

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MAY 5, 2014

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, May 5, 2014**, at **2:00 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; Wesley Roberts, Finance/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; Chief Mitch Harrell, Fire/EMS; Sheriff Bobby Schultz, Lt. Jeff Manning, GCSO; Connie Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections; Steve Gladin; Rosemary McDaniel; Steve Minnis and Dave Dickens, SRWMD; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Rev. Stephen Ahrens, Bethel Baptist Church; Rick Weder and Bill Brown, Food Distribution; and Katherine LaBarca.

Call to Order

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Reverend Stephen Ahrens, Bethel Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and Commissioner John Thomas, led the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Chairman Harrison introduced the new assistant to the Finance Director, Wesley Roberts. Mr. Roberts will be replacing Ms. Jacki Johnson upon her retirement.

Agenda

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

1. Addition: General Government; Sabal Trail Proposed Map
2. Remove: 2:15 p.m. Time Certain has been rescheduled for May 19th

Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the Agenda, as presented, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- BOCC approved the Consent Agenda, as presented:

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting March 3, 2014

Approval of Bills

On file in Clerk's Office April 2014

Approval of Budget Entries

BE14-015, Fund 410, EMS	\$48,824.00
BE14-016, Fund 180, Local Housing	\$463,446.00
BE14-017, Fund 122, Fire	\$26,713.00
BE14-018, Fund 190, Current Capital	\$2,000.00
BE14-019, Fund 001, General Revenue	\$127,576.00

Request for Payment Approval

Dixie County Sheriff's Office	
Inmate Housing Invoice for March 2014	\$10,952.00

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

Public Participation

Mr. Rick Weder informed the Board about the new food pantry founded by Mr. Bill Brown, called The Children's Table. Mr. Brown presented Rick Weder with a *Service Above Self Award*. Mr. Brown also informed the Board that they are working to start serving Bell and Fanning Springs.

Constitutional Officers

Supervisor of Elections – Connie Sanchez, brought back information in regards to the sole purchase justification, for the purchase of EViD Electronic Poll Books. County Attorney, David Lang, has reviewed the contract. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the request from the Supervisor of Elections, to purchase twelve (12) EViD Units, for a total of \$23,435.00; cost to be funded from General Fund Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

GSCO – Sheriff Bobby Schultz informed the Board that his department has stepped up and is actively monitoring the river during the flood season. The Board thanked him for his efforts.

County Administrator's Report

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

Road Department

- **Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement**: Mr. Crosby requested the Boards' approval of the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with FDOT and Gilchrist County. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with FDOT and Gilchrist County. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement

- **Monthly Report**: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, the Monthly Code Enforcement Report as submitted by Ms. Diane Rondolet, Code Enforcement Officer.

Animal Control

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

Other Buildings

- **Utility Trailer for Maintenance**: Mr. Crosby requested approval to purchase a small utility trailer, for maintenance; funds are available in budget. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the purchase of a small utility trailer, for maintenance; cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SHIP

- **Subordination Agreement**: Mr. Crosby presented for the Board' approval the Subordination Agreement, for Crystal Lathrop's SHIP Mortgage. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to approve the SHIP Subordination, for Crystal Lathrop's SHIP Mortgage. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation

- **Waters Lake**: Mr. Crosby presented a power point presentation showing the gate situation at Waters Lake Park. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve opening the gate to Waters Lake Park once park rules signs are posted and leaving the lake gate closed until signage is placed regarding NO Boat Ramp. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on whether or not airboats should be allowed on Waters Lake; the Board **directed** the County Attorney to bring back information regarding an ordinance on airboats.

FYI

- Management Plan(s): Mr. Crosby stated the Management Plan's for Otter Springs, one (1) between the County and SRWMD and one (1) between the County and ForVets, are under review by the District. Mr. Crosby stated that the Management Plans will be brought back at the next meeting for the Boards' consideration.

County Administrator's Agenda Changes

- Sabal Trail Proposed Map: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, a map regarding a proposed change in route for the Sabal Trail Pipeline Project. Discussion took place.

Attorney's Report

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

Restricted Boating Areas: Mr. Lang presented a proposed draft ordinance regarding *Restricted Boating Areas* along the rivers. He stated that if the Board is agreeable with the proposed ordinance a copy will be sent over to Dixie County, for their consideration, as well. Discussion took place.

The Board will consider the proposed ordinance regarding Restricted Boating Areas and requested GPS coordinates for the proposed minimum wake zones on the River; Mr. Steve Minnis, SRWMD offered to provide GIS Maps.

Public Boat Ramp Closings: Mr. Lang presented a proposed draft ordinance regarding *Public Boat Ramp Closings* during periods of flooding. Discussion took place.

The Board will consider the proposed ordinance regarding Public Boat Ramp Closing (during flood periods) and requested that the County Administrator find out what Levy and Dixie Counties are doing regarding boat ramp closures during flooding.

FDOA Lease Agreement: Mr. Lang presented a copy of the Lease Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department uses the parcel for the purpose of maintaining and operating an Agricultural Interdiction Station. Discussion took place.

The Board agreed to table the consideration of the Lease Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services until more information can be found and brought back, regarding use of lot.

SRWMD Lawsuit: Mr. Lang stated that he has received a second request from SRWMD asking for the County to intervene on behalf of the District in the lawsuit. Discussion took place.

Mr. Steve Minnis, SRWMD, was present for discussion, to explain the lawsuit regarding minimum flow levels.

Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to direct the County Attorney to file to intervene on behalf of SRWMD on the issue Mr. Steve Minnis, SRWMD, spoke about minimum flow levels and the need for Gilchrist County to support the Districts minimum flow levels and the need for the County to intervene in the lawsuit. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Todd Gray voting NO.

Clerk's Report

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

Budget Recap: Mr. Newton presented, for the Boards' information, the Budget Recap for Fiscal Year 2014, for the Period Ending April 30, 2014.

Tax Deed Applications: Mr. Newton presented for the Boards' consideration, nineteen (19) Files Placed *on List of Lands Available* for Taxes, on April 22, 2014. He stated that Florida Statutes requires him to inform the Board of the properties that are going on the *Lands Available for Sale* so that a determination can be made whether any of the properties are properties that the County would like to purchase. Discussion took place on the procedure to be followed within the 90 day time period allowed for determination of purchase or not.

The Board requested that the properties on the *List of Lands Available* be looked at, by Staff, to see if any are needed by the County.

Discussion: County Owned Certificates: Mr. Newton explained the application of Property Valued under \$5,000.00. Discussion took place.

The Board asked Clerk to continue applications on properties under \$5,000.00 value; and about the recommendations on Lands Available for sale being escheated to County.

Commissioners Reports: None noted.

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 Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Harrison adjourned the meeting at **4:08 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

Attest:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Approved:

D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman