

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, September 8, 2011**, at **1:30 p.m.**, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility, located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following members' present to-wit:

District I	Commissioner Sharon A. Langford
District II	Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
District III	Commissioner Randy Durden, Chairman
District IV	Commissioner Tommy Langford
District IV	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 Superintendent; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer; Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager; Billy Careccia, Fire Chief; Linda walker, EMS Chief; Sandra Joseph, NCFRPC; Donna Creamer PWW; Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying; Don and Margaret Alexander; Hollis Norris; Martha Barnes; William Sherley; Bob Kerr; David Houchins; T. LaBarea; Marion Poitevint; Mickey King; Vicki & Charlie Perez; Deloris Rain; David Lang, Attorney; Leonard Mowry; and Jim & Joann Thomas.

Call to Order: Chairman Randy Durden called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. County Administrator Ron McQueen delivered the invocation and Chairman Durden led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Durden stated that Commissioner Tommy Langford will be late; he's on his way back from a NFBA meeting.

Agenda Changes

➤ Change presented by the Clerk:

1. Addition: Request from 4-H for the use of the Courthouse lawn for Scarecrow Displays

➤ Change presented by the County Administrator:

1. Addition: Public Safety; City of Trenton and City of Fanning Springs request for additional funding
2. Addition: County Personnel Policy
3. Addition: Request to attend Governor's Tourism Summit

➤ Change presented by Commissioner Randy Durden:

1. Addition: Daniel Strang; Concerned Citizen

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Regular MeetingAugust 1, 2011
Budget Workshop August 8, 2011

Approval of Bills

On file in Clerk's Office August 2011

Budget Entry

BE11-033, Fund 001, General Revenue \$17,430.00

Request for Payment Approval

Dixie County Inmate Housing (July 2011) \$3,024.00

Transfer Request

From: Emergency Management
To: Road Department
Tag #2812; 1982 Fruehauf Refrigerator Trailer; Serial #2R04521DH000807;
Model # 48' Refer TRLR #227031
Reefer unit not operational/will provide dry storage for Rd Dept.

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

Agenda Change

Daniel J. Strang: Mr. Strang addressed the Board and expressed his opinion about the County's computer system not communicating between the Building Department and the Property Appraiser's offices; discussion only.

The Board suggested that Mr. Strang speak with the Property Appraiser's office and the Building Department. NO Board action taken.

Commissioner Tommy Langford has arrived.

Agenda Change

City of Trenton Fire Department: David Peaton, current Assistant Chief with Trenton Fire Department, addressed the Board with the request for additional funding increase the Fire Service Fee to \$31,000.00; the current fee is set at \$25,000.00, since 2002. Discussion took place.

Mr. Bob Kerr, Fanning Springs Fire Department, also presented a request for additional funding, for Fire Services, provided by Fanning Springs Fire Department.

The Board requested that a workshop be setup with the City of Trenton and the City of Fanning Springs; and that they will consider the requests that were submitted for the increase of fees for Fire Services.

1:45 p.m. Time Certain; Delores Rain, Travel Trailer Issues: Ms. Delores Rain, Concerned Citizen, addressed the Board with code enforcement issues on travel trailer being used as a permanent residence. She explained her situation. Discussion took place.

Mr. McPherson stated that there is a proposed draft amendment to the RV Ordinance concerning RV as a permanent residence that will be brought to the next meeting, for the review and further direction.

The Board will continue to work on the issue of ‘Travel Trailers as a Permanent Residence’.

2:00 p.m. Time Certain; SUP11-04; Church Camp Ministries, Inc.

Ms. Sandra Joseph, NCFRPC Planner, presented a request for application SUP11-04, as submitted by Church Camp Ministries, Inc., that a Special Use Permit be granted to allow an Overnight Recreational Park within an Agricultural-2 (A-2) land use district in accordance with a conceptual site plan submitted as part of an application dated July 21, 2011, to be located on Parcel ID 26-08-16-0000-0005-0020, 26-08-16-0000-0005-0050, 26-08-16-0000-0005-0030, and 26-08-16-0000-0002-0000.

Ms. Joseph reviewed the Subject Property Description, Background Information, Outstanding Issues, Public Comments and the Consistency with the Land Development Regulations & the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Joseph then presented the Planning Council Staff recommendations.

Ms. Joseph stated that the Planning Council Staff recommends that the requested Special Use Permit be **approved subject to the following conditions:**

1. Submit a preliminary site plan that meets all the criteria outlined in Section 8.04.02 of the Land Development Code, including the limitations on density.

2. The applicant shall pay a development impact fee at the rate established for an overnight recreational park, if applicable.
3. The Special Use Permit shall expire automatically upon any further development of the site for residential, commercial or industrial purposes.
4. Any violation of this Special Use Permit, or conditions thereof, shall cause the revocation of the Special Use Permit by the board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with notice of the public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the Special Use Permit may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County Official. Once a Special Use Permit has been revoked pursuant to the provision, the owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a Special Use Permit for an overnight recreational park.

Attorney Duke Lang, representing applicant and board members of the Church Camp Ministries addressed the Board; discussion took place.

Chairman Durden called for any public comments; none noted.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve SUP11-04, for an Overnight Recreational Camp, as applied for by Church Camp Ministries, Inc., with conditions and recommendations of the NCFRPC.

Chairman Durden called for any further discussion.

Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, stated that there are some density issues here. He suggested that the special use permit be approved subject to the density issues/requirements and noted for the record.

Discussion took place.

Chairman Durden clarified the motion to approve SUP11-04; ***motion to include approving SUP11-04 subject to density issues; and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Final Order, for SUP 11-04. Motion carried unanimously.***

2:15 p.m. Time Certain; VAR11-02; Williams and Williams:

Ms. Sandra Joseph, NCFRPC Planner, presented a request for application VAR11-02, as submitted by Marvin R. Williams and Judy Ellen Williams that a variance be granted from the requirements of Section 2.06.04 of the Land Development Code to allow a decrease in the side yard setback requirement for a single family dwelling unit from 25.00 feet to 11.30 feet from the Westerly property line within an Agricultural-2 (A-2) land use district in accordance with a boundary survey submitted as part of an application dated July 25, 2011, to be located on Parcel ID 20-09-15-0000-0005-0020.

Ms. Joseph reviewed the Subject Property Description, Background Information, Site Plan, Public Comments and the Consistency with the Land Development Regulations & the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Joseph then presented the Planning Council Staff recommendations.

Ms. Joseph stated that the Planning Council Staff recommends that because the requested variance meets all the criteria outlined in the Code to make a positive finding for a variance, Planning Council staff recommends that the requested variance be approved. Discussion took place.

Mr. Marvin Williams, Property Owner, addressed the Board and explained the property was/is currently in violation of the setback requirements but at the time the property owner was building no survey was required.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve VAR11-12, Williams and Williams, based on the recommendation of the Planning Council; and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Variance, for side-yard setback. Motion carried unanimously.

2:30 p.m. Time Certain; Road Department Report:

Request for Speed Limit Sign: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, presented a request for a speed limit sign to be posted on SE 60th Street; beginning on CR 337 to SE 60th Avenue (all the way to Tyler). Discussion took place.

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, questioned whether or not an ordinance needs to be passed depends whether or not if the road qualifies as a residential street.

Mr. Cannon stated that the number of residents does not comply therefore he declared that there special circumstances for lowering the speed limit and requested that an ordinance be prepared for the posting of a 30 mph speed limit sign, on SE 60th Street.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the request for a 30 mph speed limit to be posted on SE 60th Street and to direct the County Attorney to prepare and ordinance to be brought back for the Boards consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for a Fuel Truck: Mr. Cannon advised that he has located a used 2006 Freightliner Truck in Ocala for \$31,903.00 with a 2 yr/100,000 mile warranty. This truck can be equipped to serve as a fuel truck. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the purchase of a used 2006 Freightliner Truck, in the amount of \$31,903.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Grader Update: Mr. Cannon updated the Board on the blowby issues with the Cat Graders. He stated that Ring Power Representatives put ‘add-on breather filters’ on the graders to assist with the consumption of oil; this did not eliminate the blowby issues. Discussion took place.

Chairman Durden stated that Staff met with Mr. Mark Litherland of Flagler Construction Equipment and Volvo Representative, to discuss possible replacement of our Cat Graders, with Volvo Graders.

Mr. Litherland presented a total cost proposal for three (3) new graders currently on the Florida Sheriff’s Contract, for the Boards consideration. Discussion took place.

Mr. Joseph Gilliam, Clerk and Ms. Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, explained the current financial position of the three Caterpillar graders and the proposed trade-in offer for three new graders from Volvo.

The following proposal from Flagler Construction Equipment was presented:

The sale price for the three (3) New 2012 Volvo G930B Motor Graders as quoted is \$538,167.00 or \$179,389.00 per machine. We would like to offer the County \$435,000.00 for the trade amount of the three (3) Caterpillar 120M Motor Graders, serial numbers B9C00640, B9Coo684, and B9C00707. The “Guaranteed Repurchase” Option for the Volvo Graders will be \$89,000.00 per machine for 5 years or 7500 hours usage.

<i>Three (3) New Volvo G930B Motor Grades – Sale Price</i>	<i>\$538,167.00</i>
<i>Three (3) Caterpillar 120M Motor Graders – Trade Amount</i>	<i>(\$435,000.00)</i>
<i>Trade Difference - \$103,167. Or \$34,389.00 per machine</i>	
<i>Guaranteed Repurchase Price</i>	<i>(\$267,000.00)</i>
<i>Total Cost Bid</i>	<i>(163,833.00)</i>

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the purchase of three (3) Volvo Motor Graders from Flagler (on Sheriff’s Contract) and trading in the three (3) Cat Graders for terms and conditions specified in the proposal from Flagler Construction Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator’s Report

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

EMS Grant Information: Mr. McQueen presented the second and final payment of the grant award for the EMS County Grant C0021, in the amount of \$987.00. He requested that the Board accept and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to accept the EMS Grant Award in the amount of \$987.00 and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented the Code Enforcement Monthly Report as submitted by Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer; informational purposes only, no Board action needed.

Otter Springs – Groupon Contract: Ms. Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager, presented for the Boards approval and Chairman’s signature, the Merchant Agreement between the County and Groupon.

The Agreement states as follows: *Merchant wishes to offer its products or services for sale through vouchers (the "Voucher(s)") which can be redeemed for Merchant's goods and/or services at a discount, which are offered to the public for purchase at www.groupon.com (the "Website") and are activated ("Activated") only upon reaching an agreed upon volume of purchasers ("Volume Threshold") and an agreed upon discount; and Groupon wishes to sell Merchant's Voucher to the purchasers at the Website, the Merchant being the seller of the goods and the services, and Groupon being the seller of the intangible rights contained in the Merchant's Voucher. Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the Parties and other valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged...*

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Merchant Agreement with Groupon, for Otter Springs and authorized the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Charge for Lodge Use: Ms. Ogden recommended an additional fee/charge, in the amount of \$2.00, for any number of guests over the capacity limit of 200. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the additional fee of \$2.00 for each additional guest over the 200 guest capacity for the Spring House Lodge Rental at Otter Springs. Motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Kenrick Thomas voted NO.

CDBG – Satisfaction of Lien: Mr. McQueen presented a *Release of Lien*, for Wilton and Mary Philman, on CDBG loan. This would release the CDBG lien against property owned by Wilton and Mary Philman, both deceased. The CDBG agreement provides for such release upon death of the owners of the property. Release needs to be approved by the Board and signed by the Chair. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Release of Lien for Wilton and Mary Philman, on CDBG Loan. Motion carried unanimously.

CDBG – Grant Procedures: Mr. McQueen requested the Boards approval to move forward with the RFP’s for Engineering Services and Administration Services, on the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Project (Waccasassa – Sun N Fun). Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve RFP’s for Engineering Services and Administration Services for the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Monthly Report: Mr. McQueen presented, for the Boards information, the Animal Control Monthly Report, as submitted by Tanya Rippy, Animal Control Officer.

Animal Control Fundraiser Update: Mr. McQueen presented a *Sponsorship Agreement*, which was prepared by the County Attorney, for the “*Kick-Ball Tournament*” to be held at Hart Springs, as a fund raiser for Animal Control Services. Discussion took place.

Mr. McPherson recommended that the Board authorize Tanya Rippy, Animal Control Officer, to sign the agreements on behalf of the County, so that each document wouldn’t have to be brought back to the County for approval/signature.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Sponsorship Agreement for the “Kick-Ball” Tournament; and to authorize Tanya Rippy to sign on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Policy Review: Mr. McQueen presented, for the Boards review and consideration, a copy of the Personnel Policy Update, Amending Chapter 7 – Personnel.

Mr. McPherson stated that this amendment will be brought back at the next meeting, for discussion and approval. No action needed at this time.

Request for Travel: Mr. McQueen requested the Boards approval to attend the Governor’s Conference on Tourism, two (2) days, September 26/27, 2011.

Mr. McQueen stated that the cost for the conference would be funded out of the TDC budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve travel request allowing Ron McQueen to attend Governor’s Conference on Tourism being held on September 26th & 27th. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Person: Mr. McQueen announced that Mr. Stan Ramsey will be the new IT Director. He will be here on September 16th.

4:00 p.m. Time Certain; Ordinance 2011-12; Dangerous Dog Changes

Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2011-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE COUNTY'S ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS; CLARIFYING THE RIGHTS OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION TO GO ONTO FENCED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE EUTHANASIA OF DANGEROUS DOGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney explained that this ordinance would do the following if adopted:

1. Clarify the authority of an animal control officer to go onto a fenced property to take possession of a dog that has previously been declared a "dangerous dog" and has violated the dangerous dog regulations.
2. Authorizes the Animal Control Division to euthanize a dog that has previously been declared a "dangerous dog" and has more than once been allowed to run loose by the owner. This arises out of a situation where a dangerous dog has repeatedly been allowed to run loose, with suspected, but not provable, attacks on domestic animals.

Under the current regulations, all that the animal control officer can do is issue a citation each time the dog is caught running loose. This has proved ineffective in stopping the owner from allowing the dog to run loose.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Ordinance 2011-12, Dangerous Dog Changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

2011-12: Dangerous Dog Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance was presented for adoption hearing at this meeting.

2011-13: Firearms Preemption by State: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance will be presented for adoption at this meeting.

2011-43: Diving Advisory Board: Mr. McPherson stated that the Diving Advisory Board recommends Joel Clark as the 7th member of the DAB.

Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2011-43, Appointing Joel Clark to the Diving Advisory Board. Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; APPOINTING A SEVENTH MEMBER TO OF THE DIVING ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2011-43, appointing 7th member, Joel Clark, to the Diving Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

4:15 p.m. Time Certain; Ordinance 2011-13; Firearm Changes

Chairman Durden read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2011-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING COUNTY REGULATIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 2011-09, LAWS OF FLORIDA RELATING TO PREEMPTION OF FIREARMS REGULATION TO THE STATE; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. McPherson, County Attorney, stated that Chapter 2011-09, Laws of Florida, imposes severe penalties on local governments and local government officials for having laws on the books that conflict with the preemption to the state of firearms regulations. Out of an abundance of caution, most local governments are removing all local regulation of firearms from local regulations.

Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance removes the regulations found in the Gilchrist County Code.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Ordinance 2011-13, Firearm Changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report continues...

Capital Facility Impact Fee Issues: Mr. McPherson reported that the Florida Supreme Court has established the "dual rational nexus" test for determining the validity of an impact fee. The local government must demonstrate reasonable connections between (1) the need for additional capital facilities and the growth in population generated by the development paying the fee; and (2) the expenditures of the funds collected and the benefits accruing to the development.

1. Narrowbanding: Mr. McPherson stated that as far as he knows, the need for narrowbanding has nothing to do with population growth, but rather arises out of changes in federal law. Thus, spending capital facility impact fees on narrowbanding would not meet the first of the dual rational nexus tests.

2. Meeting Room Generator Connection: Similarly, it is difficult to make a connection between the need to connect the generator to the meeting room and recent population growth. The need for such a connection arises out of past experience with weather-related power outages, and is not related to anything having to do with population growth.

Mr. McPherson also stated changing the County's impact fee ordinance to allow such expenditures would trigger the application of the recently enacted "Florida Impact Fee Act." One requirement of the Act is that the County would have to give 90-days notice prior to adopting the change. It was Mr. McPherson's recommendation that the County not use capital facility impact fees for either the narrowbanding or the generator projects. No Board action taken.

CDBG Release of Lien: Mr. McPherson stated that this request was satisfied earlier during this meeting.

Revised Lease with SRWMD: Mr. McPherson stated that he and Charlie Houder have been working on language to revise the Otter Springs lease agreement to provide for the ability of the County to recoup funds spent on capital projects at Otter Springs. He presented a draft amendment to Section 7 of the lease agreement, which is being reviewed by SRWMD staff. Discussion took place.

The Board recommended that Mr. McQueen talk with Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Park Manager, to seek any suggestions that she may have regarding the Park Manager's Resident.

At this time, 4:43 p.m., Mr. McPherson asked to be excused at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk's Report

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

Agenda Change: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from the Gilchrist County 4-H, for the use of the Courthouse lawn, for Scarecrow displays, during the month of October.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the request from 4-H to use the Courthouse Lawn during the month of October, for scarecrow display project. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2012 Budget Recap: Mr. Gilliam presented the Budget Recap for the proposed fiscal year 2011/2012. Ms. Jacki Johnson, Director of Finance, reviewed the changes that have taken place; informational purposes only.

Disposition Request: Mr. Gilliam re-presented the Disposition Request that was approved at the August 15, 2011, meeting, subject to justification - Fire Chief Billy Careccia confirmed that all items are to be cannibalized.

Fire Chief Careccia addressed the Board and explained that the items are very old and cannot be utilized for parts; to be sold for scrap if possible.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Disposition Request, from Fire, for four Jaws of Life, to be sold for scrap if possible. Motion carried unanimously.

UF Medical Examiners Contract: Mr. Gilliam presented the UF Medical Examiners Contract for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature. This cost has been budgeted.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Medical Examiners Contract, between the County and the UF Medical Examiners Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Estimate of the Permanent Population: Mr. Gilliam presented the UF Bureau of Economic and Business Research Preliminary Estimate of County Population at 16,983 for County and 14,288 for Unincorporated, as issued by the University of Florida. He requested the Boards approval and that the Chairman is authorized to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve the Preliminary Estimate of County Population as presented and to allow the chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Guardian ad Litem – Sign Estimates: Mr. Gilliam presented three quotes provided by Mr. Michael Whiting, Guardian ad Litem Program Volunteer Supervisor II, for a sign. The quotes received are as follows:

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| 1. Festival Signs | \$4,714.84 |
| 2. Action Signs | \$2,989.00 |
| 3. Jeffcoat Signs | \$3,299.06 |

Mr. Whiting prefers the Festival sign knowing their quality of work; however, he understood that they are the most expensive estimate. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the total cost, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for Guardian ad Litem, with the County's portion being \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilchrist County Health Department Contract 2011-2012: Mr. Gilliam presented, for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature, the Annual Gilchrist County Health Department Contract for 2011-12, in the amount of \$77,597.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Gilchrist County Health Department Contract for 2011-2012, in the amount of \$77,597.00; and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

5:00 p.m. Time Certain

Resolution 2011-37, Fire Annual Rates: Mr. Gilliam reviewed the background of the resolution defining the Fire Annual Rates. Mr. Gilliam stated that these rates have been unchanged since about 2005.

Chairman Durden then read the short title of Resolution 2011-37, Fire Annual Rates, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THEREFOR IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND CERTAIN INCORPORATED AREAS, OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; KNOWN AS THE FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; SETTING FORTH PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; MAKING LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; SETTING FORTH A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT RATES; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2011-37. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion on the Fire Assessment Rates... none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2011-38, Solid Waste Annual Rates: Mr. Gilliam reviewed the background of the resolution defining the Solid Waste Rates. Mr. Gilliam stated that these rates have been unchanged since about 2005.

Chairman Durden then read the short title of Resolution 2011-38, Solid Waste Annual Rates, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE SOLID WASTE ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; IMPOSING SERVICE ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN BOTH THE UNINCORPORATED AND MUNICIPAL AREAS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; APPROVING THE SERVICE ASSESSMENT ROLL; APPROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2011-38. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion on the Solid Waste Annual Rates... none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

5:15 p.m. Time Certain; TENTATIVE Budget Hearing

Mr. Gilliam presented an introduction and reviewed the ground work for the Tentative Budget Hearing. The following resolutions were presented for approval:

Resolution 2011-39, Tentative Millage Budget: Chairman Durden read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 8, 2011, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative 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 \$602,704,144.

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

1. The FY 2011-2012 operating millage rate is 8.2695 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 8.6894 mills by 4.8%
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 8th day of September, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2011-39. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion... none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2011-40, Tentative Budget: Chairman Durden read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 8, 2011, 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 2011-2012 in the amount of \$24,067,369.

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

1. The FY 2011-2012 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 8th Day of September, 2011.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Gilliam stated that the purpose of the funds is to fund Personal Services, Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to approve Resolution 2011-40. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion... none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. voting NO.*

Resolution 2011-41, Tentative Millage MSTU Budget: Chairman Durden read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 8, 2011, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative 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 \$605,765,551.

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

1. The FY 2011-2012 operating millage rate is 1.0996 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 1.1562 mills by 4.9%.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 8th day of September, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2011-41. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion... none noted; he then called for a vote. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2011-42, Tentative MSTU Budget: Chairman Durden read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2011-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 8, 2011, 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 2011-2012, in the amount of \$2,133,855.

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

1. The FY 2011-2012 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 8th day of September, 2011.

Mr. Gilliam stated that the \$2,133,855 is used to fund Personal Services, Operating Expenses, Capital Outlay and a small reserve.

Motion made by Commissioner Tommy Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2011-42. Chairman Durden then called for any public comments or further discussion... none noted; he then called for a vote. ***Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. voting NO.***

This concluded the Tentative Budget Hearing.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.: Commissioner Harrison addressed the issue of seeking reimbursement from Suwannee River Water Management District, for the paving of the portion of the Otter Springs road going into the entrance of the park, that is on their property; approximately \$36,000.00. He stated that this fits in with the County making and paying for improvements on their property (not ours).

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve seeking reimbursement from the SRWMD for the portion of the paving of the road that is on their property. Discussion took place. Chairman Durden then called for a vote. ***Motion denied with a vote of 3-2; Commissioners Durden, Thomas, and T. Langford voted NO.***

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 Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Tommy Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*** Chairman Durden adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida

Attest:

Approved:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court

Randy Durden, Chairman