

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2015

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, February 19, 2015**, at **4:00 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 Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Finance; 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; Laura Dedenbach, County Planner; Sheriff Bobby Schultz, Lt Jeff Manning, Lt. Leonard Knuckles, Lt Sheryl Brown and Julee Brideson, GCSO; Barbara Merritt, Tax Collector; Ron & Georgia Mills; Charlie Perez; Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, Inc.; Jane Nogaki; Rodger Nogaki, SRSA, President; Pastor Robin Thomas, Joppa Baptist Church; Billy Wilson, CFEC; Trip Lancaster, Mayor of Fanning Springs; Don Applebaum, Farm to Family; Jane Hatker; Kevin & Nina Craven, Grace Ministry; David & Tess Padot; Katherine LaBarca; Jay Becker; Don & Sandy Becker; Dennis Radice; Terry & Beth Fowler; Roy Sperry and Mike Jarvi, Apple Indian; Jared McCoy; and Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River.

Call to Order

Chairman Todd Gray, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Robin Thomas, Joppa Baptist Church, 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. Addition: **Solid Waste**; Request from CRS Appliance to establish a monthly charge account
2. Addition: **General Government**; Discussion of County Emblem

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

1. Addition: Informational Changes

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., 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 November 24, 2014

Request for Payment Approval

SREC, Inc.

Reimbursement for Owner-Occupied Rehab
Eddie Grieves \$13,313.60

Purchase and Closing Costs
Douglas Brantley \$26,891.00

CRI, CPAs and Advisors

Progress Billing on 2014 Audit \$10,000.00

Mills Engineering Company

Invoice #2013072, W/R SW 100th Street \$4,607.50

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 Officer's

Sheriff's Office

- Inmate Medical Services: Sheriff Bobby Schultz introduced a new contract for Inmate Medical Services with Regional General and Mental Health Services, with Dr. Umesh M. Mhatre, M.D., P.A. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve contract for Inmate Medical Services with Regional General and Mental Health Services, with Dr. Umesh M. Mhatre, M.D., P.A., upon review by County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

- Purchase request for Kiosks: Lt. Jeff Manning presented, for the Boards' approval, a request to purchase four (4) kiosks, for Public Service Announcements, to be funded from the Crime Prevention Fund, as *sole source*, in the amount of \$17,607.00.

Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the purchase of four (4) kiosks, for Public Service Announcements, to be funded from the Crime Prevention Fund, as sole source, in the amount of \$17,607.00. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator/Tax Collector

- Continued Discussion of Security at the Courthouse: At this time, Mr. Crosby began his report with #9b) *Continued Discussion of Security at the Courthouse*, while the Tax Collector, Ms. Barbara Merritt was present during discussion by Constitutional Officers.

It was consensus of the Board to direct the County Administrator to move forward with obtaining cost to close the west end door, of the Courthouse, near Tax Collectors/Property Appraisers offices.

4:15 p.m. Time Certain

- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, President, Our Santa Fe River: Ms. Jipson addressed the Board and requested they consider adopting a Resolution/Ordinance opposing *fracking*, in Gilchrist County. She presented a power point presentation on *fracking*. Discussion took place.

Concerned Citizen Charlie Perez handed out a document (information regarding allowing the State to address the *fracking* issue), for the Boards information, opposed to the County supporting the request for a resolution/ordinance to prevent *fracking*.

There were a couple other Concerned Citizens that addressed the Board and expressed their opinion on *fracking*, for and/or against the request for the Boards' support in drafting a resolution/ordinance, in Gilchrist County.

The Board took no action at this time, on this issue.

4:30 p.m. Time Certain

- Application for a Special Use Permit; SUP 01-15: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented the application submitted by Kevin Craven, Agent/ Owner for Grace Ministry of Florida, Inc., for a Special Use Permit for a Religious Facility and Group Treatment Center, in an Agriculture 2 Land Use Category, on 15.0 acres located at 4129 NW 16th Trail, Bell, FL; Tax Parcel ID 26-08-14-0000-0004-0010.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the proposed use, as conditioned, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. She presented the following recommendation, for the Boards' approval, of the requested Special Use Permit subject to the following conditions:

1. The Special Use Permit is issued to Grace Ministry of Florida for a religious facility and group treatment center within an Agriculture-2 (A-2) land use district, as provided

for in Section 2.06.02(h) and Section 2.06.02(hh), LDC, to be located at 4129 NW 16th Trail, Bell, FL (Parcel ID 26-08-14-0000-0004-0010).

2. The number of residents in the group treatment program on the property at one time shall be limited to 10.
3. Approval of a site plan (or plans) for specific development shall be required before the construction of any new building or infrastructure is commenced.
4. The four campsites shown on the conceptual plan are for use only with the religious facility. Use of the campsites shall be of a temporary nature only and for recreational vehicle (as defined by Section 7.25.01, LDC) use only. Stays of longer than 14 days are prohibited. Use of the campsites or recreational vehicles as permanent residences is prohibited. Use of the campsites or recreational vehicles as residences for the group treatment center is prohibited. Campsites shall not be made available to the public.
5. The applicant has 30 days from the approval of this special use permit to obtain building permits for the construction commenced on site, specifically the conversion of agricultural buildings into a dining hall and kitchen. Failure to obtain these building permits shall cause the revocation of this SUP by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with the notice of public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the SUP may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County official. Once the SUP has been revoked pursuant to this provision, the owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a SUP to allow a religious facility and group treatment center.
6. Any violation of this SUP or conditions thereof, shall cause the revocation of this SUP by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with the notice of public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the SUP may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County official. Once the SUP has been revoked pursuant to this provision, the owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a SUP to allow a religious facility and group treatment center.
7. Approval of this SUP does not alleviate the applicant's obligation to obtain all other applicable state and federal permits.

As conditioned the proposed use contained within this special use permit:

1. Is consistent with the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and other applicable regulations.
2. Is generally compatible and harmonious with the uses and structures on adjacent and nearby property.

3. Has the necessary public infrastructure available to the site and the requirements of concurrency management have been met. A concurrency reservation is not being given with this special use permit.
4. Has screening and buffers of the dimension, type, and character to maintain the compatibility and harmony with adjacent and nearby properties.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve SUP 01-15 changing terms from 30 to 60 days to obtain proper permit or re designate the facility; if it goes back to ag classification issue will have to be brought back before the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. David Lang, County Attorney, addressed the issue of the *funding*, for Grace Ministry, which the Board contributes each year. He requested the pleasure of the Board on which direction to take as far as those funds are concerned. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve withholding funds to Grace Ministry, Inc., until SUP 01-05 conditions are met. Motion carried unanimously.

4:45 p.m. Time Certain

- Application for a Special Use Permit; SUP 02-15: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented the request submitted by Jeremy Becker, Owner, for a Special Use Permit, for an event facility, in an Agriculture-2 land use category, on 52.4 acres located at 3290 SE CR 337, Trenton, FL; Tax Parcel ID 23-09-16-00000004-0000.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for an event facility. There is no specific category for an event facility in the A-2 land use category. However, pursuant to Section 2.06.03(b), she determined that the proposed use is so similar to other listed special use permits, in the A-2 land use category, that the proposed event facility is within the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. Some of those special use permits include rural conference centers, bed and breakfast inns, and private clubs or lodges.

According to the applicant, the barn will be used as an event facility (e.g., birthdays, weddings) for events with less than 300 invitees per event. No new structures will be built. The existing barn will be renovated to include a concrete slab, bathrooms, warming kitchen, and adequate lighting, cooling, and ventilation. The submitted site plan shows the location of the barn and a parking area for 100 cars. The parking area will be left grassed.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the proposed use, as conditioned, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. She recommended approval of the requested Special Use Permit subject to the following conditions:

1. The Special Use Permit is issued to Jeremy Becker for an event facility to be located at 3290 SE CR 337, Trenton, FL (Parcel ID 23-09-16-0000-0004-0000)
2. The number of attendees per event shall be limited to 300 persons.
3. Approval of a site plan (or plans) for specific development shall be required before the construction of any new building or infrastructure not shown on the conceptual plan is commenced.
4. Hours of operation for the event facility shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. No outdoor music or live bands are permitted. If portable lighting is used on the site for the parking area or grounds, then it must be placed in such a manner that does not shine into surrounding properties. Lighting shall be turned off at 11:00 p.m., or the end of the event, whichever occurs first.
5. Events shall be limited to private events where admittance is not available to members of the general public (e.g., concerts that are publically advertised and tickets are available to members of the general public).
6. Any violation of this SUP or conditions thereof, shall cause the revocation of this SUP by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with the notice of public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the SUP may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County official. Once the SUP has been revoked pursuant to this provision, the owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a SUP to allow an event facility.
7. Approval of this SUP does not alleviate the applicant's obligation to obtain all other applicable county, state, and federal permits.

As conditioned the proposed use contained within this special use permit:

1. Is consistent with the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and other applicable regulations.
2. Is generally compatible and harmonious with the uses and structures on adjacent and nearby property.
3. Has the necessary public infrastructure available to the site and the requirements of concurrency management have been met. A concurrency reservation is not being given with this special use permit.
4. Has screening and buffers of the dimension, type, and character to maintain the compatibility and harmony with adjacent and nearby properties

Discussion took place. Chairman Gray called for any public comments. The property owner as well as concerned citizens addressed the Board and expressed their concerns.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve SUP 05-15, as presented, with the condition that the building must be enclosed and events must be completed by 10:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Time Certain

- Application for a Special Use Permit; SUP 03-15: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented an application submitted by Barney Faircloth, Agent for F&F Tree Farm, LLC, Owner, for an extension of an existing Special Use Permit (05-01) in an Agriculture-2 land use category on 320 acres; Tax Parcel ID 10-10-16-0000-0007-0000.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the applicant is requesting a 10-year extension of an existing special use permit, for excavation and mining. No other conditions are requested for revision. The proposed revision will not expand the type or location of operations, just the timeframe. SP 05-01 was approved on February 27, 2005. The special use permit would expire on March 3, 2015.

Ms. Dedenbach also stated that the proposed use, as conditioned, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Ms. Dedenbach recommended approval of the requested Special Use Permit subject to the following conditions (the original conditions are repeated here; new language is shown as underlined text, deleted text is shown as stricken-through):

The Application for a Special Use Permit by F&F Tree Farm, LLC, for an excavation/mining operation in an A-2 ~~zoning~~ land use district is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The excavation activities authorized by this Special Use Permit are limited to leveling and contouring of the property. There shall be no excavation of sand or other material below the lowest upland grade within the mining area. The leveling and contouring of hills shall conform to the lowest upland grade within the mining area and thus no reclamation shall be required.
2. This Special Use Permit shall be valid for a period of 10 additional years, beginning in 2015, after which further excavation activities shall require a new application for, and renewal of, the Special Use Permit.
3. Excavation activities shall be limited to the following hours:

Standard Time:	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Monday through Friday
Daylight Savings Time:	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Monday through Friday
Year Round:	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Saturdays

4. There shall be no on-site storage of petroleum.
5. Setbacks for excavation activities shall be 200 feet from the property lines as measured from the boundary lines of the property owned by the applicant, not to include leased or another property not in the name of the applicant.
6. If required, a valid permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District for the operation ~~must~~ shall be obtained and include all acreage involved.
7. Access to the property by County, State, and Federal inspectors shall be allowed at all times.
8. Any violation of this SUP or conditions thereof, shall cause the revocation of this SUP by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with the notice of public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the SUP may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County official. Once the SUP has been revoked pursuant to this provision. The owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a SUP to allow excavation and mining.

As conditioned the proposed use contained within this special use permit:

1. Is consistent with the Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and other applicable regulations.
2. Is generally compatible and harmonious with the uses and structures on adjacent and nearby property.
3. Has the necessary public infrastructure available to the site and the requirements of concurrency management have been met. A concurrency reservation is not being given with this special use permit.
4. Has screening and buffers of the dimension, type, and character to maintain the compatibility and harmony with adjacent and nearby properties.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve SUP 03-15, as presented, for a ten (10) year extension of mining permit. Motion carried unanimously.

5:15 p.m. Time Certain

- Application for a Temporary Use Permit; TUP 01-15: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented an application submitted by Apple Indian Management and Promotions, for a Temporary Use Permit, for a special event (professional wrestling), at the Gilchrist County Rodeo Arena.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the applicant is requesting a special event permit (temporary use permit) for a professional wrestling event. The event is expected to draw 3,000 persons to the site. The date of the event is April 25, 2015. Set up for the event will begin at 7:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. The event will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cleanup will be from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. There will be food and retail sales accompanying the event. No alcohol will be served at the event.

The applicant has met with County staff, including the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. The applicant will continue to coordinate with the County and will provide security, fire, and EMS protections as recommended by the County.

While the applicant has included several future dates for events, this temporary use permit is for the April 2015 event only.

Ms. Dedenbach stated that the proposed use, as conditioned, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. She recommended approval of the requested Special Use Permit subject to the following conditions:

1. The Temporary Use Permit - Special Event is issued to Apple Indian Management and Promotions for a professional wrestling event on April 25, 2015 located at the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex.
2. The applicant shall be required to meet the County's requirements and recommendations for the provision of public safety, public seating, public restrooms, parking, traffic flow, noise, and lighting. If required by the County, the applicant shall obtain performance or liability insurance. The applicant shall provide the County with proof that all equipment imported to the site, such as additional stands, meet all safety inspections and certifications.
3. Hours of operation for the event shall be as follows:

Event set-up:	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Event:	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Event clean-up:	9:00 p.m. - midnight
4. The applicant shall meet all relevant requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act for the venue design.
5. Any violation of this TUP or conditions thereof, shall cause the revocation of this TUP by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the proposed revocation with the notice of public hearing provided by certified mail to the property owner. Evidence of violation of the TUP may be presented by any person including a resident, the County Code Enforcement Officer, or other County official. Once the TUP has been revoked pursuant to this provision, the owner shall be prohibited from re-applying for a TUP to allow special events.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve TUP 01-15, as presented, with the extension of the event time to 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

5:30 p.m. Time Certain

- Workshop Item; A proposed amendment to the Land Development Code: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented to the Board, a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code, Section 7.21.01(d); to add a subcategory for special events open to the general public that take place at designated event facilities to the list of administrative temporary use permits.

Ms. Dedenbach presented a draft LDR Text amendment, as follows:

Section 7.21.01(d) the following temporary uses may take place only if authorized by a Temporary Use Permit issued by the County Administrator:

(10) Special events open to members of the public, regardless of size, being held at public or private event facilities. Public or private event facilities include, but are not limited to, any county-owned facility or property, overnight recreational parks, and any event facility approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Discussion took place.

It was consensus of the Board to direct the County Planner to draft amendment regarding Temporary Use Permits and bring back for further consideration.

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 the Monthly Limerock Report, as submitted by Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, for the Boards' information.
- Coleman Construction: Mr. Crosby presented the FINAL pay request, for Coleman Construction, for the CDBG project SE 79th Lane, in the amount of \$185,132.23. He stated that he **is not** recommending payment at this time. He explained that upon a site visit by himself, Billy Cannon and Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, that there were still some discrepancies/concerns. Commissioner Langford explained the conditions that need attention and sought to be resolved. She recommended holding the final payment until all issues are resolved. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to reject/withhold the final payment, in the amount of \$185,132.23, to Coleman Construction, for the CDBG Project SE 79th Lane, until ALL corrections/discrepancies/concerns are made pending completion. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS

- Purchase request for Stretchers: Mr. Crosby presented a request, for the Boards' approval, to purchase three (3) new stretchers, from Stryker. These stretchers are \$12,679.84 each. He explained that it would be a total cost of \$38,039.52; he stated that the plan is to trade in two (2) of the three (3) Stryker Stretchers that are no longer serviceable, which would be a trade-in value of \$4,000.00, bringing the total cost to \$34,039.52. He stated that the budgeted funds were \$56,000.00 so this would be a savings of \$21,960.16. He also stated that this purchase will piggyback off the Seminole County Contract #1FB-601038-10/LIS (reviewed by Finance and County Attorney). Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford approved using Seminole County Contract #1FB-601038-10/LIS and waiving bidding requirements, to purchase three (3) Stryker Stretchers, from Stryker, and trading in two (2) not serviceable units, for a total price of \$34,039.52. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Contract with EMS Consultants: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval and permission for the Chairman to sign, the agreement with EMS Consultants, for billing consulting and technical support of the EMS Consultants software products, in the amount of \$3,600.00. He stated that this is a budgeted item. Discussion took place.

Mr. Lang stated that Legal has approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the agreement with EMS Consultants, for billing consulting and technical support of the EMS Consultants software products, in the amount of \$3,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

- Emergency Management Funding Presentation: Mr. David Peaton, Director of Emergency Management, presented to the Board, information on *How the EM Program is Funded* and *Where the Funds Come From*, with the intent of alleviating any questions about EM Funding. Mr. Peaton then requested permission to purchase two (2) Skybase MSAT phones, as a sole purchase. Mr. Peaton also addressed the issue of upgrading the Mobile Command Unit and Gator, at a cost NOT to exceed \$7,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the purchase of two (2) Skybase MSAT phones, as a sole purchase from Skybase Communications (out of Tallahassee). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the request to upgrade the Mobile Command Unit and Gator, at a cost NOT to exceed \$7,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change; Solid Waste

- CRS Appliance: Mr. Crosby presented a request made by Mr. Scott Crooks, CRS Appliances, to be allowed to establish a monthly charge account with Solid Waste. Chris Sanders, Operations Manager with CRS Appliances, addressed the Board and explained the operations of their business relating to the need for a charge account. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the request by Scoot Crooks, CRA Appliances, to establish a monthly credit account of \$500.00 at Solid Waste, for landfill use. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development

- Farm to Family Event: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of the dates for the Farm to Family Event that had been previously approved by the Board. He presented for the Boards' approval, new dates for the Farm to Family Event to be held at Ellie Ray's. The actual dates for this event should have been April 2, 3, & 4. At the time the application was filed and presented to the Board the dates submitted were April 13, 14, & 15. Discussion took place.

Mr. Don Applebaum, representing Farm to Family, addressed the Board and stated that the actual dates for the Farm to Family Event will be April 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the amended/actual dates of April 3rd, 4th, and 5th for the Farm to Family Event to be held at Ellie Ray's. Motion carried unanimously.

- Hotel Development Management Group: Mr. Crosby stated that on February 10, 2015, an application for Tax Exemption was received from Hotel Development Management Group; the application is for a new Holiday Inn Express to be built in Fanning Springs.

Mr. Crosby stated that one of the first steps of this process is that once the application is received, it's reviewed and brought to the Board for approval, not of the application, just approval to proceed with the processing of the application and then it will be brought back to the Board for approval. He then stated that he has reviewed the application and recommended that the Board consider the application. This request is to allow staff to move forward with the steps outlined in the ordinance and that there will also be a resolution to be passed to go along with this procedure.

The resolution will be presented for the Boards' approval during the County Attorney's Report. NO Board Action taken at this time.

Parks & Recreation

- **Award of RFQ for Dredging Project:** Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of the Boards' **approval** of the RFQ by Florida Fill & Grading, on the Hart & Otter Springs Dredging Project. He stated that at the time the Board approved the RFQ for Florida Fill & Grading that the **language** in the motion should have reflected that the RFQ was **awarded** as well as approved. He stated that Staff felt it necessary to bring it back and have a motion made to **award** the bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the AWARD of the Hart & Otter Springs Dredging Project RFQ to Florida Fill & Grading. Motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste

- **Purchase request for Recycle Containers:** Mr. Crosby presented a request to purchase two (2) recycle containers, in the amount of \$13,997.00 (includes freight) from Wastequip, as a sole source. He stated that the original request was for four (4) recycle containers but do to other concerns/repairs that need taken care of at this time, it was decided to only purchase two (2) recycle containers.

Mr. Crosby stated that there is \$29,000.00 budgeted; two (2) recycle containers will be purchased, at this time, and the remaining funds will be considered to cover the other concerns/repairs needed. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the request to purchase two (2) recycle containers, in the amount of \$13,997.00, from Wastequip, with bidding requirements waived due to shipping costs from other suppliers. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Bid Results and Approval for Installation of Fence and Gates:** Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of replacing the fence and gates at the Solid Waste area where the entrance egresses and ingresses. The cost for this project has been budgeted. He stated that there were three (3) bids received and recommended that the bid award go to All Florida Enterprises, Inc. The bids received are as follows:

BID Results for Chain Link Fence – Materials and Labor

Company	Bid Total
All Florida Enterprises, Inc.	\$6,890.00
Hercules Fence Company, Inc.	\$6,950.00
Hill Top Fence	\$7,500.00

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the bid award to install new chain-link fence & gates, at Solid Waste, to All Florida Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$6,890.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control

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

Library

- Monthly Report: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, the Gilchrist County Public Library Activity Report for December 2014/January 2015, as submitted by Ms. Anne Caraway, Library Manager.

General Government

- Contract with KCA for Rock Bluff Bridge Project: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, the contract between Gilchrist County and Kisinger Campo & Associates, for design and engineering of Rock Bluff Bridge. He stated that the scope of work is not included in the contract, due to the fact that it is not public record. FDOT will provide the cost of the project which will be public record. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the contract between Gilchrist County and Kisinger Campo & Associates, for design and engineering of Rock Bluff Bridge, subject to the fees which will be submitted and approved by FDOT and we'll have a final approval at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodeo Arena

- Pine Tree removal at Ag Complex: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue, for discussion, of removal of pine trees on the northeast section of the property at the Agriculture Complex. He explained the reason for removing the pine trees. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the removal of the pine trees on the grounds at the Ag Complex to allow for additional parking; removal will be done by the Road Department when time/Equipment Operators are available. Motion carried unanimously.

FYI

- DEO Letter re Program Refund: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' information, a letter received from the Department of Economic Opportunity regarding the FY 14-15 QTI Program Refund Claim/Agreement, #SB12-243, for Ice River Springs Marianna, LLC.

The company is certified to receive a tax refund in the amount of \$39,900.00, which represents the state's share of the QTI award.

Gilchrist County invoked its rural waiver in lieu of providing cash local financial support.

Agenda Change; County Emblem: Mr. Crosby presented for discussion, the County Emblem, on the big screen, as well as an additional handout, with the addition of “*In God We Trust*” added. Discussion took place.

The Board asked that the County Emblem proposal be emailed, for further consideration and to be discussed at the next meeting.

Attorney’s Report

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

Resolution 2015-08: Mr. Lang presented, Resolution 2015-08, Establishing Economic Development Tax Exemption Application Fee, as previously mentioned during the County Administrator’s Report, the resolution required as part of the application process for Tax Exemptions. He read the short title, as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION 2015-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE APPLICATION FEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO GILCHRIST COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-02

Mr. Lang explained the purpose of this resolution in relations to Ordinance 2015-02.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-08, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-09: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2015-09, referring the application from Hotel Development and Management Group to Gilchrist County EAC and the Gilchrist County Property Appraiser. He read the short title as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION 2015-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, REFERRING THE APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM HOTEL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT GROUP SEEKING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO THE GILCHRIST COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC), AND TO THE GILCHRIST COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Mr. Lang explained that this resolution is also in conjunction with Ordinance 2015-02.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Resolution 2015-09, as presented. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Gray abstained from voting stating that there is no conflict at this time, but there could be a potential conflict in the future. (Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers to be filed/incorporated as part of the official minutes)

Satisfaction of Mortgage/Estelle Keene: Mr. Lang presented the Satisfaction of Mortgage between Gilchrist County and Estelle Keene, for the Boards' approval and to allow the Chairman to sign; due to owner's death.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Satisfaction of Mortgage between Gilchrist County and Estelle Keene, due to owner deceased and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Satisfaction of Mortgage/Sue Hendricks: Mr. Lang presented, for the Boards' approval and the Chairman to be allowed to sign, the Satisfaction of Mortgage between Gilchrist County and Cathryn Sue Hendricks. Ms. Hendricks has met her ten (10) year requirement under her mortgage, as of February 11, 2015, and has requested for it to be satisfied.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the Satisfaction of Mortgage between Gilchrist County and Cathryn Sue Hendricks, for completion of term of loan and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Withdrawal: Mr. Lang presented the Notice of Withdrawal from the Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement which has been executed by the City of Trenton, for the Boards consideration and approval. Requesting permission for the Chairman to sign. Mr. Lang will then forward to the City of Fanning Springs and Town of Bell for their signature.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the Notice of Withdrawal from the Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement by the City of Trenton and to allow the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change

- Facebook: Mr. Lang addressed the topic of Facebook. There has recently been a Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners Facebook page created. He stated that it has potential for Sunshine Law implications. Mr. Lang advised that the Commissioners should not post a comment on matters reasonably likely to come before the Board; **don't** "comment", "like", "agree", "disagree" with matters that others post. Strictly forbidden.

MasonBolves: Mr. Lang reported the progress of negotiations by MasonBolves on sale of 2 escheated lots with Sabal Trails. He stated that they might be able to get us \$5,000 per lot where we had been offered a total of \$700. Sabal Trail is asking for a Warranty Deed. We cannot give a Warranty Deed. We have to give a Deed of Conveyance per the statute and we can't give title insurance because the properties were escheated to us through a tax deed. He is working on these two details and will update progress upon obtaining more information.

Hoffman *SHIP" Property Deeds: Mr. Lang stated that deeds were received and recorded regarding Hoffman *SHIP" Property. Ms. Jacki Johnson, Finance Director, informed that a 1099a will have to be sent out next year.

Agenda Changes; Informational Items

- Proclamation Honoring Alice White: Mr. Lang requested date to present proclamation to Ms. Alice White and who will be responsible for getting her here.

Mr. Crosby was asked to contact Mr. Henley regarding bringing Ms. White to the March 2nd meeting.

- Peacock Complaint Issue: Mr. Lang informed the Board regarding the peacock complaint issue; the fencing installed does not keep the peacocks in. Complaints have already been filed.
- TODS Ordinance: Mr. Lang informed the Board that the TODS Ordinance is in effect.

Clerk's Report

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

A/C System in Courthouse: Mr. Newton addressed the issue, for discussion, regarding the replacement of A/C System in Courthouse (State Attorney's Unit). He explained the situation. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas to approve the purchase a new 5 ton Lenox Air Conditioning Unit for the Courthouse (State Attorney's Offices), at a cost of \$6,700.00 or less, waiving bidding requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

2015/2016 Budget Discussion: Mr. Newton presented an additional handout with numbers reflecting the potential budget for FY 2015/2016. Trying to establish what our expenditures are going to be for the rest of this year and provide numbers needed to begin new fiscal year. Current estimates indicate an 11% shortfall.

Sale of County Owned Properties: Mr. Newton brought back as directed, the list of County Owned Properties with the assessed values to determine individually what a reserve amount would be for each property. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve a reserve amount of 75% on vacant property to be auctioned and 50% on the two (2) parcels w/improvements and approved sending contiguous owners letters and advertising auction. Motion carried unanimously.

The Florida Quilt Trail: Mr. Newton presented a request from Ms. Pat Watson, that a Quilt Block be placed on the NW side of Courthouse (on the actual building), at a cost of \$500. Discussion took place.

It was the consensus of the Board to deny placing a Quilt Block on the Courthouse.

Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Marion Poitevint informed the Board and Staff about the AARP meeting on March 17th at 10:00 a.m.

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 D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at **8:25 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

Attest:

Approved:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Todd Gray, Chairman