

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MAY 4, 2015**

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, May 4, 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; Richard Romans, 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; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Everritt Heaton, City of Trenton Commissioner; Lt. Jeff Manning, GCSO; Jason Jones; Becky Thomas and BHS HOSA Students/Team Ricky Buchholz, Taylor Rogers, Penelope Sutliff, Christine Rowe, Jake Hunter, Ranie Butler; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Steve Gladin; Rev. Chris Ruggles, New Beginning Baptist Church; Paul & Susan Bryant; Beverly & Lester Brown; and Katherine LaBarca.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Todd Gray, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Brother Ricky Whitley, Pine Grove Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Agenda**

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

1. Addition: **Arena**; Refund to Apple Indian Management & Promotions for cancelled Wrestling Event

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

## **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Bills**

On file in Clerk's Office ..... April 2015

### **Request for Approval**

EMS Account Write-Offs  
January – March 2015 ..... \$50,614.14

### **Disposition/Transfer of Assets**

Transfer of Assets; **PERMANENT**  
**From** Soil & Water (3720) **to** Hart Springs (7210)  
ID#3199; 2002 Chevy; Serial #1GCEK19V82E20

Disposition of Assets  
Hart Springs (7210)  
ID#2229; 1997 Ford F150; Serial #1FTDF1727VNO; Cost \$15,214.45  
Justification: Beyond repair, value of vehicle is less than cost of repairs

*Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, 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:

### **Road Department**

- Louis Leone: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, the request to promote Louis Leone as Road Superintendent's assistant, replacing Kenny Bass. Mr. Crosby stated that Mr. Bass is retiring with 14 years of service to Gilchrist County.

Mr. Crosby also requested that Mr. Leone be approved for Mr. Bass's current rate of pay along with permission to drive home vehicle. Discussion took place.

It was consensus of the Board that Mr. Louis Leone's promotion will have a 60 day probationary period.

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the request to promote Louis Leone to replace Kenny Bass. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Santa Fe Loop Road: Mr. Crosby addressed the issue of the FDOT Agreement for Santa Fe Loop Road (NE 40<sup>th</sup> Court). He stated that the Board accepted the original agreement in the amount of \$209,804.00. A revised funding agreement, Financial Project ID: 433533-1-54,58-01, was recently received, in the amount of \$361,719.00, for an increase of \$151,915.00.

At this time, Mr. Crosby is requesting the Boards' approval to accept the new/revised agreement, in the amount of \$361,719.00.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the revised funding agreement with the FDOT for the Santa Fe Loop (NE 40<sup>th</sup> Court) project, in the amount of \$361,719.00, Financial Project ID: 433533-1-54,58-01. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### EMS/Fire

- Shane Taylor: Mr. Crosby presented the request, for the Boards' approval, as submitted by Chief of Fire Rescue, Mitch Harrell, to pay tuition and fees, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for Shane Taylor to complete the Paramedic Training Course, offered through Florida Gateway College.

Discussion took place. As policy states, Mr. Taylor will be required to sign 24 month contract.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, approved paying for Shane Taylor to complete the Paramedic Program, not to exceed \$2,500.00; and a twenty-four (24) month contract will be required. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex

- "Non-Profit" Rate: Mr. Crosby requested that the Board consider discontinuing the "Non-Profit" Rate, (50%) for the use of the Gilchrist County Agriculture Complex, due to the fact that with all the preparation that has to be put in to getting the arena and all the things that goes along with it getting ready, we are spending more than we are getting back. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve eliminating the non-profit rate for use of the Ag Complex. Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Crosby presented for the Boards consideration, the issue of creating an RFP to lease the Ag Complex. Discussion took place.

**It was consensus of the Board for Staff to create an RFP for the lease of the Ag Complex.**

### Solid Waste

- Equipment Operator: Mr. Crosby requested the Boards' approval to advertise for an Equipment Operator, at Solid Waste, to replace an employee who is retiring. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve hiring a replacement of one Equipment Operator at Solid Waste, at the rate of \$10.91, to replace employee that is retiring. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Road Department

- Replacement Hire: Mr. Crosby requested the Boards' approval to advertise for an Equipment Operator for the Road Department to fill vacant position.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the advertising for an Equipment Operator for the Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.***

### General Government

- Trenton City Commissioner, Everett Heaton: Mr. Heaton, City Commissioner, addressed the Board regarding the City of Trenton's intention/process of implementing a Fire Assessment Fee.

Mr. Heaton requested that the Board consider a "joint workshop" to further consider the City of Trenton's intention to eliminate their fire department. Discussion took place.

**The Board set a Joint Meeting/Workshop to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

- Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, the request to re-appoint Mrs. Patricia Yates to the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Board, as the Gilchrist County Citizen Advisory Member.

***Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Patricia Yates to the Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Board, as the Gilchrist County Citizen Advisory Member.***

- Gilchrist Soil & Water Conservation District: Mr. Crosby presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District (GSWCD) and Gilchrist Board of County Commissioners (GBOCC) regarding a new contractor position. Discussion took place.

Mr. David Lang, County Attorney, explained the purpose of the MOA.

***Motion made Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the MOA with Gilchrist Soil & Water Conservation District as presented; subject to verification of which employee this applies to. Motion carried unanimously.***

- **232 Tower Site:** Mr. Crosby presented information on proposed lease for the 232 Tower Site with Crown Castle, as follows: Term: A 5 Year New Initial Term – commencing on 6/1/2015 which will automatically renew for 4 – five year periods – unless Gilchrist County gives Crown notice not to renew the agreement at least 180 days prior to the end of the current term. Rent: Monthly rent of \$500.00 commencing 6/1/2015, with rent escalating annually by 3% every June 1 throughout the term of the license (lease). Discussion took place.

***Motion made Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve and move forward with preparing a lease agreement for the 232 Tower Site with Crown Castle; subject to review and approval of County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.***

- **County Engineers:** Mr. Crosby requested direction from the Board on moving forward with RFQ for services of County Engineers. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve and direct the County Administrator to move forward with putting out RFQ for continuing services contracts for ALL Engineers. Motion carried unanimously.***

- **Discussion of Ten Commandments:** Mr. Crosby stated that he was asked to bring back the issue of the Ten Commandments for further discussion. Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. stated that he spoke to Mr. Anderson about the placement of the Ten Commandments being placed on the Courthouse lawn, the front corner at the traffic light. Mr. Anderson's proposal to the Board was that he would furnish the defense if challenged.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to pursue the placement of the Ten Commandments, per Mr. Joe Anderson's offer, his cost of defense. Discussion took place.***

Mr. Lang questioned if the Board wanted to proceed with passing this motion at this particular time without the benefit of having some sort of a workshop to discuss the potential ramifications that may occur if we were to pass this ordinance. In the meantime, we could be looking at the proposition that has been made as far as Mr. Anderson proposal to furnish defense. Discussion took place. At this time, several concerned citizens addressed the Board with the views and concerns on this issue, whether for or against the placement of the Ten Commandments.

***Commissioner Harrison withdrew his motion and Commissioner Thomas withdrew his second with the opinion to hold workshop and consider further at that time. Motion withdrawn.***

**BOCC set workshop for 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 2015 to discuss setting Ten Commandments Monument on Courthouse lawn.**

### **3:00 p.m. Time Certain**

- **Bell High School HOSA Students**: The Bell High School HOSA Team addressed the Board and explained what they actually compete in. Ms. Becky Thomas stated that fund raising is taking place to help towards the cost of \$8,000.00, for seven students and two adults; \$2,100.00 has been raised this far. It was their request for the Boards' consideration to donate towards the funds for cost to travel to California for national competition.

*Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve \$1,350.00 donation towards the HOSA trip to California for national competition; this donation is a 10% reduction from funds donated last year. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Marion Poitevint voting NO.*

### **County Administrator's Report continues...**

#### Agenda Change; Arena

- **Apple Indian Management & Promotions**: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, a request to refund Apple Indian Management & Promotions for the Wrestling Event that was scheduled for use of the Arena but was cancelled at the last minute. He stated that there was no preparation by the County for this event. It was Mr. Crosby's recommendation to retain the \$400.00 rental fee and reimburse the vendor and concession fees, totaling \$250.00. Discussion took place.

*Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve retaining the \$400.00 Arena Rental Fee and reimburse a total of \$250.00 (\$100.00 Vendor Fee and \$150.00 Concessions Fee) to Apple Indian Management & Promotions, for Wrestling Event that was cancelled. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Attorney's Report**

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

Resolution 2015-12: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2015-12, Loan with Capital City Bank for EMS Equipment. Mr. Lang explained modifications as prepared by Capital City Bank. He then read the short title as follows, for the record:

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA ACCEPTING A LOAN FROM CAPITAL CITY BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COURT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$257,623.00 AND OTHER NECESSARY CLOSING DOCUMENTS TO CAPITAL CITY BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) STRETCHERS, FIVE (5) DEFIBRILLATORS AND AN AMBULANCE RE-CHASSIS/REMOUNT FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY EMS**

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-12, accepting loan from Capital City Bank, with modifications as explained by the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.***

Gilchrist County FFA Alumni Association, Inc.: Mr. Lang reported on the status of Gilchrist County FFA Alumni Association, Inc. stating that the reverter clause would not be in effect legally due to this organization being dissolved.

### **Clerk's Report**

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

CAD Bid: Mr. Newton requested approval to move forward with the *request for bids* on the loan for the CAD System, in the amount of \$181,000.00.

***Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the request for bids on the loan for the CAD System, in the amount of \$181,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.***

County Owned Property: M. Newton presented the auction results for County Owned Property, from April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Newton stated that the auction was not successful; only one person attended and declined bidding on any property. Mr. Newton requested the Boards' direction on how to approach these properties. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve putting "List of County Properties" out for bid, with a 50% reserve on raw land and \$6,000 on 117<sup>th</sup> SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with stipulation that building must be demolished. Motion carried unanimously.***

"List of Lands Available for Sale": Mr. Newton presented the results of the Tax Deed Auction for three properties that were County Owned Certificates; there were no bidders on those three properties. He stated that per statues he is required to bring them before the Board for their consideration to purchase or not purchase. Discussion took place.

***Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, declining the purchase of the three (3) parcels that did not sell at the 4-28-2015, Tax Deed Sale; and to place them on List of Lands Available for Sale. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Commissioners Reports**

- Commissioner Marion Poitevint asked if another container could be located at 138 site on weekends
- Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., asked about seal being placed in Boardroom; Mr. Crosby was asked to bring back prices for some alternatives

**Old Business/ New Business:** None noted.

**Public Participation:** None noted.

**Adjourn**

With there being no further business... a *Motion was made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at **4:02 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Gilchrist County, Florida*

*Attest:*

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*Todd Newton, Clerk of Court*

*Approved:*

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*Todd Gray, Chairman*