

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 22, 2015

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**, 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.</i>
<i>District III</i>	<i>Commissioner Todd Gray, Chairman</i>
<i>District IV</i>	<i>Commissioner Marion Poitevint</i>
<i>District V</i>	<i>Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, Vice Chairman</i>

Others in Attendance

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court; Jacki Johnson, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk; Wesley Robert, Finance/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; Chief Mitch Harrell, Fire/EMS; Donna Creamer, TDC; Damon Leggett, Property Appraiser; Barbara Merritt, Tax Collector; Connie Sanchez, Supervisor of Elections; Sheriff Bobby Schultz and Deputy Leonard Knuckles, GCSO; Lindsey Landers, PA; Pastor John Miller, Christian Fellowship Community Church, Bell, Florida; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Billy Watson, CFEC; Justin Jones, A-1 Pest Control; Trip Lancaster, Mayor City of Fanning Springs; Katherine LaBarca; V.M. Wilson; and David & Tess Padot.

Call to Order

Chairman Todd Gray, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Pastor John Miller, Christian Fellowship Community Church, Bell, Florida, delivered the invocation and Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda

Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, presented the following change(s):

1. Remove: **General Government**; #5a) Paul Stressing – Update on BOCC Meeting Room

Mr. David Lang, County Attorney, presented the following change(s):

1. Addition: Supplementary information received from the FDOR regarding Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption
2. Addition: Discussion on conference call held regarding hotel project, in Fanning Springs, concerning Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

- 3. Addition: Information regarding the proposed right of way crossing fees and the sale of two parcels for the Sabal Trail Pipeline project

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The Board **approved** the Consent Agenda, as presented:

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting October 6, 2014

Request for Payment Approval

Dixie County Sheriff’s Office
 Inmate Housing, December 2014 \$14,652.00

Mills Engineering Company
 Widen and Resurfacing SW 100th St \$2,910.00

SREC, Inc.
 Request for SHIP Funds for Angelia Sidorenko \$27,450.00

CRI CPAs and Advisors
 Progress Billing on 2014 Audit \$20,000.00

Suwannee Valley Leagues, Inc.
 Budget Disbursement \$25,650.00

City of Trenton
 2014-2015 Community Redevelopment Fund Invoice \$74,782.00

Property Transfer - Permanent
 From Otter Springs to Emergency Management
 ID#03 I 13, John Deer, Gator 4x4
 Justification: Surplus Property from Otter Springs; transfer to EM to be used in emergency response and recovery operations

Property Transfer - Permanent
 From Otter Springs to Hart Springs
 ID#3115, E-Z Go, TXTPDS, Serial #2250497, \$2,275.00
 Justification: Surplus property from Otter Springs/per agreement with ForVets

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitutional Officers

Tax Collector: Ms. Barbara Merritt, Tax Collector, addressed the Board on the issue of security at the Courthouse. Ms. Merritt explained that there was an incident at the Tax Collector's office where a customer was wearing a weapon on his hip. This was noticed by another customer who brought it to the tax collector's attention. Discussion took place.

The Board agreed for a committee to be formed to discuss security at the Courthouse; the committee shall include all the Constitutional Officers, County Administrator and County Attorney.

2:15 p.m. Time Certain

- Ordinance 2015-01, TODS: Mr. David Lang, County Attorney, presented, for the Boards' approval, Ordinance 2015-01, and read the short title as follows, for the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING TOURIST-ORIENTED DIRECTION SIGNS (TODS); ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR TODS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INCLUDING PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS AND LOCATION AND PLACEMENT REGULATIONS; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ESTABLISHING RESERVED SECTION 66-67 AS 'TOURIST-ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS (TODS)'; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve Ordinance 2015-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

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

Road Department

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

- A-1 Pest Control Termite Agreement: Mr. Crosby stated that at the last meeting there were some questions raised regarding the Termite Treatment Agreement, for the Road Department. Mr. Justin Jones, owner of A-1 Pest Control, was asked to explain the charge of \$950.00 for termite treatment. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Retreatment Only Agreement, with A-1 Pest Control, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$950.00 for Termite Treatment and \$165.00 for Annual Inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

- Equipment Operator: Mr. Crosby requested permission to advertise and hire an Equipment Operator, replacing the one that left, for the Road Department. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the request to hire an Equipment Operator, replacing the one that left, for the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

2:30 p.m. Time Certain

- Budget Hearing; Resolution 2015-07 & BE15-008: Ms. Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, presented for the Boards' approval, Resolution 2015-07 & BE15-008:

Resolution 2015-07

A resolution of the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners amending the General Fund Budget; whereas, the Florida Department of Transportation has agreed to reimburse Gilchrist County for the widening and resurfacing of CR 334A from SR 26 to CR 334, the amount not to exceed \$466,200.00. Therefore, be it resolved, by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners that the General Fund (001) is hereby amended with an increased amount of \$466,200.00.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve Resolution 2015-07 & BE15-008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

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.

Mr. Crosby informed the Board that the 20hr/week Animal Control Position may be filled within the next week. Commissioner Harrison informed Mr. Crosby that he has a citizen who would like to volunteer at the shelter.

Library

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

Mr. Crosby informed the Board the Mr. Paul Stressing has taken measurements and will put a proposal together and present at the library design meeting.

TDC

- Promotional Advertising: Mr. Crosby presented the request for approval of promotional advertising, as submitted and approved by the Gilchrist County Tourist Development Council, as follows:

(1) Place ad in the 2015-2016 Florida Freshwater Fishing Guide Book ¼ page ad discounted rate of \$2,050

(2) Place ad in the Undiscovered Florida Magazine 1/12 page ad rate of \$1,495

(3) Place ad in the Florida Travel & Lifestyle Magazine 3-issues rate for full size ad is \$1,780

(4) Place ad in Hidden Coastlines Magazine ¼ page for 4-issues rate is \$716

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the request made by the TDC, for promotional advertising, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Request for Overnight Travel: Mr. Crosby requested permission for overnight travel allowing Ms. Donna Creamer to attend the VISIT FLORIDA Regional Area of Opportunity Consumer Show Program, in Chicago. He also requested that the TDC be allowed to fund the trip up to \$1,800.00 while the costs will be reimbursed by The Original Florida Tourism Task Force. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve overnight travel allowing Ms. Donna Creamer to attend the VISIT FLORIDA Regional Area of Opportunity Consumer Show Program, in Chicago; and that the TDC fund the trip up to \$1,800.00 with the costs being reimbursed by The Original Florida Tourism Task Force. Discussion took place.

General Government

- SE 70th Lane Modification #5: Mr. Crosby presented Modification #5 to the Subgrant Agreement for CDBG project SE 79th Lane.

Mr. Crosby explained that the State changed some of the grants and the County Attorney has reviewed and agrees with the change. He requested the Boards' approval and to allow the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Modification #5 to Subgrant Agreement between the Department of Economic Opportunity and Gilchrist County, for DEO Contract Number 11DB-C5-03-31-01-PS16, Gilchrist County SE 79th Lane CDBG project, awarded on June 30, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

FYI; Colt's Station: Mr. Crosby informed the Board that the Colt Station has been taken down; debris is still on site until Contractor comes on site

2:45 p.m. Time Certain

- Resolution No. 2015-01; Petition for Road Closure "Horace Thomas Grade": Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2015-01, for the Boards' approval, and read the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, VACATING, ABANDONING, DISCONTINUING, AND CLOSING A PUBLIC ROADWAY KNOWN AS "HORACE THOMAS GRADE" LOCATED EAST OF C.R. 307 IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

FYI – Ordinance No. 2015-02: Mr. Lang presented for the Boards' review and discussion, Ordinance 2015-02 regarding Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption. He stated that the ordinance will be advertised for enactment February 2, 2015. No action needed at this time.

Agenda Changes; Informational Purposes Only

- Mr. Lang informed the Board that the hotel developers are looking for a cash loan from Gilchrist County and Fanning Springs, in the amount of \$1mm; Mr. Lang and Mr. Crosby will continue conversations with developers, informing of no cash incentive but the County will consider Tax Abatement once the ordinance is passed

- Mr. Lang will bring back more information on Sabal Trails offer to purchase the two needed parcels, for the pipeline project

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 2015, Period Ending January 12, 2015.

Fuel Costs Report: Mr. Newton presented the Fuel Costs Report for December 2014, for the Boards' information.

Bid Results for Escheated Properties: Mr. Newton presented the results that were received on the bid requests for the properties escheated to the County. Discussion took place.

It was Mr. Newton's recommendation to accept the bid from Terif Investments LLC, in the amount of \$9,500.00, for parcel #151016-05610670-0000.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to accept the bid from Terif Investments LLC, in the amount of \$9,500.00, for parcel #151016-05610670-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to rebid lowering reserve on escheated property, parcel #171015-00490011-0030, to \$6,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Harrison requested a proclamation recognizing Alice White's 100th birthday; discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to instruct the County Attorney to draft a proclamation honoring Ms. Alice White's 100th birthday. Motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Thomas asked about FDOT meeting being rescheduled
- Commissioner Langford commented that the signs are up at Bell School
- Commissioner Gray discussed the Fracking issue that was emailed to him

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 Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Harrison adjourned the meeting at **3:55 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

Attest:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Approved:

Todd Gray, Chairman