MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 5, 2012

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, March 5, 2012**, 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, Vice Chairman

District II Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.

District III Commissioner Randy Durden

District IV Commissioner Tommy Langford, Chairman

District IV Commissioner Kenrick Thomas

Others in Attendance: Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary; John K. McPherson, County Attorney; Bobby Crosby, County Administrator; Julee Brideson, Administrative Assistant; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Ron Mills, Director of Emergency Management; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer; Billy Careccia, Fire Chief; Kadie Ogden, Otter Springs Manager; Hugh Thomas, FDACS; Charlie Houder and Melanie Roberts, SRWMD; Steve Gladin; Marion Poitevint; Mickey King; Catherine LaBarca; Jim Jones; Donna Creamer, TDC; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Taylor Brown, City of Trenton Manager; Ray Earl Thomas; Pete Butt; Mark Gray; Kim Davis; Jean Wonser; Rosemary McDaniel; Jim & Ruth Self; Joan Pryor; Rhonda Tompkins; David R. Stinson; Frank Cunningham; Cathy Street, Our Santa Fe River; Brother Danny Allen, Midway Church of Christ; and Catherine B. Gramatzki.

<u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Brother Danny Allen, Midway Church of Christ, delivered the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, presented the following agenda change:
 - 1. Addition: FY12/13 Proposed Budget for Otter Springs
- Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, presented the following agenda changes:
 - 1. Addition: Community Development; Travel request for Frank Ritter
 - 2. Additional Information: Proposal from U of FL regarding Shingle Landing
 - 3. Additional Information: TDC Budget Information
 - 4. Additional Information: Intrado Mapping Services
- Commissioner Tommy Langford, presented the following agenda change:
 - 1. Addition: Donna Creamer; Tourist Development Council Committee Meeting update

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting	 February	06,	2012
Regular Meeting	 February	20,	2012

Approval of Bills

Request for Payment

Dixie County Inmate Housing	
December 2011	\$3,696.00
January 2012	\$5,208.00

Disposition Requests

Emergency Management / Boardroom

ID#2631; In Focus, Projector

This is the old projector that was being used in the boardroom; it is no linger functional

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

Agenda Change

• <u>Donna Creamer, Gilchrist County TDC Update</u>: Ms. Creamer updated the Board on the meeting that was held by the Gilchrist County Tourist Development Council, on Thursday, March 1st.

Ms. Creamer stated that the next Gilchrist TDC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility.

Ms. Creamer also stated that the current budget for the TDC reflects \$71,000 and more ways of promoting Gilchrist County will be utilized; for instance, signage is being considered on US 19, SR 47, US 129 and maybe the Interstate.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues:

Road Department

• <u>SE 80th Avenue (Oak Tree Landing)</u>: Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Dept Superintendent, presented the issue of the need for maintenance on SE 80th Avenue (Oak Tree Landing). He stated that due to weather conditions (rain) the rock that was hauled in got messed up and the Contractor that is working on the near by project (Oak tree Landing Air Strip) is requesting that the Road Department haul in another load of rock and they will do the needed road repairs according to the County's specifications. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the request to authorize the Road Department to haul rock to SE 80th Avenue (Oak Tree Landing) for Contractor to fix road. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources

• <u>Linda Crites Early Retirement</u>: Mr. Bobby Crosby presented custodial staff member Linda Crites request, for Board approval, to retire early and receive the retiree health benefits. Mrs. Crites has been an employee for 20 years and due to growing health issues would like to retire early. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. to approve the request for Linda Crites to retire and receive benefits for one (1) year per the Boards policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crosby requested permission to advertise for filling vacant position for Custodian.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the County Administrator to advertise for filling vacant position for Custodian. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety

• <u>EM – Request for purchase of 500' Tower</u>: Mr. Crosby presented a request to move forward with the purchase of a tower for the Narrowbanding project. He presented a proposal from Mr. Harvey Budd, Tower Properties of Florida, Inc., for the sale of a 500ft tower located near Ginnie Springs, as follows:

For the \$50,000 selling price Mr. Budd is willing to do the following:

- 1. Paint the tower
- 2. Repair the electrical system
- 3. Provide additional grounding for lighting issues.
- 4. Replace all light bulbs in the lighting system.
- 5. Provide a structural analysis by a civil engineer in accordance with ANSI / TIA 222-G-2-2005 and the 2007 Florida State building code with 2009 supplement for a 105 mph wind load

In addition, the \$50,000 sales price will be discounted by (5%) five percent, if the close on the sale is on or before April 30, 2012 or two and one half percent (2½%) between May 1st and May 21, 2012. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve going forward with the purchase of a 500' tower, from Harvey Budd, Tower Properties of Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00, subject to the five (5) conditions, as noted above. Motion carried unanimously.

1:45 p.m. Time Certain

• SRWMD; Water Supply Presentation: Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director and Melanie Roberts, Director of Missions Support, with the Suwannee River Water Management District addressed the Board and presented a water supply presentation on the status of groundwater resources in North Florida and an update on the interagency agreement between the District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and DEP with respect to water supply issues in Northeast Florida.

Ms. Roberts informed the Board that a Joint stakeholder meeting is set in Alachua; the St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will host a public meeting March 7, 2012, 6–8 p.m., at the Alachua City Hall 15100 N.W. 142nd Terrace, Alachua, to bring stakeholders together to discuss water supply issues in north Florida. Among the topics at the meeting will be the formation of a stakeholder committee that will serve in an advisory capacity to the districts and DEP.

Discussion took place. Commissioner Langford called for any public comment; several concerned citizens expressed their concerns.

There was NO board action required on this presentation.

Agenda Change; FY12/13 Proposed Budget for Otter Springs

Mr. Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk, presented the proposed budget for FY 12/13 for Otter Springs. He stated that this proposed budget, once approve by the Board, will be forwarded to the SRWMD for their budgeting process. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the FY12/13 Otter Springs Proposed Budget for SRWMD budgeting process. Motion carried unanimously.

2:15 p.m. Time Certain

• Ordinance 2012-04, Speed Limit Change on CR 307A: Mr. John McPherson, County Attorney, presented Ordinance 2012-04, amending the Code of Ordinances of Gilchrist County, Florida, as follows (underlined added):

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of Gilchrist County Florida, Section 82-2, is amended as follows:

Sec. 82-2. Speed limits.

- (f) There shall be a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit on the following county roads and the posting of the 45-mile-per-hour speed:
- (8) County Road 307A between U.S. Highway 129 and a point 640 feet west of the west driveway entrance to the Gilchrist County Senior Center.

Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECREASING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 307A BETWEEN U.S. HIGHWAY 129 AND A POINT 640 FEET WEST OF THE WEST DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO THE GILCHRIST COUNTY SENIOR CENTER; MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE DECREASED SPEED LIMITS; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve Ordinance 2012-04. Chairman Langford for any discussion or public comments...none noted. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report Continues...

Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, brought up the issue of the property (ten acres) that the tower, for the narrowbanding project, is now located on. It is currently owned by Mr. Royster.

Mr. Crosby stated that a verbal long-term agreement has been established with Mr. Royster for rent of the property, in the amount of \$300.00 per month; the option for the County to purchase has also been offered; Mr. Harvey is currently renting the property at this time. Discussion took place.

The Board directed the County Administrator to hold off on moving forward with the purchase of the tower until he brings back an agreement on the land lease or purchase, from Mr. Royster.

Public Safety

• EMS: Florida Medical Training Institute of Jacksonville: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards approval, the clinical agreement with Florida Medical Training Institute of Jacksonville to allow clinicals (fire rescue service) to be completed by students and employees attending Florida Medical Training Institute.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Florida Medical Training Institute of Jacksonville Clinical Agreement: Fire Rescue. Motion carried unanimously.

• <u>FIRE: County Volunteer Program</u>: Mr. Crosby presented, as submitted by Fire Chief Billy Careccia, the current status of the County Volunteer Program as well as the status of County Full Time Employees training, as follows:

Volunteer Firefighters

Currently 31 Volunteers are employed with Gilchrist County Fire Rescue:

Firefighter Certification

22 are certified as Firefighter I

4 are certified as Firefighter II

5 are not certified as firefighters but assist on scene

EMS Certification

21 are First Responders

6 are EMT

1 Paramedic

3 do not respond to medical incidents

Emergency Vehicle Operations

All have certification

Forestry

25 are certified in brush fires

6 do not respond to brush fire incidents for suppression but provide water supply.

Hazardous Materials

4 have Tech Level

17 have Operations Level

10 have Awareness Level

Incident Command

All members have the Basic Level

No Volunteers are currently in school that the County is paying for; Fire Chief Billy Careccia stated that he is planning to have a Firefighter I Class in April with approx: 10 students as of today, and 7 from out of county.

Full Time Employee

Currently have 20 Full-Time employees with Gilchrist County Fire Rescue

Firefighter Certification

4 are certified as Firefighter I

12 are certified as Firefighter II

4 are not certified as firefighters but assist on scene and run Rehab

EMS Certification

10 are EMT

10 Paramedic

Emergency Vehicle Operations

All have certification

Forestry

16 are certified in brush fires

4 respond for Rehab

Hazardous Materials

9 have Tech Level

7 have Operations Level

4 have Awareness Level

Incident Command

13 have the Basic Level

7 have the Advanced Level

Instructors

4 Fire Instructors

3 Live Fire Instructors (Currently have Billy Brideson in class for Live Fire Instructor)

5 CPR and First Aid Instructors

Current Class being delivered at this time

Pump Operations and Rural Water Supply 40 hr – Instructor William Careccia 12 students (11 volunteers and 1 Full Time)

Future courses that GC Fire Rescue plan to have will be delivered in the county

Safety Officer 40hr – Instructor William Careccia

Building Construction 40 hr – Instructor from out of county

Fire Protection Systems 40 hr - Instructor from out of county

Company Officer 40 hr - Instructor from out of county

CPR Instructor 8 hr - Instructor from out of county

Fire Chief Billy Careccia was present for discussion. Informational purposes only. **No Board action needed.**

Parks and Recreation

• Shingle Landing Boat Ramp: Mr. Crosby stated that the state has come to a conclusion on the Shingle Landing Boat ramp grant and there has been a determination that we must complete an archaeological survey of the area prior to releasing funds and being allowed to proceed with the grant. The cost for this can be added to the grant and we must use an archaeological professional from the states certified list. Mr. Crosby asked the board for permission to proceed with these services provided that the cost is under \$2,000.00. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the County Administrator's request to move forward with the archaeological study for Shingle Landing Boat Ramp grant process. Motion carried unanimously.

• <u>Hilliard Property for Sale</u>: Mr. Crosby presented a request from Margaret Hilliard for the County to possibly purchase her property adjacent to the Hart Springs Boat Ramp at \$198,500.00. Discussion took place.

The Board agreed, at this time, to NOT pursue the purchase of Margaret Hilliard's property adjacent to Hart Springs Boat Ramp.

E911

• 911 Grant for Smart 911: Mr. Crosby requested the Boards approval to submit and allow the chairman to sign a 911 grant for Smart 911

Mr. Crosby stated that this is an enhanced ALI database that will allow citizens of the community to submit information that will provide additional information on their location, building information (for fire response) and additional medical information for those with disabilities and serious medical conditions. Dixie and Levy Counties are already using this program and the implementation of Gilchrist County will stream line information to assist when mutual aid is needed in our county. Mr. Crosby also stated that Smart 911 is a sole source provider and requested approval to submit, and upon funding continue with purchase; Smart 911 is the only company in our area providing this type of coverage and will allow the County to be compatible with surrounding counties to provide the most benefit to the citizens. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve submitting the application for the 911 Grant, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for Smart 911 Enhanced ALI Database. Motion carried unanimously.

• <u>Intrado</u>: Mr. Crosby informed Board that staff is researching the possibility of utilizing Intrado to assist us in maintaining the County's addressing and map data. Intrado is currently servicing our mapping software; and because of changes in the Rural County 911 Grant rankings it can be fully grant funded. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to instruct the County Administrator to move forward with pricing GIS Mapping software and contract for 911 GIS street centerline, address point and ESN polygon updates. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development

• <u>Property located on the NE corner of SR 47 and CR 340</u>: Mr. Crosby stated that a complaint was received from Mr. Lemar Gibson about his property located on the NE corner of SR 47 and CR 340.

Mr. Lemar was concerned about his building being located in the county and state right-of-ways at that intersection and believed that the building was there prior to the encroachment of the right-of-way. Mr. Crosby stated that in our research it was determined that the state and county right of way existed as far back as 1980 as far as we can identify on the State right-of-way map. Mr. Gibson purchased this property in 2005 according to the Property Appraisers information and for the duration he has owned the property the right of way has not changed. Mr. Crosby requested that the County Attorney be allowed to send Mr. Gibson a letter explaining this issue and we are not inclined to relinquish our right of way at this time. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to direct the County Attorney to write a letter to Lemar Gibson, landowner of property located on the NE corner of SR 47 and CR 340, on right-a-way encroachment issue. Motion carried unanimously.

• North Central Florida Regional Planning Council: Mr. Crosby presented a request for approval, to discontinue the current contract with the North Central Florida Planning Council, effective March 31st and to enter a trial contract with Laura Dedenbach, for planning services, for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Crosby stated that Ms. Dedenbach assisted us with our previous EAR process and would like to see if her services would be more beneficial to the citizens and the county as our Planner; there would be no cost difference. Discussion took place.

The Board tabled entering into a contract with Laura Dedenbach, AICP until all items of her contract are clarified and a total cost to the County is confirmed.

• Hacht Properties/John Taylor: Mr. Crosby stated that Hacht Properties owns two large tracts of land that have no road access. John Taylor has been approached by Hacht Properties to sell them a 0.367 acre piece of his property to derive access to other properties they own. Mr. Ray Earl Thomas, on behalf of the land owner John Taylor, is asking that the 0.367 acre piece of property not be considered as Mr. Taylor's one time lot split. Discussion took place.

Mr. Crosby also stated that a letter will be sent to Mr. Taylor stating that this request will not be considered a "one time lot split".

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the request from Mr. John C. Taylor to provide access to the Hatch Property that does not constitute a lot split and it be recorded in the public records. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Agenda Change

• <u>Community Development; Travel request for Frank Ritter</u>: Mr. Crosby presented the request for travel approval allowing Mr. Frank Ritter, Building Official, to attend the Florida Floodplain Managers Association Annual Member Meeting in St. Augustine, Florida, March 28-30, 2012. The cost of \$538.00 has been budgeted.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve travel request for Frank Ritter. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2012-04: Speed Limit: Mr. McPherson stated that this was presented and adopted earlier during this meeting.

Ordinance 2012-**: Rodeo Arena: Mr. McPherson stated that the FFA Alumni Association requested some amendments to the code provisions previously adopted by the County which spell out what the County agrees to do if the Arena is donated to the County. The changes clarify that it is the Trenton FFA Alumni and Bell FFA Alumni that will exist after the donation, rather than the Gilchrist County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. He presented a draft ordinance and requested authorization from the Board to move ahead with advertising for the April 2 meeting. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the County Attorney's request to advertise the ordinance revising the intent of the County in the event of a donation by the Gilchrist County FFA Alumni Association, Inc., of the Rodeo Arena on US Highway 129, for the April 2nd meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2012-13: Opposition to Medicaid Cost Shift: Mr. McPherson presented Resolution 2012-13, Opposition to Medicaid Cost Shift, for the Boards consideration. Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2012-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMSSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, STRONGLY OPPOSING ADOPTION OF THE MEDICAID COST SHIFT LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESOLUTION

Commissioner Randy Durden recommended that this resolution be published in the Gilchrist County Journal, for public awareness; and also include the Small County Coalition to the distribution list.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Resolution 2012-13. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Contract with American Pipe and Tank, Inc.: Mr. McPherson presented the a copy of the agreement with American Pipe and Tank, Inc., which would be a renewal of an existing agreement for disposal of sludge from the Hart Springs wastewater treatment plant. The terms of the agreement are not changed. Mr. McPherson stated that although the County has never actually used American Pipe for disposal of waste, this contract needs to be in place in case the County is not able to dispose of the Hart Springs sludge by the usual manner.

American Pipe has agreed to the deletion of Paragraph 12 as shown on the attached. Mr. McPherson recommended the Board authorize the Chair to sign the contract as amended. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the renewal agreement with American Pipe & Tank, Inc., for transportation, treatment and disposal of domestic wastewater residuals, from Hart Springs; and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

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

<u>Upkeep on Well at Walker Curve</u>: Mr. Gilliam presented a request from the Gilchrist County School Board that the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners take over the upkeep on well, at Walker Curve. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve taking over maintenance and the monthly cost for water well at Walker Curve. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Order #1.3000: Mr. Gilliam presented Administrative Order #1.3000 received from the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court Operations and Chief Judge regarding monuments, art and displays within Courthouses or on property where Courthouses are located. Discussion took place.

The Board directed the County Attorney to request clarification from the Chief Judge on Administration Order #1.3000.

Options on Manager's Resident at Otter Springs: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of pursuing options for the Manager's Resident at Otter Springs. Discussion took place.

The Board directed Staff to proceed with obtaining a location and cost for the Otter Springs Manager's Resident (mobile home); to be located on Hart Spring's property.

<u>Bid Results for Volvo Wheel Loader</u>: Mr. Gilliam presented the bid results for the loan on the Volvo Wheel Loader, as follows:

Ameris Bank	2.96%		
Capital City bank	3.09%		
Lafayette State Bank	4.49%		
Drummond Community Bank	No Bid		

Mr. Gilliam stated that it is the recommendation of the Finance Department that the Board approve Ameris Bank as low bidder.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve Ameris Bank for financing the Volvo Wheel Loader, @ 2.96%. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Property Disposition</u>: Mr. Gilliam presented the Property Disposition Request from EMS/EOC, on a Ford F450, ID# 2438; VIN# 1FDXF46P63EC91938; as non functional.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Disposition Request, for the Ford F450, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Property Transfer</u>: Mr. Gilliam presented the Property Transfer Request from EMS/EOC to Road Dept, for a Freightliner FL60; justification to be cannibalized.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden to approve the Property Transfer Request, for the Freightliner FL60, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Courthouse Signage</u>: Mr. Gilliam requested that this item be removed from his report. He will bring back once more information is obtained.

Commissioners Reports

<u>Commissioner Tommy Langford</u>: Commissioner Langford presented, for the Boards consideration, the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of "FLOW", Florida Leaders Organized for Water. Discussion took place. No Board action taken at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to appoint Bobby Crosby to serve as the alternate member to the FLOW board. Motion carried unanimously.

Old/ New Business: None noted.

Public Participation: None Noted.

Adjourn

With there being no further business... a *Motion was made by Commissioner Randy Durden*, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners Gilchrist County, Florida

Attest: Approved:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court Tommy Langford, Chairman