

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Thursday, September 3, 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; 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; Sheriff Bobby Schultz, GCSO; Chief Mitch Harrell, Fire/EMS; Laura Dedenbach, County Planner; Richard & Leslie Esseck; Stephanie Douglas; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Tom Sturgeon, Ellie Ray's; Becky Williams, North Gilchrist Beacon; Mike Holbrook; Michael Craft; Scott Tucker; Katherine LaBarca; Royce & Sue Wells; Kyle West, CDS; William Butler; Paul Redd; Debbie & Jerry Montgomery; and I.J. Philman.

Call to Order

Chairman Todd Gray, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Richard Romans, Finance Director, 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: **Road Department**; Approval of Service Body and Crane for the Freightliner Chassis
2. Addition: **General Government**; Property/Liability/Auto/Workers Comp Insurance Coverage, recommending two year renewal with Agent PRIA

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

1. Addition: Resolution 2015-18; Verizon Tower Agreement Lease

Mr. Todd Newton, Clerk of Courts, presented the following change(s):

1. Addition: GCSO; Edward Byrne Memorial JAG FY 2015-16

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 August 2015

Approval of Payment Requests

Kisinger Campo & Associates (KCA)

Inv#1, CR340/Rock Bluff Bridge, 5/1/15-7/31/15 \$130,636.20

John C. Hipp Construction

Pay Est. #3, July 1-31, 2015; SW 100th Street \$269,902.25

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

- Mr. Mike Holbrook: Mr. Holbrook addressed the Board regarding a tree on County easement/right of way, which has fallen onto his property, across his fence, taking out the power. Mr. Holbrook contacted the Road Department and Mr. Billy Cannon, Road Department Superintendent, went to the sight assessed the situation and advised Mr. Holbrook that the County cannot go on to private property and remove debris whether or not it originated on county property. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, approving the Road Department to pull tree back onto County right-of-way and dispose of tree; and Mr. Mike Holbrook, County resident, to provide a statement of No Liability, for fence or vegetation. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Report

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

Mr. Crosby requested to move #4b up on his agenda at this time; the Board agreed.

General Government

- Request for use of the Cruse Center: Mr. Crosby presented a request for permission to allow Southern Style 4-H Group to use the Cruse Center for meetings, one to two times a month, at no charge; 4-H leaders are Stephanie Douglas and Krystal Holley.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, approving the request to allow Southern Style 4-H Group to use the Cruse Center for meetings up to two times a month at no charge providing they clean up after their meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS/Fire

- Resolution 2015-33: Mr. Crosby presented Resolution 2015-33, for the Boards' approval, reading the short title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33

RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY FLORIDA CERTIFYING THAT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE OR EXPAND THE COUNTY PRE-HOSPITAL EMS SYSTEM AND WILL NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT CURRENT LEVELS OF COUNTY EXPENDITURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Lang, County Attorney, stated that this resolution is required as an accompaniment to the EMS County Grant Application, which was approved at the last meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., to approve Resolution 2015-33 for the EMS County Grant Application, in the amount of \$1,592.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- EMS Call Load: Chief Mitch Harrell, Fire Rescue, presented for the Boards' information, a breakdown of the EMS calls for the last seven months (Jan – July 2015). The number of patients transported and the number of times that other units from other counties, has had to come in to our county to handle calls, for us, giving us our total number of 1,742. This puts us on track to be right at 3,000 calls per year. Discussion took place. Informational purposes only.
- Fire Call Load: Chief Harrell also presented a breakdown of the Fire Call Load for the last seven months (Jan – July 2015). The Total Call Load for this time period was 731. Informational purposes only.

Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex

- Receipt of Lease Proposals: Mr. Crosby stated that two (2) proposals were received for the lease of the Gilchrist County Agriculture Complex. The proposals were received from Jason Jones Productions, Inc. and Suwannee River Cowboy Church.

Mr. Crosby stated it was the recommendation of the committee to award the Lease of the Gilchrist County Agricultural Complex to Suwannee River Cowboy Church. Since receiving the bids, the Suwannee River Cowboy Church has withdrawn their bid.

The option right now, because Jason Jones Productions, Inc. did not meet the criteria, is to take out the proposal of the guaranteed \$5,000 per year and then put the proposal back out for bids. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to reject the proposals received and to re-advertise for the Agricultural Complex and the operations thereof, including the guaranteed \$5,000 per year, utilities; and to broaden advertising beyond local publicists. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government

- Guardian Ad Litem Agreement: Mr. Crosby requested approval of the agreement between Levy County and Gilchrist County for Shared Costs for Guardian Ad Litem Services which is based on percentage allocations. Jacki Johnson, Finance explained the percentage allocations. Todd Newton, Clerk of Circuit Court, explained what Guardian Ad Litem is.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. approving the Guardian Ad Litem agreement with Levy County. Motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator's Agenda Changes

Road Department

- Freightliner Chassis: Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, a request to purchase a Service Body and Crane, for the Freightliner Chassis. He stated that this is an old ambulance, to be refurbished, which will in turn be used for servicing our Road Department, which has quite a few needs; it is difficult to service those needs out of an ambulance. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, approving the purchase of the request for the Service Body and Crane, for the Freightliner Chassis. Motion carried unanimously.

General Government

- Insurance Coverage: Mr. Crosby stated that he, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Roman had met with Mr. Paul Dawson, PRIA Agent regarding the two year renewal with PRIA, for Property/Liability/Auto/Workers Comp Insurance Coverage. It was their recommendation for the two year renewal with PRIA. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon Langford, approving the renewal with PRIA for insurance coverage, for the two year renewal period. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

Agenda Change(s)

- **Resolution 2015-18**: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2015-18, for the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County Florida to authorize the County to enter into a Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless Personal Communications, LP (limited partnership) authorizing the Board chair to execute such agreement.

Mr. Lang stated that the Board has already approved the lease agreement, by motion, unanimously carried, and everything is in place except that it is requested that a resolution be passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-18 Verizon Tower Lease Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Ballot Issue of Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Sales**: Mr. Lang reported on the Florida Statutes 125.01 concerning powers and duties of the governing board of the county. The Board has the power to establish and enforce regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the unincorporated areas of the county. Subsection "Y" of that statute says the Board may place question or propositions on the ballot of any primary election, general election or otherwise called special election when agreed to by majority vote of the total membership of the governing body so as to obtain an expression of electors' sentiment of respective matters of substantial concern of the county. No special election can be called for the purpose of conducting a call for a straw ballot. Mr. Lang presented three options: require a ballot, have a majority vote, or require a petition. Discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Marion Poitevint seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., approving to put the referendum on the next general election ballot for 2016 regarding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverage on Sunday. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

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

Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting Date: Mr. Newton addressed the need of setting the organizational meeting date, for the Value Adjustment Board. He recommended October 1st, at 10:00 a.m. Discussion took place.

It was the consensus of the Board to set the Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting for Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Change

- GCSO; Edward Byrne Memorial JAG FY 2015-16: Mr. Newton stated he has received a notification from the Sheriff's office requesting a letter to be sent back by Tuesday the 8th. The letter states that in compliance with the State of Florida's Rule 11d-9 The BOCC approves the distribution of \$19,957.00 at federal fiscal year 2015. The two programs are the following projects within Gilchrist County: 1) Gilchrist County Sheriff's office for the body worn camera grant at \$10,957.00 and City of Trenton Police Department for new equipment in the amount of \$9,000.00 and just need permission for the chair to sign.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, approving the letter required by the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG grant in the amount of \$19,957.00 and for the Chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

5:00 p.m. Time Certain

- First Reading of Ordinance 2015-07, Solar Farms: Ms. Laura Dedenbach, County Planner, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2015-07, Solar Farms, reading the short title, for the record, as follows:

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ORDINANCE 2015-07
(Land Development Code Amendment)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE GILCHRIST COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADD 2.06.02 (mm): SOLAR FARMS TO THE LIST OF SPECIAL USES; ADDING SECTION 7.26: SOLAR FARMS TO ARTICLE 7 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Dedenbach reviewed/clarified the following additions/changes to the language of the Land Development Code, referenced in this ordinance, as follows:

Section 7.26 Solar Farm

7.26.01 Generally.

The following provisions are intended to facilitate the commercial generation and distribution of solar power and the use of on-site solar energy systems to meet the energy demands of buildings and support facilities in the County. All solar equipment and devices shall comply with the Florida Statutes and shall be certified by the Florida Solar Energy Center for solar energy systems manufactured or sold in Florida or certified by the National Electric

Safety Code Standards for solar energy systems manufactured or sold outside Florida. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to be in conflict with Section 163.04, Florida Statutes.

7.26.02 Definitions.

(a) Solar Farm. An area of land designated for the purpose of producing electricity from photovoltaics as a primary use.

(b) Solar Energy System. Equipment required to produce solar photovoltaic electricity, including modules, racking, trackers, inverters, junction boxes, and transformers. Equipment that is not considered part of a solar energy system includes equipment required to interconnect to and communicate with the electric utility's transmission or distribution system. This definition relates to solar energy systems installed as a primary use only as part of a solar farm development.

7.26.03 Specific Regulations.

In addition to other applicable sections of this Code, a solar farm shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) Solar farms shall be allowed by special use permit in the Agriculture-2 land use district only and shall require the submittal of a site plan application concurrent with the special use permit application. The development shall be subject to the following supplemental criteria:

1) Physical access to solar farms shall be restricted by fencing or walls. Razor wire is prohibited. All fencing and wall details shall be shown on the required site plan.

2) ~~Any device that captures energy to convert it to electricity~~ Solar Energy Systems and equipment required to interconnect to and communicate with the electric utility's transmission or distribution system shall not be placed in wetlands, environmentally sensitive areas or habitats, imperiled and critically imperiled habitats defined by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory, and buffers. The development shall comply with the regulations of Article 5, Resource Protection.

3) ~~All devices that capture and convert energy to electricity~~ Solar Energy Systems shall be located at least 100 feet from any lot line under separate ownership, unless otherwise approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

4) All solar farm sites must comply with the landscaping requirements of Section 6.05, Landscaping, and shall require a minimum twenty (20)-foot buffer containing 4 canopy trees, 1.6 understory trees, and 16

shrubs per 100 linear feet. A detailed landscaping and buffering plan with planting schedule shall be included on the required site plan.

5) The location of points of interconnection from the site to the grid, including any ~~on-site~~ overhead power lines shall be placed underground to the maximum extent possible, shown on the site plan. Interconnection points and on-site power lines shall be located in a manner that avoids undue visual impacts to adjacent residential properties to the maximum extent practicable.

6) Height.

a. Ground-mounted. Ground mounted solar energy systems shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height, excluding utility poles and communication equipment.

b. Roof-mounted. Roof mounted systems shall not exceed the maximum height of the Agriculture-2 land use district.

7) Reasonable accessibility for emergency services vehicles shall be required and shown on the required site plan.

8) Signage at the solar farm entrance shall not exceed forty (40) square feet displaying the facility name, address, and emergency contact information, unless additional signage is required by the National Electric Safety Code. The location of the sign shall be shown on the required site plan.

(b) Utility notification. No grid-tied system shall be installed until evidence has been given to Gilchrist County that the owner has been approved by the utility company to install the system. Evidence shall consist of an interconnection agreement from the utility company. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(c) Solar energy system electrical components shall have a UL listing or similar certification.

(d) All active solar farms and solar energy systems shall meet all requirements of the Florida Building Code and shall be inspected by the Gilchrist County Building Inspector.

(e) Solar farms and solar energy system electrical components shall comply with the National Electrical Code.

(f) It is the responsibility of the parcel owner to remove all abandoned solar farms and solar energy systems with twelve (12) months of cessation of operations. Reusable components shall be recycled whenever economically feasible.

(g) Any approval of a solar farm does not create any actual or inferred solar energy system easement against adjacent property and/or structures. The owner and/or property owner of a solar farm shall not infer or claim any rights to protective writs to any caused shadows or operating ineffectiveness against future development adjacent to or higher than the property location of the solar farm. The approval of any solar farm granted by Gilchrist County

shall not create any future liability or infer any vested rights to the owner and/or property owner of the solar farm on the part of the County for any future claims against said issuance of approval of the solar farm that result from reliance on this section or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

The Following Section Numbers are changed due to additions; Section 4. Section 5. Section 6. Section 7. Section 8.

County Attorney David Lang, reviewed and has no objections. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the First reading of Ordinance 2015-07, as presented, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

5:15 p.m. Time Certain

Tentative Budget Hearing: Mr. Todd Newton explained the TRIM procedure, as required, before the resolutions were presented for approval.

- Resolution 2015-27 Tentative Millage Rate: Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-27, for the Boards' approval as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 3, 2015, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing, as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$596,748,669.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. *The FY 2015-2016 operating millage rate is 9.5 mills, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 8.5185 mills by 11.5%.*
2. *This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 3rd day of September, 2015.

Time Adopted 6:04 PM

***BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA***

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: _____
Todd Gray, Chairman

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-27. Chairman Gray called for any public comments.

Public Comments...

Paul Redd, concerned citizen/resident, is not in favor of raising taxes/millage increase. Mr. Redd suggested for other means of cutbacks.

Royce Wells, concerned citizen/part-time resident, is not in favor of the raising of taxes/millage increase.

I J Philman, concerned citizen/resident, is not in favor of raising taxes/millage increase.

Richard Esseck, concerned citizen/resident, is not in favor of raising taxes.

Ray Rauscher, concerned citizen/resident, discussed the option that people pay their taxes on time instead of waiting until they are in arrears, would be a benefit to Gilchrist County.

Mr. Redd asked if constitutional officers made a 10% cut. Chairman Gray answered yes.

Chris O'Donnell, concerned citizen/resident, is not in favor of raising taxes/millage increase. Mr. O'Donnell suggested having an incentive for departments to save money.

Commissioner Thomas asked Sheriff Schultz to explain why he didn't meet the request of cutting the 10%, for the public's information. Bobby Schultz, Sheriff of Gilchrist County reported his cut was about 3%. He clarified what budget cuts were taken and why.

Mr. Crosby stated that this year, they have cut seven positions and spoke of several things they have done to cut money and be pro-active.

Chairman Gray called for any more public comments, none noted. He then took roll call for a vote on Resolution 2015-27. Motion carried with a vote of 3-2 with Marion Poitevint and Sharon Langford opposing; Resolution 2015-27 was adopted at 6:04 p.m.

- Resolution 2015-28 Tentative Budget: Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-28, for the Boards' approval as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 3, 2015, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$28,023,483.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. *The FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget be adopted.*
2. *This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 3rd day of September, 2015.

Time Adopted 6:12 PM

(SEAL)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Todd Gray, Chairman

ATTEST:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, to approve Resolution 2015-28. Chairman Gray called for any public comments; none noted. He then took roll call on the vote for Resolution 2015-28. **Motion carried with a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Marion Poitevint and Sharon Langford opposing; Resolution 2015-28 was adopted at 6:12 p.m.**

- **Resolution 2015-29 Tentative Millage MSTU:** Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-29, for the Boards' approval as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 3, 2015, adopted Fiscal Year Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gilchrist County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners - Municipal Services Taxing Unit as \$603,017,385.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2015-2016 operating millage rate is 1.0996 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 1.1019 mills by .2%.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 3rd day of September, 2015.

Time Adopted 6:14 PM

(SEAL)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Todd Gray, Chairman

ATTEST:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-29. Chairman Gray called for any public comments, none

noted. He then took roll call on the vote for Resolution 2015-29. **Motion carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote; Resolution 2015-29 was adopted at 6:14 p.m.**

- Resolution 2015-30 Tentative Budget MSTU: Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-30, for the Boards' approval as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, on September 3, 2015, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, in the amount of \$2,357,461.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners – Municipal Services Taxing Unit of Gilchrist County, Florida that:

1. *The FY 2015-2016 Tentative Budget be adopted.*
2. *This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

DULY ADOPTED, at a public hearing this 3rd day of September, 2015.

Time Adopted 6:16 PM

(SEAL)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Todd Gray, Chairman

ATTEST:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

Mr. Newton stated this is a necessary budget to fund Personnel Services, Operating Expenses, Capital Outlay and Reserves for Emergency Management Services.

Motion made by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve Resolution 2015-30. Chairman Gray called for any public comments, none noted. He then took roll call on the vote for Resolution 2015-29. **Motion carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote; Resolution 2015-30 was adopted at 6:16 p.m.**

5:30 p.m. Time Certain

- Resolution 2015-31, Fire Annual Rates: Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-31, for the Boards' approval, and read the short title, as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THEREFOR IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND CERTAIN INCORPORATED AREAS, OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; KNOWN AS THE FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; SETTING FORTH PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; MAKING LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; SETTING FORTH A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT RATES; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Lang stated that on Appendix "A" there seems to be a discrepancy with how the over 10,000 square feet is collected. The way that it was written is that over 10,000 square feet of Building Area: \$250 base fee, plus \$.01 per square foot of Building Area. If you do the calculations on this scenario, that would be \$100 plus the \$250 base fee equaling \$350. This is not the way that it has traditionally been collected since it was implemented in 2005. The Board needs to make a determination as to how that should be collected. Mr. Lang suggested changing it for clarification to: Over 10,000 square feet of Building Area: \$250 base fee, plus \$.01 per square foot of Building Area over 10,000 square feet. Discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon Langford., seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint to approve the Resolution 2015-31. Chairman Gray called for any public comment, none noted. He then took roll call on the vote for Resolution 2105-31. *Motion carried 5-0.*

- Resolution 2015-32, Solid Waste Annual Rates: Mr. Newton presented Resolution 2015-32, for the Boards' approval, and read the short title, as follows, for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE SOLID WASTE ANNUAL RATE RESOLUTION, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; IMPOSING SERVICE ASSESSMENT AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN BOTH THE UNINCORPORATED AND MUNICIPAL AREAS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY; APPROVING THE SERVICE ASSESSMENT ROLL; APPROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner D. Ray Harrison, Jr. to approve Resolution 2015-32. Chairman Gray called for any public comment.

Public Comments...

Mr. Mike Holbrook, resident said he sees a lot of refuse on the side of the road because people don't want to have to pay for the dump. Mr. Holbrook said they collected 1,400 pounds of trash, took it to the dump and were charged. Commissioner Gray asked that this issue be brought before the Board to discuss to see if there is another option.

Mr. William (Rusty) Butler, Waccasassa resident, suggested for people on fixed incomes only, would like to see flat fees to be proportional by usage. He said there needs to be an incentive for people to recycle. Commissioner Harrison stated you could get reduced benefits by your income. Mr. Newton stated that there are hardships available through the Tax Collector's office for fire and solid waste.

Chairman Gray called for any further public comments, none noted. He then took roll call on the vote for Resolution 2015-29. *Motion carried unanimously, with a 5-0 vote.*

This concluded the Tentative Budget Hearing.

Commissioners Reports

- Commissioner Sharon Langford would like to go forward with the title searches for engineering to obtain right away information for Waccasassa Road so that when the grants come in we won't have to wait for them to be done. This way we will be ready to go out to bid. Mr. Crosby stated there was a meeting scheduled to initiate this.
- Commissioner Langford asked if there has been any progress on the CDBG regarding the sand spur issue on 79th. Mr. Crosby said they will have to go directly Coleman and ask them to come to our next meeting to make a presentation.
- Commissioner Langford asked about the holidays. Mr. Crosby said that will also be taken up at the next meeting.
- Chairman Gray requested the November 16th meeting date be changed to the 19th at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business/ New Business:

- Jacki Johnson, Finance, reported there is no money in the budget to purchase any right of way for Waccasassa Rd.
- Chairman Gray reiterated that the money that we get for paving roads comes from the State.

Public Participation: None

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 Gray adjourned the meeting at **6:45 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

*Approved:
Todd Gray, Chairman*

*Attest:
Todd Newton, Clerk of Court*