

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 21, 2014**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, April 21, 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; Carrie Mizell, Gilchrist County Journal; David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management; Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent; Mitch Harrell, Fire/EMS Chief; Laura Dedenbach, County Planner; Sheriff Bobby Schultz and Lt. Jeff Manning, GCSO; Pastor Greg Douglas, Pine Grove Baptist Church; Ray Fitzgerald; Troy Callahan; Duane & Pamela Morse; Walter A. Mitchell; David Gilliam; Steve Gladin; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Tim Hasting, CFEC; Lynn Davis; Diane Clifton, Quilt Festival; Paul & Lacy Redd; Theron Hudson; Marion Poitevint; Rick Ridenhour; Lee Mills, County Engineer, Mills Engineering; Scott Guthrie, Drummond Community Bank; Ronald Deckow; Tracy DeCubellis, Tobacco Prevention Network; Chandler Ash, S.W.A.T.; Katherine LaBarca; and Lori Ridenour.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Pastor Greg Douglas, Pine Grove Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and Commissioner Todd Gray, led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Agenda**

Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, presented the following agenda change:

1. Addition: Request to remove Grace Ministry from Time Certain

Mr. David Lang, Jr., County Attorney, presented the following agenda changes:

1. Addition: Request to support lawsuit against DEP and SRWMD

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

## **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Request for Payment Approval**

Mills Engineering Company  
Invoice 2013015, W/R GCR341 \$1,422.00

### **Property Disposition Requests**

#### Solid Waste

ID#2403, Tire Machine, Serial #0005016090, Model #45656  
Justification: purchased new machine

#### Emergency Operation Center (EMS #2620)

ID#2680, Ford, Model #F350, Serial #IFDX46P63EC43971, Depreciated  
Justification: no longer in service  
Method of Disposition: Salvage/Sale

### **Property Transfer Request**

#### From Otter Springs 7220 to Road Department 4110

ID#3189, Kubota, Model#MX4700DT, Serial#5025 1, Cost \$25,856.88  
Justification: Otter Springs being leased to ForVets

ID#2164, 2000 Ford, Ranger xCab, Serial # I FZR I 5VOYPA28083  
Justification: Otter Springs being leased to ForVets

#### From Otter Springs 7220 to 7210 Hart Springs

ID#3218, Pacemaker, Model# 2000 16' 4, Serial#FSN00304E000, \$10,000.00

ID#3219, Honda, 2001 Honda Outboard, Serial #BA2S3210738, \$1,000.00  
Justification: Otter Springs being leased to ForVets

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

### **Public Participation**

- Diane Clifton, BOCC Representative on NFEDP Board, informed the Board that the available properties are listed on the NFEDP website [www.NFLP.org](http://www.NFLP.org)

**The Board asked that the website link be added to the Gilchrist County website.**

- Ms. Clifton expressed thanks to the BOCC for their donation in funding the Quilt Festival and presented a report

## 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, for the month of March 2014.
- Limerock Test Results: Mr. Crosby stated, for informational purposes, that the reason for this test was to determine the LBR Value of County Rock, for the use of rock on the SE 79<sup>th</sup>, which is now out for bid. The LBR Value should register 100 and after testing County rock the result of the LBR Value registered 80, which does not meet the specification for this State funded project.

Mr. Cannon, County Road Superintendent, stated that this test does not mean that we have 'junk' rock. This rock is good for widening roads and county grades, it just doesn't qualify for this specific road project, SE 79<sup>th</sup>, which is State project.

### Solid Waste

- Overnight Travel Request: Mr. Crosby presented an overnight travel request, for Pat Fischer to attend the "Recycle Florida Today" Annual Conference & Exhibition, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>; cost of travel \$650.00, plus per diem (funds are budgeted).

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the overnight travel request, for Pat Fischer to attend the "Recycle Florida Today" Annual Conference & Exhibition, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>; cost of travel \$650.00, plus per diem (funds are budgeted). Motion carried unanimously.***

### SHIP

- Approval of SHIP loans: Mr. Crosby requested approval for two (2) SHIP Loans as follows:

Susan Wells, in the amount of \$21,500.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the SHIP Loan for Susan Wells, in the amount of \$21,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.***

David & Jessica Aderholt in the amount of \$29,000.00

***Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the SHIP Loan for David & Jessica Aderholt in the amount of \$29,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Community Development

- Comprehensive Planning Act Grant: Mr. Crosby requested permission to submit for Comprehensive Planning Act Grant. He stated that Staff would like to submit as Gilchrist County – standalone, previously we submitted with NCFRPC. Discussion took place.

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve submitting for the Comprehensive Planning Act Grant, as standalone; and for Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, to submit on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously.*

### Parks & Recreation

- Otter Springs: Mr. Crosby requested permission to accept the following property from SRWMD and add it to the County's inventory; a 2010 Convection Oven, value of \$2,691.00 and a 2010 two door refrigerator, value of \$2,021.00. Both properties would remain at the location of the Otter Springs Lodge.

*Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the acceptance of property from SRWMD; a 2010 Convection Oven, value of \$2,691.00 and a 2010 two door refrigerator, value of \$2,021.00, and add it to the County's inventory leaving both properties at the location of the Otter Springs Lodge. Motion carried unanimously.*

- No Wake Zone and Flood Levels: Mr. Crosby addressed for discussion the issue of the No Wake Zone and flood levels. He stated that there have been a number of county citizens/residents who have had damage to their property this year. He stated that he contacted the SRWMD and FWC but no representatives were able to attend this meeting.

Mr. Crosby shared information that he obtained during conversation with Ms. Dawn Griffin, FWC, out of Tallahassee, on no wake and flood levels. He stated that this issue needs to be pushed forward and a letter be sent to Tallahassee regarding changing the flood levels. Discussion took place.

Concerned citizens/residents addressed the Board with their concerns on the Flood Levels and No Wake Zones.

**The Board directed the County Administrator to send a letter to the FWC and SRWMD requesting changes to the levels that indicate a *NO Wake Zone*; directed the County Attorney bring back recommendations on closing boat ramps during floods.**

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

Update on Greenway Palm Subdivision: Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, requested that the Board consider a decision that was made in 2011 regarding the Greenway Palm Subdivision. The applicant is looking to move forward with final platting. **The motion that was made in 2001 is as follows:**

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to move forward with the Greenway Palms Subdivision Final Plat, subject to private roads, right-of-ways and a public disclosure noted on the final plat; Final plat to be brought back before the Board before final approval. Motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. Dedenbach explained what has taken place between now and then. Discussion took place.

Mr. Scott Guthrie, Drummond Bank, was present on behalf of the developer and explained what has and is taking place at this time with the HOA, regarding the Final Plat. Discussion continued.

**Upon conclusion of discussion a Final Plat will be submitted in the near future for approval of the Board.**

### **County Administrator's Report Continues...**

- **Philpot Pavilion:** Mr. Crosby provided pictures of the pavilion demolition that has been completed at Philpot Park. Mr. Crosby thanked Billy Cannon and crew for a job well done.
- **Discussion of Waters Lake:** Mr. Theron Hudson, Waters Lake Resident, presented a power point presentation on *Should the Lake Gate Be Opened?* Several Citizens of Waters Lake addressed the Board and expressed their concerns regarding Waters Lake. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the demolition of the building at Waters Lake contingent upon the Building Inspector's recommendation; and Waters Lake Park will be closed until further notice and until signage is put up notifying park rules; and to approve the request made by Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, on the alternate bus route until park can be reopened. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Extension**

- **Request for Overnight Travel:** Mr. Crosby presented a request for overnight travel, for Marvin Weaver, County Extension Director, to attend Annual Professional Improvement Conference. The total cost of conference and hotel is \$945.00.

Mr. Weaver requested to drive his personal vehicle, so he can leave conference and travel onto Mobile, Al. to take care of some personal business, at his home place there; requesting only state mileage to conference and mileage back from conference site. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve overnight travel for Marvin Weaver, County Extension Director, to attend Professional Improvement Conference, cost of \$945.00; and to use his personal vehicle, with only state mileage to conference and back will be compensated. Motion carried unanimously.***

## General Government

- Mr. Crosby requested permission to advertise to sell the two (2) Four Wheeled Coach Type I Ambulance's – Unit # 372 and Unit # 377. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the County Administrator's request to advertise to sell the two (2) Four Wheeled Coach Type I Ambulance's – Unit # 372 and Unit # 377. Motion carried unanimously.***

- Update on Salary Study: Mr. Crosby stated that he had made several calls talking to people who do salary studies but nothing like what the Board had requested. But then he did talk to a Mr. N.E. Pellegrino with Cody and Associates, who had done a study for the County back in 1999, 2003 and again in 2006. Upon conclusion of the conversation, Mr. Pellegrino offered to do the salary study for \$5,000.00. Discussion took place.

**The Board agreed that if the Salary Study doesn't cover everybody and there is the possibility of it not be implemented, to hold off on the study until the budget process, where it can be considered or not if raises are even a possibility.**

- WellFlorida Council: Mr. Crosby brought back information regarding the meeting date, time and location, for the WellFlorida Council, as requested. He asked if the Board is interested in appointing a Board member to the WellFlorida Council.

**Chairman Harrison appointed Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to serve as the Boards' representative on the WellFlorida Council Board.**

## FYI

- Nature Coast Regional Water Authority has received 1.5 million dollars in grants for the infrastructure to supply water to Old Town.
- *Thank You letter* from Suwannee River Fair Grounds Superintendent/Extension Director for support of the Suwannee River Fair
- Log Landing – Construction site is under water and construction has stopped

## **Attorney's Report**

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

Gas Tax: Mr. Lang advised the Board that the Town of Bell has agreed that the "Gas Tax" shall be re-calculated in the year 2015 and will wait until then.

Auditor's Contract Renewal: Mr. Lang stated that Ms. Johnson had contacted him in regards to the Auditor's contract renewal.

He advised her that we could treat that as a *continuing professional's contract* and Ms. Johnson was going to contact the auditors to provide a window of three years.

Agenda Change; DEP/SRWMD Lawsuit: Mr. Lang stated that he received a request from Steve Minnis, SRWMD, inquiring if the County would be interested in intervening into a lawsuit, filed by a citizen who is challenging the DEP and SRWMD Minimum Flow Levels, for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers.

Mr. Lang stated that he's not sure if we would want to become entangled in this because we are not knowledgeable to the scientific and technical information that goes into support or not if their information is correct or not; they are our planner for water usage. Discussion took place.

**The Board agreed to *NOT* intervene in the DEP/SRWMD Lawsuit.**

### **Clerk's Report**

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

Otter Springs Closeout: Mr. Newton brought it to the Boards' attention that Staff has followed through with the closeout for Otter Springs, as far as determining the deposits that were currently on the books for the campsites and the lodge, that amount ended up being \$18,010.36. Those funds were returned to ForVets. He stated that it will probably be another 4-6 weeks before all the additional bills come through (power bills, final bills) before the complete closeout will be done.

Mr. Newton stated that proof of insurance has yet to be received from ForVets.

Mr. Crosby stated that he should have it tomorrow.

FDOR; Percentages of Local Option Fuel Tax Distributions: Mr. Newton requested the Boards' approval on the Local Option Fuel Tax Percentage Distribution, as follows (which are the same percentages that have been used for the past nine years):

Gilchrist County, 85.57%; Town of Bell, 1.30%; City of Fanning Springs, 2.06%;  
City of Trenton, 11.07%

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the Local Option Fuel Tax Percentage Distribution, as noted. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Commissioners Reports**

Commissioner John Thomas requested that the Management Plan for Otter Springs be updated

**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 **7:17 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Gilchrist County, Florida*

***Attest:***

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***Todd Newton, Clerk of Court***

***Approved:***

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***D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman***