

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, February 20, 2014**, at **4:00 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:

<i>District I</i>	<i>Commissioner Sharon A. Langford</i>
<i>District II</i>	<i>Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman</i>
<i>District III</i>	<i>Commissioner Todd Gray, Vice Chairman</i>
<i>District IV</i>	<i>Commissioner John Rance Thomas</i>
<i>District V</i>	<i>Commissioner Kenrick Thomas</i>

### **Others in Attendance**

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk; David Lang, County Attorney; Bobby Crosby, County Administrator; Terri Hilliard, Administrative Assistant; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer; David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Sheriff Bobby Schultz, Lt. Edwin Jenkins and Lt. Jeff Manning, GCSO; Councilman Everitt Heaton, City of Trenton; Marion Poitevint; Katherine LaBarca; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Jean Sails; Mr. & Mrs. Clint Studstill; Gary Rexroat; Hal and Trip Lancaster; John S. Quartesman; Don Strickland; Maegan Carte, NFPS; David Biddle; Phil Younts; Joe Lander; Debbie Jones; Hannah Hurst; Cotton Spears; Jared Thomas; Corey Baumann; Gary Stephens; Grady Jones; Erin Sanders; Don & Christine Paulsen; Rupert & Pat Danyow; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fisher; Joe & Kay Roberts; Charles Langford; Tommy Jones; Pepi Bruno; Marvin & Sharon Bond; Christine Dixon; Stephanie Denardo; Lucinda Merritt; Sharon Kramme; Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson; Roger & Jean Nogari; William Louis Smith; Diane Clifton; Jacki Clark; Beth Gardner; Christine & Philip Miceli; Toni & Larry Whitaker; David Knowles; Georgia Shemitz; Jeff Osteen; Cynthia & Jim Long; Pete Butt; Doug McKoy; Jack Colson; Becky Brock; Granya Hayes-Mornson, Congressman Yoho's Office; Joel Clark; Bonnie Edwards; Jeff Runde; Charlotte Mendez; Ray E. Thomas, Jr.; and Charles Griffith.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Sheriff Bobby Schultz delivered the invocation and Commissioner Todd Gray, lead the pledge of allegiance.

### **Agenda**

***Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Agenda, as presented, with NO changes. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **Consent Agenda**

- BOCC **approved** the Consent Agenda, as presented,

### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting ..... December 2, 2013

### **Request for Payment Approval**

Dixie County Sheriff's Office  
Inmate Housing Invoice, January 2014 ..... \$15,466.00

Mills Engineering Company  
W/R SW 100th Street ..... \$10,355.50  
R/R SE 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue ..... \$1,995.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **Public Participation**

Mr. Clint Studstill addressed the Board and requested their consideration to close SE 105<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that there are only two (2) residents out there, him and one other. His request is based on the fact of constant break-ins at his resident. Discussion took place.

The Board advised Mr. Studstill to submit an application to begin the process for the request that SE 105<sup>th</sup> Street be CLOSED, due to constant break-ins at his home.

## **County Administrator's Report**

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

### **Road Department**

- **Monthly Limerock Report:** Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, the Monthly Limerock Report as submitted by Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent.

**CR 341 SCOP Agreement:** Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, the Small County Outreach Program Agreement, for Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation of CR 340, over Rock Bluff Bridge #310002, Financial Project ID# 433055-1-58-01.

He stated that the accompanying resolution will be presented, for approval, during the County Attorney's Report.

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the SCOP Agreement for Bridge Repair/Rehabilitation of CR 340, over Rock Bluff Bridge #310002, Financial Project ID# 433055-1-58-01. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Crosby stated that we currently have three (3) engineering firms contracted for County engineering projects. He requested a recommendation from the Board on which firm to use for handling the engineering portion of the Rock Bluff Bridge project. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve using CHW, for bridge engineering on the Rock Bluff Bridge Project; if they aren't available, Mills Engineering Company will be used. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### Fire/Rescue

- Firefighter II Training: Mr. Crosby presented a request, for the Boards' approval, to allow Gilchrist County Fire/Rescue to pay for Matthew C. Smith, to attend Firefighter II Training Course; amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Gilchrist County Fire/Rescue to pay for Matthew C. Smith to attend Firefighter II Training Course, amount not to exceed \$2,000.00; Mr. Smith will sign twenty-four (24) month contract. Motion carried unanimously.***

- Edmonds Machine & Fab: Mr. Crosby requested the Boards' approval to use Edmonds Machine & Fab to complete repairs on Conex Box, for training, in the amount of \$5,650.00; this is a budgeted amount.

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve using Edmonds Machine & Fab to complete repairs on Conex Box, for training exercises, in the amount of \$5,650.00; this is a budgeted amount. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### Animal Control

- Monthly Report: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, the Monthly Animal Control Report, as submitted by Animal Control Officer Ericka Hudson.

