asked the County Attorney do we have to find a reason not to accept the LOW bid. Mr. McPherson replied that reasoning should be placed on record regarding why the LOW bid was not accepted.

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas reiterated his motion to include the reasoning of not choosing the LOW bid. He stated that after reviewing both quotes (bids) the one from Gray Construction was more detailed and specific, covering the requests for the scope of work as outlined. Commissioner Sharon A. Langford agreed as a second. The Chairman called for any further discussion or comments; none noted.

Chairman Durden then called for a vote... ***Motion carried unanimously.***

County Administrator's Agenda Change

Recognition of Major Stroupe: At this time, the Board recognized Veteran's Services Officer, Major Stroupe, for his services to Gilchrist County. A plaque of service recognition was presented to Mr. Stroupe of behalf of the Board. He addressed the Board with words of gratitude and thanks.

Time Certain

2:00 p.m. Ordinance 2011-01; Amending Impact Fee Rules: Chairman Durden read the short title, as follows, for the record:

ORDINANCE 2011-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; CLARIFYING THE RULES WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DEVELOPMENT ON VACANT PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO IMPACT FEES; CONSOLIDATING SUCH RULES FOR THE VARIOUS IMPACT FEES INTO A SINGLE SECTION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, stated that this ordinance addresses the issue of removing a structure on one day and replacing it with another the next; creating no new impact on the County, for which an impact fee would be charged.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford to approve Ordinance 2011-01, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, for discussion. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Tommy Langford rescinded his motion, as did Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, her second, to approve Ordinance 2011-01.

The Board agreed to *continue* consideration of the changes and updates to Ordinance 2011-01 (amending the Gilchrist County Land Development Code, clarifying rules on vacant property not subject to impact fees) to a workshop at the mid-month meeting in March.

County Administrator's Report continues...

Otter Springs; Spring House Lodge Renovations Update: Mr. McQueen presented two (2) purchase orders for two (2) additional items to the Otter Springs, Spring House Lodge Renovation. The purchase orders are as follows:

- John Hansen Construction \$2,800.00 for kitchen countertops and cabinets
- Henley Carpet One \$4,200.00 for carpet

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve purchase orders, as presented and noted, for the renovation of the Spring House Lodge, at Otter Springs. Motion carried unanimously.

Hart Springs; Nature Fest at Hart Springs: Mr. McQueen presented the request for a festival to be held at Hart Springs. Mr. Mitchell Gentry, Park Manager, addressed the Board explaining his request.

Mr. Gentry asked that the Board for approval to host a *Nature Fest at Hart Springs*, on Saturday, September 24, 2011. He stated that the festival will have exhibits and vendors present at the event. He also stated that the festival will draw visitors to Hart Springs and at the same time educate the Citizens of Gilchrist County about the environment and ways to conserve it.

Mr. Gentry recommended that the vendors will be charged \$25 and exhibitor's no-charge. The off-season rate will be charged for this event; \$2 per person or \$5 per carload, including \$1 for Seniors, and 5 years and less free. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the request to hold Nature Fest at Hart Springs, on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Hart Springs; Seawall Update: Mr. Gentry updated the Board on the progress of the construction of the seawall at Hart Springs. He present pictures through a power point presentation, for the Boards review. Informational purposes only.

Time Certain

2:30 p.m. Road Department Report: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, addressed the Board and presented a request for a speed limit reduction to 30 mph, on SW 25th Place, from a Mr. Phil Dunn. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to direct the County Attorney to draft an ordinance reducing the speed limit to 30 mph, on SW 25th Place. Motion carried unanimously.

Otter Springs Road Project: Mr. McPherson stated that it was thought that the Road Department was scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. Time Certain so that is what time Hipp Construction was informed to be present for discussion on the Otter Springs Road Project. Upon Hipp's arrival, an update will be presented at that time.

SW 10th Street Right-of Way: Mr. Cannon requested to be allowed to move forward with obtaining quotes for the purchase a Thumb, for the Trac Hoe, in order to perform the duty of removal of large debris along the right-of-way of SW 10th Street. **Board agreed.**

County Administrator's Report continues...

Health Department Roof Issue: Mr. McQueen explained the current conditions regarding the roof on the Health Department. He then presented a quote, from TR Engineering LLC, for the roof repairs to the Gilchrist County Health Department. The proposed project is to provide design services and prepare structural details for the replacement of the smooth stucco fascia band (curtain wall) and soffit along the perimeter of the building. The services to be provided by TR Engineering shall be as follows:

1. Prepare structural details that Gilchrist County will use acting as the General Contractor for the project;
2. Perform structural analysis and design setting forth in detail the structural requirements of the project;
3. Work with representatives of Gilchrist County during design and construction to ensure that the project requirements are met;
4. All finishes, flashing and weatherproofing will be selected and specified by Gilchrist County.

Mr. McQueen stated that in the proposal it reflects that the engineering anticipates being able to provide a preliminary plan for review within fourteen (14) days following receipt of the notice to proceed. The total fee for the above services shall be \$2,875.00. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve TR Engineering LLC, for engineering services for the Health Department Roof Project.

Request to waive dump fees: Mr. McQueen presented a request, from the DEP Office of Greenways and Trails, asking that the dumping fees are waived for a cleanup project along the corridor of the Trenton-Newberry connector of the Greenway and Trails.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve waiving the dumping fees as requested by the DEP Office of Greenway's and Trails, for the above noted project. Motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Service Officer Training: Mr. McQueen announced the replacement for the Veteran's Services Officer, Mr. James Mash. He also requested that the Board approve Mr. Mash to attend VSO Training to be held on March 7-10, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve VSO Training, for Mr. James Mash, March 7-10, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Violation, from SRWMD: Mr. McQueen presented a letter from the Suwannee River Water Management District regarding a Notice of Violation, for Unpermitted Water Use, directed to a Mr. Rodney O. Tompkins. Informational purposes only.

Florida Department of Education On the Job Training Program: Mr. McQueen presented a request, from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, giving the County (the employer) an opportunity to mentor and provide training to individuals that they serve at no cost to the County.

Mr. McQueen stated that this may be an opportunity for extra help at both Hart and Otter Springs, at no cost to the County. He stated that he would like to move forward with this offer. **The Board agreed to allow him to move forward on obtaining more information.**

Otter Springs; Quotes for PA System: Mr. McQueen presented/discussed the quotes that were obtained for the PA System for Otter Springs.

Mr. McQueen explained that there would be a portable PA System along with two (2) permanent speakers that would be installed at the Spring House Lodge at Otter Springs. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the quote from Dixie Music Center, in the amount of \$1,309.00; cost to be divided, fixed speakers at Spring House Lodge funded by Otter Springs, in the amount of \$329.95, and balance of \$979.05, funded by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

3:00 p.m. Robin Riley, PRIA; Retirees Medicare: Mr. Gilliam introduced Ms. Robin Riley, with PRIA and David Lucarelli, V.P., Extended Health, Inc. who presented a Retiree Healthcare Solution.

Ms. Riley addressed the Board with opening statement and then turned the floor over to Mr. Lucarelli, who did a presentation on the plans available for retirees. He reviewed the followings topics:

- Who is Extend Health?
- Market-Leading Private Sector Clients (Fortune 1000, including 31 Fortune 500 Companies)
- Labor and Public Sector Experience
- Extend Retiree: helping retirees make informed decisions
- How Our Exchange Works (Technology + human advocacy + carrier relationships)
- Plans and Partners
- Extend Retiree
- Decision Support Tools (Help Me Choose, Prescription Profiler)
- Trenton, FL Medicare Plans
- Sample Individual Medicare Plans (w/RX) in Trenton, FL
- What Makes Extend Health Unique

Upon conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Lucarelli opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Gilliam explained the Boards current policy for retirees. Ms. Riley also offered information on the Boards current position on health insurance, for retirees. Discussion continued.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to proceed with moving forward on obtaining a medical supplement plan (for retirees) for the Boards consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

Visit Florida Grant request by the Chamber & TDC: Mr. McQueen presented a request from the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kyle Stone, asking that the Board to allow the placement of a Kiosk, on county property where the Visitors Sign is. Mr. McQueen explained that Ms. Stone is submitting a Visit Florida Grant for the Kiosk, which will reflect Tourist Center Information.

Mr. McQueen also asked for permission to submit a grant on behalf of the Tourist Development Council, for promotional items.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Chamber of Commerce to submit a grant for a Kiosk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Tourist Development Council to submit a grant, for promotional items. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition from Progress Energy: Mr. McQueen presented a plaque from Progress Energy, recognizing Gilchrist County Government for their involvement as an Energy Efficient partner. No Board Action needed.

Ground Water Monitoring Well: Mr. McQueen presented the bid results for the ground water monitoring wells, at Solid Waste. The results are as follows:

- Hughes Well Drilling \$7,000.00
- Huss Well Drilling, Inc. \$6,625.00

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to award LOW bid, in the amount of \$6,625.00, to Huss Well Drilling, Inc., for Ground Water Monitoring Well, at Solid Waste. Motion carried unanimously.

FAC Legislative Meeting: Mr. McQueen reminded the Board of the upcoming FAC Legislative Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the FSU Conference Center in Tallahassee. He asked that all those wanting to attend to please let Julee know so that reservations can be made.

Request from 4 Pets Sake: Mr. McQueen presented a request from 4 Pets Sake, Inc., asking that if the Board would be interested in sponsoring a hole at the 4 Pets Sake Golf Tournament to be held on March 12th at the Chiefland Golf Club. Those interested were asked to contact Mr. Warren Emenecker, Director.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2011-01: Payment of Impact Fees: Mr. McPherson stated that as noted earlier, that the Board agreed to *continue* consideration of the changes and updates to Ordinance 2011-01 (amending the Gilchrist County Land Development Code, clarifying rules on vacant property not subject to impact fees) to a workshop at the mid-month meeting in March.

Ordinance 2011-02: Revisions to Dive Program Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated at the beginning of this meeting (during agenda changes) that this ordinance was set for a 3:30 p.m. Time Certain but was removed from the agenda; we have learned that the SRWMD has a problem with expanding diving to Otter Springs. This issue will be reconsidered and the ordinance and diving management plan will be revised accordingly.

Resolution 2011-06: Credit Card Policies: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2011-06, placing previously approved changes to credit card policies in the policy manual. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows for the record:

RESOLUTION 2011-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; UPDATING AND REVISING THE COUNTY'S POLICIES FOR USE OF CREDIT CARDS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2011-06. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011-09: Amended Travel and Vehicle Use Policies: Mr. McPherson stated that this resolution revises (~~striketrough removed~~, underlined added) the County's vehicle use and travel policies. It consolidates the following into Article 7, Personnel, of the County's Policy Manual:

- Existing policies in Article 2 (Finance) and Article 7 (Personnel) of the Policy Manual.
- A set of policies appearing in the county's personnel notebook, but that had not been included in the Policy Manual.
- The new policies suggested by the County Commission relating to vehicle use by employees who get a vehicle allowance. (Section 7.7 K 11 of the revised policies attached.)

The issue of furnishing a County Vehicle for County Use Only, and the Monthly Vehicle Allowance for use of Personal Vehicle, for the County Administrator and County Extension Officer were discussed. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve use of county vehicle, for county business only and take away monthly vehicle allowance for both the County Administrator and County Agent.

Discussion continued. Chairman Durden then called for a vote; *Motion failed 2-3*, with Commissioners Tommy Langford, Kenrick Thomas and Randy Durden voting NO.

The Board agreed to set Resolution 2011-09, Amending travel and Vehicle Use Policy, for first meeting in March, allowing Finance/Clerk time to come up with estimated cost for a County vehicle.

Gilchrist County v. Cutler: Mr. McPherson stated that prior to filing suit he sent a letter to Ms. Cutler with a draft complaint enclosed and asking her to get in touch with the County about a solution if she wanted to avoid litigation. The deadline for hearing from her has passed, so he will be filing the complaint seeking enforcement of county regulations against allowing animals to roam freely on other private property. Informational purposes only.

Spraying on Roadways: Mr. McPherson stated that it was pointed out to him by another county attorney that the definition of “litter” within the Florida Litter Law, F.S. 403.413, includes any “substance in any form resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations”; it is thus a misdemeanor under the Litter Law to spray agricultural wastes on a public roadway. Thus, enforcement of such law would be done by the Sheriff’s Office. Informational purposes only.

Clerk’s Report

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

Records Center: Mr. Gilliam presented information that he obtained on an existing facility that has potential for a records center, although a little smaller than what we might need. He mentioned the building next to the old MTS Communications building, east on SR 26. He has met with the Constitutional Officers getting a design and floor plan, looking at 8,000 sq ft. Mr. Clif Bradley, Capital City Bank, was present to discuss an offer on the existing facility. Discussion took place. No Board action was taken at this time.

Bid Results for financing Graders and Resolution 2011-08 & Promissory Note for Graders: Mr. Gilliam presented the bid results for financing the purchase of two (2) 2011 Caterpillar Road Graders, in the amount of \$215,000.00, for five years, as follows:

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| • Ameris Bank | 3.63% Fixed |
| • Capital City Bank | 3.75% Fixed |
| • Drummond Community Bank | NO Bid |
| • Lafayette State Bank | NO Bid |

Mr. Gilliam also presented Resolution 2011-08 accepting a loan from Ameris Bank along with a Promissory Note, for the Chairman’s signature. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM AMERIS BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$215,000 TO AMERIS BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE TWO CATERPILLAR ROAD GRADERS

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the bid from Ameris Bank, at 3.63% fixed, for the purchase of two Caterpillar Road Graders; and to approve Resolution 2011-08; and to allow the Chairman to sign the Promissory Note. Motion carried unanimously.

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Contract: Mr. Gilliam presented the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Mental Health Services Contract with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., in the amount of \$38,000.00, for the Boards approval.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the FY 2010-2011 Annual Contract with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, in the amount of \$38,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuel Usage Report: Mr. Gilliam presented the Fuel Usage Report for the last quarter in 2010. Informational purposes only.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Sharon A. Langford presented a request from the Criminal Justice and Bell High School asking for the dumping fees to be waived for the cleanup project of the Bell Cemetery. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to waive the dumping fees as requested by the Criminal Justice, for Bell Cemetery cleanup project. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sharon A. Langford presented the request for the support of passing HB211 for local control of tobacco smoke. A resolution was drafted for the Boards' consideration.

Discussion took place. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL STATE PREEMPTION IN THE AREA OF REGULATING SECONDHAND TOBACCO SMOKE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2011-10. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the Board continued with the Road Department Report regarding the Otter Springs Road Project.

Otter Springs Road Project: Mr. McPherson stated that he, as the Board requested, had met with representatives of Hipp Construction Ms. Virginia Johns and Caleb Johns, and Lee Mills County Engineer, to discuss the Otter Springs Road Project. Ms. Johns was willing to come back before the Board (as one last chance) to reach a settlement with the County. Mr. McPherson stated that he and Mr. McQueen visited the project today, with it being a rainy day, and observed the drainage issues first hand; drainage is still a major an issue.

Ms. Virginia Johns, Hipp Construction, addressed the Board reviewing the issues previously discussed regarding the drainage issues and what she felt needed to be done, on the Otter Springs Road. She stated that at the meeting she attended with the County Engineer and County Attorney, discussion took place for about three hours discussing, the contract, the specifications, and how to fix the drainage issue. She also stated that she thinks that neither the Contractor nor the Engineer has any sure fire way of fixing the drainage issues out there; the water is just trapped on the road. Until the drainage is fixed there isn't really an application to fix the driving surface.

There were reviews of the drawings, plans, and sketches; she stated that there is really no place for the water to get off of the road; it's trapped on the road and traffic is driving through it. She stated that crack relief/chip seal is not a structural type of surface and takes a beating when under water. Ms. Johns stated that there were some suggestions made; she stated that Mr. Mills suggested that possibly if they went along the edges and trimmed back some of the excess limerock (right along the edge) the water would have some place to run. She stated that right now it is collecting and gathering, and running on the road as much as possible; there are some low areas and elevations changes on the road and the low areas are where we are having the most problems with the drainage; there is just no place for it to get off the road.

Ms. Johns continued by stating that (if it is acceptable) they would go out and remove it back to the face of the existing berms. She asked if everyone agrees that there were existing berms out there already. Mr. McPherson questioned if she was referring to berms in the low areas; she replied 'down the road'.

Ms. Johns stated that one of the things that was talked about (in the last meeting) was that there was a 20' face to face area for the road to be built in; that the existing berms were 20' apart.

Commissioner Kenrick Thomas stated that he's not saying that there were no existing berms but the Contractor added to the existing berms.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. stated that the road prior to this construction project drained, to where it naturally drained. Is that a correct statement, Mr. Mills?

Mr. Lee Mills, Mills Engineering, (County Engineer) stated that he largely relied on Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, having very little experience on that issue.

Commissioner Durden continued stating that he hadn't had any complaints about water standing on that road since he has been on the Board, and water now stands on that road. Now something has happened to cause that. It has got to be something with this construction project, now who and why, he didn't know; but that didn't happen before this project and now it's happening. He's saying that something they did has caused it to puddle there, or gather, at that spot because it doesn't drain to where it naturally drained before. His intent before was to ask them to look at it and fix it back like it was before. He stated that he didn't know who did or what was done, but water stands now that didn't stand before this project got started and we need to get it back to the point to where it naturally drained before that it drains there again; so how do we get there? Discussion continued.

Ms. Johns explained that the road way before had ditches and 20' space between berms.

Commissioner Harrison reminded her that the road had some crown before that it doesn't have now. So where there was some crown that made it go to where it naturally drained; that crown is now gone and is now flat, therefore its holding water and wherever it did drain has apparently now been stopped up. Mr. Mills agreed.

Mr. Mills stated that it was excess material from reworking the base is what has basically clogged that; and where the road from the center drained out to that existing berm, there was a constant grade down to a low point where it went vertical against the berm; that low area during the course of reworking the base has become filled and now from the edge of the pavement in many cases it slopes up instead of continuing down and that's contributing to our problem.

Mr. Mills stated that this is the material (as he has referred to as Step One in resolving this drainage issue) that has to be gotten rid of; no matter what we do, whether we resurface or rebuild the road that has to go.

Discussion continued on what was there before the project began, what has taken place, and what needs to be done to resolve the drainage issue on the Otter Springs Road project.

Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Supervisor, addressed the Board stating that he has sat here for the past two months or longer, if the road was in so bad of condition why did she not stop this project before she ever got started. If everything that was done was the Engineer's fault, Road Department's fault, the County Commissioner's fault, why wouldn't somebody stop it? Commissioner Durden stated he asked the same thing at the beginning of this case; if the base was not right in the beginning why did you move forward? Discussion continued.

Mr. McPherson stated that it doesn't sound to him that we are going to reach a solution to resolve this drainage issue. Mr. McPherson stated that if a motion was to be made stating that we are at an impasse and that there is a breach in this contract and for the County Attorney to move ahead making a claim against the bond, then this would put an end to any future meetings.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, agreeing that there has been a breach of contract with Hipp Construction Company and to proceed against the bond to make the necessary repairs and complete the Otter Springs Road project. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., voting NO.

Time Certain

4:00 p.m. Ordinance Review Workshop: Upon continuing to review the County Code of Ordinances, Section 10-61, of Chapter 10 Amusements Article II, was considered to be removed.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to direct the County Attorney to do away with Section 10-61, of Chapter 10 Amusements Article II, of the Gilchrist County Code of Ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.

Time Certain

5:30 p.m. Business and Economic Development Workshop: Chairman Durden brought the Business and Economic Development Workshop to order. He stated that the Board was here to listen at this time taking all comments and suggestion on what the Board can help do in Gilchrist County with Economic Development. Future workshops will be considered.

At this time the Commissioners addressed projects that they are serving as members of on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Tommy Langford gave an update on the North Florida Broadband Authority.

Commissioner Randy Durden addressed the concurrency issue on SR 26.

The floor then opened for any discussion relating the Economic Development in Gilchrist County.

Citizens and Business Owners gave their input on topics including the unemployment rate, technology, concurrency and infrastructure, residential housing, and economic contribution of agriculture to the county.

Chairman Durden thanked everyone for coming and their input on areas of concern.

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 D. ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Durden adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Attest:

Approved:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court

Randy Durden, Chairman