

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JULY 21, 2014**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on **Monday, July 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located at 210 South Main Street, Trenton, Florida, with the following member's 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, Director of Finance; Patty McCagh, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary; Wesley Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Finance; Sarah Eastman, Deputy Clerk/Finance; Bobby Crosby, County Administrator; Terri Hilliard, Administrative Assistant; David Lang, County Attorney; Chief Mitch Harrell, Fire/Ems; David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management; Maggie LaBarta and Pat Yates, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; Barbara Locke, Health Department; Richard & Leslie Esseek; Marion Poitevint; and Katherine LaBarca.

**Call to Order**

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the budget workshop to order at 1:04 p.m. Commissioner Kenrick Thomas delivered the invocation and Chairman Harrison led the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Commissioner Sharon A. Langford asked the Board to consider changing the time set, for the Budget Workshop on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; *it was consensus of the Board to change the time from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

**Budget Workshop**

The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the FY14/15 Proposed Budgets, for the following departments:

**1:15 p.m.** Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

**1:30 p.m.** Health Department

**Other Departments**

Emergency Management

Fire Services

Emergency Medical Services

E911

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All recommendations will be considered during the budgeting process and any changes will be presented at future workshops, for the Boards' further consideration.

Time Certains (Health Department went first)

- Health Department: Ms. Barbara Locke, Interim Administrator, addressed the Board with her proposed budget request, in the amount of \$100,000, for the next Fiscal Year 2014-2015. This request is a \$16,111 increase over the last two (2) year's budget of \$83,889. With this increase they hope to provide dental care for children who don't have insurance or Medicaid. Discussion took place.

**Chairman Harrison stated that the proposed budget request will be considered during the budgeting process.**

- Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.: Ms. Maggie LaBarta, PhD, President/CEO, for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., addressed the Board with a presentation of the services provided by Meridian as well as their revenue sources. The proposed budget request for 2015 was \$74,531 which was \$24,531 over 2014 budget. Discussion took place.

**Chairman Harrison stated that the proposed budget request will be considered during the budgeting process.**

*Other Departments*

- Emergency Management: Mr. David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management, was present for discussion on the proposed budget for Emergency Management. The proposed budget for 2015, in the amount of \$209,347 was a decrease from 2014 budget by \$10,414.

Mr. Crosby, County Administrator, informed the Board that a \$5,200 pay increase has been included for Mr. Peaton, in this budget request. Mr. Peaton stated that his salary is not funded out of General Fund. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, that the request of a salary increase for David Peaton be removed from the Emergency Managements proposed budget and that a revised budget be brought back. Motion carried unanimously.***

- E911 – 2917: Mr. Peaton was present for discussion of the proposed budget for E911. The proposed budget submitted was in the amount of \$497,762, which was increased by \$117,429. Mr. Peaton informed the Board that the increase was due to increased 911 Revenues and does not affect General Revenue.

**There were no changes to be made to this proposed budget request.**

- Fire Control – 2210: Discussion took place. The Board accepted the proposed budget as presented, for the FY 14/15 budgeting process.
- EMS Ambulance/Rescue Services – 2620: Discussion took place. The Board accepted the proposed budget as presented, for the FY 14/15 budgeting process.

### **TRIM Compliance Options**

Mr. Newton presented TRIM Compliance Options for General Fund and EMS – MSTU, for discussion and the Boards' consideration. He stated that this issue will be addressed during his report at the regular board meeting, as well, looking for the Boards' direction to proceed. Discussion took place.

### **Budget Recap**

Mr. Newton presented a Budget Recap for FY2014-2015, reflecting where we are at currently, with the budget process.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business/discussion a *motion was made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford*, to adjourn the Budget Workshop. Chairman Harrison then adjourned, with a 5 -0 vote, at **3:32 p.m.**

Gilchrist County  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

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Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

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D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman