

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 2, 2012**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, April 2, 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; Phil Bishop; Tom Sturgeon; Kyle Stone; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Mickey King; Michelle Walker Crawford; Sheree H. Lancaster; Steve Broker; Bill Martin; James Catlin; Marion Poitevint; Katherine LaBarca; Steve Gladin; Charlie Perez; Jean Wonser; Todd Newton; Lea Deen; and Denise Paschal.

Call to Order: Chairman Tommy Langford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, delivered the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Changes

- Commissioner Tommy Langford presented the following agenda changes:
 1. Addition: Letters to NFBA and FYI handouts

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, 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 Meeting March 19, 2012

Approval of Bills

On file in Clerk's Office March 2012

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

County Administrator's Report

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

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- **Request for Tuition Assistance:** Mr. Crosby presented a request for assistance with tuition for William Brideson, in the amount of \$2,500.00, to attend paramedic classes at Florida Medical Training Institute, in Jacksonville, beginning in April 2012. Mr. Brideson agreed to a two-year retention contract. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve tuition assistance, in the amount \$2,500.00, for William Brideson to attend paramedic classes at Florida Medical Training Institute, in Jacksonville. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Crosby presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report as submitted by Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer. Informational purposes only.

Nature Coast Regional Water Authority Interlocal Agreement: Mr. Crosby presented a request for the Boards approval and Chairman's signature for the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Randy Durden stated that basically it's the same agreement as previously approved with the exception of changes to some Florida Statutes and the fact that Dixie County has agreed to rejoin. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Nature Coast Water Authority, subject to the County Attorney's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Royster Lease Update: Mr. Crosby updated the Board on the Royster Lease. Discussion took place on where the funds would come from if the decision was made to actually purchase the property instead of leasing it. NO Board action taken at this time.

Attorney's Report

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

Ordinance 2012-05: Rodeo Arena: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is set for a time certain at 2:00 p.m. at this meeting.

Ordinance 2012-06: Amendment to Overnight Recreational Park Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that this ordinance is set for a workshop at 2:45 p.m. during this meeting.

Ordinance 2012-**: Land Use Map Amendment: Mr. McPherson stated that the Land Use Map in the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan has an area west of the City of Trenton, and south of SR 26, designated as Commercial, even though it is platted and largely developed as a residential subdivision. Most owners in the subdivision have wanted the land use designation changed to Residential to make the residential uses of the lots conforming. Because the Commercial designation appears to be a mistake, when an owner within the areas requests it, the County has in the past initiated the change from Commercial to Residential without charging an application fee to the owners; he stated that we now have four different owners who have requested the change.

Mr. McPherson requested authorization from the Board to move ahead with an ordinance making this change and noticing it for adoption hearing in May.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to authorize the County Attorney to move forward with preparing an ordinance changing Commercial to Residential, on SR 26, on the Land use Map, in the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2012-14: Tourist Development Council: Mt. McPherson stated that Resolution 2012-14 removes Ron McQueen from the TDC. Even with this removal, the TDC will still have the statutorily required number of members, so no replacement appointment is necessary at this time.

Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2012-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; REMOVING A MEMBER OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2012-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve adding County Administrator to the TDC. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2012-18: Ice River Springs Target Industry: Mr. McPherson stated that this is a resolution requested by Ice River Springs LLC in order that certain tax reductions at the state level will be available to the company if it moves ahead with purchase of the bottling plan.

Chairman Langford explained/clarified the request for this resolution. He also asked the Board for support on three (3) letters, a *Letter of Confidentiality* and two *Letters of Support*.

Chairman Langford then read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION 2012-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; RECOMMENDING ICE RIVER SPRINGS, LLC, BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO F.S. 288.106, FLORIDA STATUTES; AFFIRMING THE SITE OF THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN A DEFINED RURAL AREA; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT; REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE AVERAGE WAGE REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2012-18 and all three letters; and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

2:00 p.m. Time Certain

- Ordinance 2012-05; Rodeo Arena: Chairman Langford read the short title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, 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 U.S. HIGHWAY 129; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Discussion took place; Sheree Lancaster, P.A., Steve Broker and Michelle Walker and Bill Martin were present to represent the Gilchrist County FFA Alumni.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to continue the adoption of Ordinance 2012-05 until the next meeting on April 16, 2012, at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

2:30 p.m. Time Certain

Budget Hearing; Increase to FY11/12 Budget: Ms. Jacki Johnson presented resolutions and budget entries increasing the FY 11/12 budget as follows:

- Resolution 2012-16 and BE12-014, Amending General Revenue \$15,000.00, for and Emergency Management Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2012-16 and BE12-014. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2012-17 and BE12-013, Amending the General Revenue Fund Budget, for a CDBG Grant, in the amount of \$57,200.00, for Phase 1

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Randy Durden, to approve Resolution 2012-17 and BE12-013. Motion carried unanimously.

2:45 p.m. Time Certain

Workshop: On amendments to Overnight Recreational Park Regulations: Mr. McPherson stated that this is a workshop for the amendments to the Overnight Recreational Park Regulations as proposed in Ordinance 2012-06. He stated that the language proposed by Phil Bishop, on behalf of Tom Sturgeon, a prospective purchaser of Ellie Ray's Campground, would do the following:

- Add Trail Springs (Ellie Ray's Campground) to the list of existing RV parks that may be expanded to as many as 400 campsites even though located in the Environmentally Sensitive Land Use District.
- Increase the density of RV and Park Trailer sites from 8 per each dwelling unit allowed within the district, to 20 per each dwelling unit. In the ESL 2 land use district where Ellie Rays is located, the density for dwelling units is 1 per 10 acres. Under the proposed change, the combined density of RV and Park Trailer sites would thus expand from 8 per 10 acres, to 20 per 10 acres.
- Changes the minimum size for an Overnight Recreational Park from 20 acres to 80 acres.

Mr. McPherson stated that with the Boards direction Ordinance 2012-06 will be noticed for adoption at the next meeting on April 16, 2012. Discussion took place; Chairman Langford called for any public comments.

Several citizens, including Mr. Phil Bishop, North Florida Professional Services, expressed their concerns.

The Board directed the County Attorney to notice Ordinance 2012-06 for adoption.

Administrative Order 1.3000: Mr. McPherson provided the rescission of Administrative Order 1.3000 by Chief Judge Lott, for the Boards information, no action needed.

Santa Fe River Speed Limits: Mr. McPherson provided the latest correspondence from FWC relating to the speed limits on the Santa Fe River. It includes information about ordering signs and the cost. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to proceed with purchasing signage for the Santa Fe River Speed Zones; cost to be funded out of Boating Improvement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

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

Partnership for Strong Families: Mr. Gilliam informed the Board of the request from Partnership for Strong Families to place pinwheels on the Courthouse Lawn; as April is *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*. He had authorized the request earlier during the week; informational purposes only.

Royster Lease/Purchase Revenue Source: Mr. Gilliam stated that F.S. 125.031 states that you cannot use Ad Valorem funds for such long-term leases purchase; staff recommends using State Sales Tax Revenue. NO action taken at this time.

Otter Springs Manager Residence Bids: Mr. Gilliam presented the bid results for the purchase of a mobile home for the Otter Springs Manager. He reviewed the bids that were received. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the purchase of a mobile home, NOT to exceed \$44,332.00, plus A/C upgrade of \$585.00; from Wilson Mobile Homes, for Otter Springs Manager Residence. Motion carried unanimously.

FY12/13 Budget preparation letter: Mr. Gilliam presented a draft of the letter to be sent to the Constitutional Officers and the County Administrator, informing them of Budget Preparation for FY 12/13, for Board discussion and action.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Durden, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the budget planning letter for FY12/13, for Constitutional Officers and Board Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

County Investments: Mr. Gilliam addressed the issue of using a professional Asset Manager to maximize county investment returns. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to instruct the Clerk's Office to explore investment opportunities for County funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports: None noted.

Old/ 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 Randy Durden, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*** Chairman Langford adjourned the meeting at p.m.

Attest:

Joseph W. Gilliam, Clerk of Court

Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida
Approved:

Tommy Langford, Chairman