#### Parks & Recreation

- Hart Springs: Mr. Crosby presented a request from the Rotary Club to use Hart Springs for upcoming event, at no charge. Benefit for a new Child Advocacy Center. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the request made by the Rotary Club for the use of Hart Springs for a fundraiser on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at NO charge. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Tourist Development Council

- Appointment of Member: Mr. Crosby requested that the Board appoint Councilman Everitt Heaton to the TDC as the representative for the City of Trenton. The City has approved his appointment to represent.

*Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the appointment of Councilman Everitt Heaton to the Tourist Development Council, as the City of Trenton's representative. Motion carried unanimously.*

### Library

- Monthly Report: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, the Monthly Library Report, as submitted by Ms. Ann Caraway, Library Manager.

### General Government

- Citizens Advisory Task Force: Mr. Crosby requested that the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Citizens Advisory Task Force, for the CDBG grant: Jean Sails, Marion Poitevint, Katherine LaBarca, John Ayers and Billy Cannon.

*Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the appointment of Jean Sails, Marion Poitevint, Katherine LaBarca, John Ayers and Billy Cannon, to the Citizens Advisory Task Force, as required for the CDBG grant. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Courthouse Landscaping: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of the Courthouse Landscape. He stated that he has spoken with the Constitutional Officers and they are on board with a change.

**The Board agreed to allow Mr. Crosby to proceed with the plan to make changes to the Courthouse Landscape.**

### FYI

- Trenton Library will be closed March the 7<sup>th</sup> for their annual meeting
- Projected start date for Log Landing Construction is March 10<sup>th</sup>
- No bids were received for the moving of the Wilkerson House

### Attorney's Report

Mr. David M. Lang, Jr., County Attorney, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues:

Resolution 2014-02: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2014-02, and read the short title as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2014-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO THE SMALL COUNTY OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDS FOR BRIDGE REPAIR/REHABILITATION OF THE COUNTY ROAD 340 OVER ROCK BLUFF BRIDGE #310002; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mr. Lang stated that earlier in the meeting the agreement for this project was approved.

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve Resolution 2014-02. Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2014-03: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2014-03, and read the short title as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2014-03**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO REDUCE PERMIT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

Discussion took place.

*Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray to approve Resolution 2014-03. Motion carried unanimously.*

Limerock Extraction Lease: Mr. Lang stated for the Boards' information, that the lease agreements for the limerock pits were executed by the Townsend's on February 7, 2014. This will allow Mr. Cannon to move forward with Mr. Mills and the permitting process.

**Clerk's Report**

Mr. Todd Newton, Clerk of Court, presented the following documents, and/or addressed the following issues:

SRWMD PILT Application: For the Boards' information, Mr. Newton explained that normally the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Application has been filed by this time, but due to a change in staffing at SRWMD, it got overlooked. Mr. Newton has contacted them and the process has been put into motion.

Relay for Life Yard Sale: Mr. Newton presented a request by the Relay for Life Team, for the use of the Courthouse Lawn, for a yard sale to take place on March 15, 2014.

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn, for the Relay for Life Yard Sale, on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.***

Communications Service Tax Bill SB266: Mr. Newton presented, for the Boards' information, the Florida Association of Counties, Summary Impact Analysis of SB 266, 2% Rate Cut of State CST and State Tax on Direct-Home Satellite Services; showing it will affect Gilchrist County, if it passes.

#### **4:45 p.m. Time Certain Schedule**

- Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex "Arena": At this time several concerned citizens addressed the Board with their opinion on the consideration of naming Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex "Arena" after J.M. 'Murph' Everett.

Mr. Joe Lander led off the discussion with an opening statement of the reasoning behind the request of naming the Arena after Murph Everett. Several other citizens' also addressed the Board in support of this request.

Each Board member also made a statement.

The Board agreed to **considered** the request made by several concerned citizens to name the "Arena" at the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex, after Murph Everett; and **set** a workshop regarding 'dedicating' County owned buildings for a Time Certain, at 3:30 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **5:00 p.m. Time Certain Schedule**

- Sabal Trail Workshop: The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners had appointed a Pipeline Advisory Committee to obtain *questions of concern* relating to that of the residents of the County on the targeted route of the gas pipeline. With the committee being formed, representatives of Sabal Trail were invited to this workshop to answer those questions.

Pipeline Advisory Committee Spokesman Pete Butt provided the Board with a copy of the twenty (20) questions and began discussion with the first questions.

Several different Sabal Trail representatives answered the questions pertaining to their field of expertise.

Once all questions have been asked and answered the floor opened for public participation.

The attached map reflects the Preliminary Targeted Route. For further information on the pipeline please call 1-888-596-7732 or [www.sabaltrailtransmission.com](http://www.sabaltrailtransmission.com).



**Commissioners Reports**

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., discussed a letter from Mr. Gipson of F.P.L. and asked Mr. Crosby to contact them about scheduling a time certain at a future meeting, for discussion.

**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 John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Harrison adjourned the meeting at **7:36 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Gilchrist County, Florida*

*Attest:*

*Approved:*

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*Todd Newton, Clerk of Court*

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*D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman*