

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AUGUST 4, 2014**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County Florida, convened in a **Budget Workshop** on **Monday, August 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.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; Sheriff Bobby Schultz, Lt. Jeff Manning and Jeannine Pfannschmidt, Admin, Assistance, GCSO; Chief Ron McQueen, Fanning Springs Fire Rescue; and Randy Durden.

Call to Order

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the budget workshop to order at 9:03 a.m. Fanning Springs Fire Chief, Ron McQueen delivered the invocation and Chairman Harrison led the pledge of allegiance.

Budget Workshop

The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the FY14/15 Proposed Budgets.

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

Fanning Springs Fire/Rescue

Mr. Crosby stated that there was a meeting held last Monday morning consisting of Mr. Newton, Ms. Jacki Johnson, and Mr. Wesley Roberts, Chief Ron McQueen, Chief Mitch Harrell and himself to discuss the Fire/Rescue Budget, for Fanning Springs. Discussion took place on the proposed budget submitted by Chief Ron McQueen.

Mr. Crosby stated that after the Boards' request to come back with a revised budget for Fanning Springs Fire/Rescue, it is a recommendation of the 'meeting committee' to

increase the *Aid to Government* budget, for Fanning Springs to \$40,000, for the next three years (re-evaluated at the end of every three years); and an additional \$10,000 for the additional calls and assistance to the County as needed, for the budget year 2014/2015 (which will be re-evaluated each year). Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve an increase the Aid to Government budget, for Fanning Springs Fire/Rescue, to \$40,000, for the next three years (re-evaluated at the end of every three years); and an additional \$10,000 for the additional calls and assistance, as needed to Gilchrist County, for the budget year 2014/2015 (which will be re-evaluated each year). Motion carried unanimously.

Chief McQueen thanked the Board for their consideration and commended them on a job well done.

Budget Recap

Mr. Newton presented a Budget Recap for FY2014-2015, reflecting where we are at currently, with the budget process. He stated that General Revenue is at \$997,008, which includes the net expenditure and revenue budget changes that were made after the 7/24/2014 Budget Workshop; the changes are as follows:

Net Expenditures

Fund	Description	Increase/(Decrease) Amount
001, Dept. 1621	Incr. requested budget per circuit court	\$508
001, Dept. 1623	Balance of rev. collected under 775.83FS	\$45,988
001, Dept. 2710	Reduce prof. and funeral services	(\$6,300)
001, Dept. 3730	Remove agent raise and truck	(\$24,611)
001, Dept. 6210	Reduce prior year funding	(\$16,111)
001, Dept. 6220	Reduce comm. Exp. Allocation	(\$959)
001, Dept. 6310	Reduce to prior year funding	(\$24,531)
001, Dept. 7210	Remove Welder	(\$2,500)
001, Dept. 8620	Tax Collector budget reduction	(\$2,500)
001, Dept. 8620	Supervisor of Elections budget reduction	(\$7,450)
001, Dept. 8620	Clerk of Court budget reduction	(\$52,700)
001, Dept. 8620	Sheriff budget reduction	(\$277,778)
122, Dept. 2552	Remove comm. Exp. Allocation	(\$1,945)
122, Dept. 2210	Reduce water tanker reserve	(\$72,919)
122, Dept. 7990122	Increase in Revenue	\$50,000
140, Dept. 4110	Remove vacant maint. position	(\$35,005)
	Remove financed service truck*	(\$60,000)
140, Dept. 2554	Reduce comm. Exp. Allocation	(\$302)
410, Dept. 2551	Reduce comm. Exp. Allocation	<u>(\$8,848)</u>
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE BUDGET INC/(DECR)		(\$500,460)

*Removal of \$60,000 financed service truck reduces revenue by same amount because of loan proceeds included in revenue.

Net Revenue

Fund	Description	Increase/(Decrease) Amount
001	Communications Allocation-E911 Fund	\$75,761
122	Balance Forward Adjustment	(\$97,498)
140	Remove loan proceeds-truck canceled	(\$60,000)
TOTAL NET REVENUE BUDGET INC/(DECR)		(\$81,737)

Mr. Newton reviewed the Cumulative Expenditure Budget Changes to General Fund, Other Funds, as well as the Cumulative Revenue Budget Changes.

Mr. Newton stated that even with the changes/adjustments made to this point, we are still not at the position we need to be in balancing the budget. Considerations have to be made relating to increasing revenues or decreasing spending.

Mr. Newton informed/reminded the Board that a decision has to be made TODAY on a proposed millage rate and reported to the Property Appraiser.

Discussion took place, including the consideration of a millage rate; Commissioner John Thomas stated that 8.45 mills was proposed for budgeting purposes.

Commissioner Todd Gray proposed 8.75 mills. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve 8.75 as the proposed millage rate, for FY 14/15, and submit to the Property Appraiser. Discussion took place. Chairman Harrison called for a vote. Motion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Harrison, Langford and J. Thomas voting NO.

Motion made by Commissioner John Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve 8.50 as the proposed millage rate, for FY 14/15, and submit to the Property Appraiser. Discussion took place. Chairman Harrison called for a vote. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Harrison and Gray voting NO.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Crosby made a comment on the Boards request on all departments cutting back on spending. He stated that *"we have cut spending and regardless of what is done with the budget or how the budgets turn out this year, we will continue to watch that for next year and years to come. Just because it's in the budget, and it might be there in case for an emergency, or if we should need it, but we will not be spending it on anything that we absolutely do not have a need."*

With nothing further on this issue, Chairman Harrison moved forward.

Budget Workshop Dates

Mr. Newton stated that our next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 4:00 p.m. He requested suggestions for dates and times, for the next workshop.

The Board agreed to set the next Budget Workshop for August 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

With no further business/discussion a *motion was made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner John Thomas*, to adjourn the Budget Workshop. Chairman Harrison then adjourned, with a 5 -0 vote, at 10:52 a.m.

Attest:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Gilchrist County
Board of County Commissioners

D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman