

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, February 2, 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:

District I Commissioner Sharon A. Langford
District II Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr.
District III Commissioner Todd Gray, Chairman
District IV Commissioner Marion Poitevint
District V Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, Vice Chairman

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; Ericka Hudson, Animal Control Officer; Paul Stresing, County Architect – Paul Stresing Associates, Inc.; Dave Dickens, SRWMD; Charles A. Boone, Sr., Florida Fill & Grading, Inc.; Donna Creamer, Gilchrist TDC; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Dave Nogaki; Katherine LaBarca; Tom Sturgeon and Steve Sturgeon, Ellie Ray's; Diane Clifton, GCEDAC; David & Tess Padot; Trip Lancaster, Mayor of Fanning Springs; David Cravey, Haven Hospice; and Don Applebaum.

Call to Order

Chairman Todd Gray, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Bobby Crosby, County Administrator, delivered the invocation and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda

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

1. Addition: **Emergency Management**; Approval of repairs to John Deere Gator

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

1. Addition: Disposition of two (2) Lots

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

Consent Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting October 20, 2014
 Regular Meeting November 2, 2014

Approval of Bills

On File in Clerk's Office January 2015

Request for Payment Approval

Reimbursement to SREC, Inc.
 For Emergency Repairs for SHIP Clients
 Mike Little \$6,860.00
 Gloria Gamble \$7,440.00
 Roseleen Butler \$6,325.00

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

County Administrator’s Report

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

General Government

- **Update on BOCC Meeting Room:** Mr. Paul Stresing, County Architect, Paul Stresing Associates, Inc., addressed the Board and gave an update regarding the Water Infiltration issue pertaining to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Facility. Mr. Stresing provided drawings/plans identifying his finding on the building. Discussion took place.

Chairman Gray stated that due to budget constraints all options will be considered as well as the recommendations of the architect for the repair to the Commissions meeting facility. No Board action taken at this time.

2:15 p.m. Time Certain

- **Ordinance 2015-02:** Mr. Lang, County Attorney, presented Ordinance 2015-02, regarding Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions, for the Boards’ consideration and approval. Mr. Lang read the short title as follows, for the record:

ORDINANCE 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VII THERETO ENTITLED, "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENACTMENT AUTHORITY; INTENT AND DECLARATION; DEFINITION OF TERMS; ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION FEE; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION OF EXEMPTION/RECOVERY OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SUNSET REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion took place. Chairman called for any public comments.

Mayor Trip Lancaster, City of Fanning Springs, addressed the Board and expressed his concerns.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Ordinance 2015-02, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2:30 p.m. Time Certain

- "Time of Sale for Alcohol": Mr. Crosby, County Administrator lead the discussion on the "Time of Sale for Alcohol", regarding a request made by Mr. Tom Sturgeon, Owner of Ellie Ray's, to be able to sell alcohol past midnight and on Sundays. Discussion took place. Mr. Sturgeon has also requested the Board determine what would be required to have the public vote on referendum.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to DENY Mr. Sturgeon's request (change hours for sale of alcohol within Gilchrist County) to modify Section 6.1 of County Ordinance 80-1,; and for the County Attorney to look into the options for public vote on referendum and will bring back for further consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report continues...

General Government

- Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex: Mr. Crosby informed the Board that the Gilchrist County Agriculture Complex placed 7th out of 17 on the submission of an application for state funding of agriculture education and promotion facility projects; consideration for a Ag Complex project for a New Agricultural Exhibit Multi-Purpose Building. Mr. Crosby stated that funding has not yet been determined.

- Hart Springs and Otter Springs Restoration Projects: Mr. Crosby presented for the Boards' approval, the contract between Florida Fill & Grading, Inc. and Gilchrist County, for the Hart and Otter Springs Restoration projects. The total cost, in the amount of \$205,415.00, will be reimbursed by SRWMD, for the dredging of both springs. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the contract between Florida Fill & Grading, Inc. and Gilchrist County, for the Hart Springs and Otter Springs Restoration projects, in the amount of \$205,415.00; and that all costs are to be reimbursed by SRWMD. Motion carried unanimously.

- Kisinger Campo & Associates Corp: Mr. Crosby stated that at the time the RFQ from Kisinger Campo & Associates was approved, the Board actually needed to **award** the RFQ, as well as approve it.

So at this time, Mr. Crosby asked that the Board **award** the RFQ and **approve** the contract being presented between Gilchrist County and Kisinger Campo & Associates Corp., for the Design & Engineering of the Rock Bluff Bridge. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the RFQ award, for Design & Engineering of the Rock Bluff Bridge Project, to Kisinger Campo & Associates, subject to the County Attorney filling in the additional inserts as necessary and approval of FDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Kenrick Thomas had to leave the meeting due to a family emergency.

- Coleman Construction: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, Pay Request # 5, from Coleman Construction, in the amount of \$56,060.42, for the CDBG Project SE 79th Lane.

Mr. Crosby stated that all paperwork has been received, still waiting on approval from grant writer Fred Fox's approval. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve Pay Request # 5, from Coleman Construction, in the amount of \$56,060.42, for the CDBG Project SE 79th Lane; subject to approval from Fred Fox. Motion carried 4-0.

Animal Control

- Additional Employee: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of hiring an additional employee for Animal Control. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve adding a 16hr/week part-time position for Animal Control. Motion carried 4-0.

EMS

- Furniture Purchase: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, a request to purchase furniture, five (5) recliners, for EMS. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the request to purchase furniture, five (5) recliners, from Walker's Furniture, in the amount of \$2,414.95, for EMS. Motion carried 4-0.

Community Development

- Special Event Permit: Mr. Crosby presented a request, for the Boards' approval, for a Special Event Permit, applied for by Farm to Family, for an event to be held at Ellie Ray's Campground on April 13-15. Discussion took place.

Chairman Gray called for any public comments. None noted.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve a Special Events permit for the Farm to Family event to be held at Ellie Ray's Campground on April 13-15, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

- Special Event Permits: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of the language currently utilized to obtain a Special Event Permit. He stated that he has spoken with the County Attorney, County Planner and Staff regarding the consideration of new language for a Special Events Permit that applies to commercial developments, such as campgrounds, allowing more than 250 attendants.

Mr. Crosby requested permission to bring back staff's recommendation for commercial establishments, including increasing the number of attendants; and that the Board consider allowing the County Administrators Staff and County Planner to make the decision to grant Special Event Permits to keep the issue from having to come before the Board for approval.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the County Administrator to bring back the recommendations, for further considerations, on new language to obtain a Special Events Permits, to allow more than 250 attendants.

- Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Crosby requested approval from the Board to advertise for the position of Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer, at a pay range of \$55-59,000.00. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the request to advertise for the position of Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer, at a pay range of \$55-59,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Solid Waste

- Approval for Overnight Travel: Mr. Crosby presented a request for the Boards approval, to allow overnight travel for Bobby Rush to attend the Transfer Station Operator and Materials Recovery Facilities Training, being held in Jacksonville, Florida, in the amount of \$900.00 plus per diem. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approval the overnight travel request, for Bobby Rush to attend the Transfer Station Operator and Materials Recovery Facilities Training, being held in Jacksonville, Florida; cost in the amount of \$900.00 plus per diem. Motion carried 4-0.

FYI

- 2014 Florida Rural Economic Development Summit: Ms. Diane Clifton updated the Board on the 2014 Florida Rural Economic Development Summit she attended and also submitted a report, for their information.

Agenda Change; Emergency Management

- Repairs to John Deere Gator: Mr. Crosby presented a quote from Ag-Pro, in the amount of \$2,683.09, for repairs to a John Deere Gator, to be used by Emergency Management; this Gator was transferred from Otter Springs to Emergency Management. Discussion took place.

Mr. David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management/911 Coordinator, explained the need for the Gator, as well as the requested additions, in regards to the regular/routine maintenance items quoted.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford... discussion continued.

Chairman Gray relinquished the gavel over to Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to second the motion made by Commissioner Langford.

Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., acting Chair, stated the motion; ***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the quote from Ag-Pro, in the amount of \$2,683.09, for repairs to a John Deere Gator, now in possession of Emergency Management. Motion carried 4-0.***

Commissioner Harrison turned the gavel back over to Chairman Gray.

Attorney's Report

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

Agenda Change

- Disposition of two (2) Lots: Mr. Lang addressed the issue of the County owned properties needed by Sabal Trails. He stated that he had received an email from Mason/Bolves informing the County that they are interested in negotiating a sale with Sabal Trails for these properties.

Mr. Lang requested the Board's approval to notify and approve Mason/Bolves to move forward and negotiate the sale of two (2) County owned properties to Sabal Trails.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the County Attorney to notify and allow Mason/Bolves to move forward with the negotiation of the sale of County owned properties with Sable Trails. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lang reminded the Board of a joint meeting/ *workshop* scheduled for Thursday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m., at the Fanning Springs Boardroom, regarding the Holiday Inn Express Development

Clerk's Report

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

AT&T Claims for Damages: For the Boards' information, Mr. Newton presented the receipt of a Claim for Damages. As of right now, these damages do not appear to be the responsibility of the County.

Request to Auction off County Owned Properties: Mr. Newton presented for the Boards' consensus, the request to auction of County Owned Properties. He explained his intentions.

The Board requested that the Clerk bring back an itemized list of properties so a reserve can be determined for each property.

WIC Office Lease Discussion: Mr. Newton addressed the WIC Office Lease. Discussion took place.

The Board decided to keep the existing lease rate for the WIC Office.

Relay for Life: Mr. Newton presented a request for use of the Courthouse Lawn for a Relay for Life Yard Sale, March 21st.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the request to use the Courthouse Lawn for a Relay for Life Yard Sale, March 21st. Motion carried 4-0.

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 Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at **4:32 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

Attest:

Approved:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Todd Gray, Chairman