

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners, in and for Gilchrist County, Florida, convened in a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, October 16, 2017**, at **3:00 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., Chairman</i>
<i>District III</i>	<i>Commissioner Todd Gray, Vice Chairman</i>
<i>District IV</i>	<i>Commissioner Marion Poitevint</i>
<i>District V</i>	<i>Commissioner Kenrick Thomas</i>

Others in Attendance

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court; Richard Romans, Finance Director; Patty McCagh, Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk; David Lang, County Attorney; Bobby Crosby, County Administrator; Donna Creamer, Administrative Assistant; Greg Bailey, P.E. NFPS; John Ayers, Gilchrist County Journal; Chief Deputy Jeff Manning, GCSO; Damon Leggett, GC Property Appraiser; Gene Parrish, Parrish Land Surveying; Ray & Jane Rauscher; Billy Wilson, CFED; Fred Dolan, FEMA; Janel Finely, SBA/FEMA; Barney Bennette, FDOT; Suzy Witten P/O, FEMA; A. Byrd P/O, FEMA; Ms. Jamie Bell, Dewberry; and Daryle Gray, Dewberry.

Call to Order

Chairman D. Ray Harrison, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Chris Ruggles, New Beginning Baptist Church delivered the invocation and Commissioner Todd Gray led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda

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

1. Addition: **Community Development**; Review of Event Permit

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the Agenda, as presented, with noted change(s). Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Pay Requests

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Code RED Extension \$6,500.00

Dixie County Sheriff's Office

Inmate Housing, August 2017 \$40,572.00

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitutional Officers

Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Jeff Manning requested, on behalf of Sheriff Schultz, funds to cover overtime due to Hurricane IRMA. He requested funds, in the amount of \$23,921.47, from Fund 1910 – Storm, to the Sheriff's Office. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve funds of \$23,921.47 from Fund 1910 – Storm, for overtime due to Hurricane Irma, to the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Appraiser

Mr. Damon Leggett, Gilchrist County Property Appraiser, addressed the Board inquiring about the vacant position (Edgar Langford's position) in the Tax Collector's office. This position not only filled responsibilities of the Tax Collector's Office but also helped out in the Property Appraiser's Office. Discussion took place.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Leggett to move forward with obtaining "Edgar's" position.

The Board requested that the Property Appraiser meet with the Tax Collector, Clerk and Administrator to discuss the Property Appraiser taking on additional duties.

County Administrator's Report

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

General

- **FEMA / SBA:** Mr. Crosby stated that Staff had met with FEMA and SBA and they had asked if they could be present at today's meeting. Fred Dolan with FEMA & Janel Finley with SBA, addressed the Board and gave update on the process of the aftermath of Hurricane IRMA.

Mr. Fred Dolan from FEMA, stated that residents can still register for assistance until 11/09/2017 by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by visiting www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Ms. Janel Finley from SBA, informed the Board about low interest loans at 1.75%, for storm recovery.

Informational purposes only, no Board Action needed.

3:15 p.m. Time Certain

Mr. Barney Bennette, FDOT: Mr. Bennette informed the Board of the current projects on tentative schedule and explained that the County can only submit three (3) requests for 2022. Discussion took place. No action taken at this time.

County Administrator's Report continues...

- Request from Coronal Energy: Mr. Crosby presented a request from Coronal Energy requesting that Gilchrist County apply Senate Bill #90 "*Stipulates to Solar*". Mr. Crosby explained their proposal. Discussion took place.

Mr. Damon Leggett, Gilchrist County Property Appraiser was present for discussion. There was no representative present from Coronal Energy, for discussion.

Commissioner Sharon A. Langford and Commissioner Kenrick Thomas both filed a Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict on the issue of Coronal Energy's request, as presented. Both Commissioners have abstained from discussion and voting on this issue due to personal conflicts. (No Board Action taken on this matter)

The Board agreed to Mr. Crosby recommendation; Mr. Crosby stated that he will obtain more information on Solar Tax Abatement regarding the request submitted by Coronal Energy and will invite Mr. Ryan Gilchrist to attend meeting for discussion.

- Jail Discussion: Mr. Crosby stated that after the Legislation Delegation meeting the other day, Commissioner Kenrick Thomas stopped by and asked if he could put together a meeting with myself, Sheriff Schultz, Chief Deputy Jeff Manning, and himself to discuss jail issues.

Mr. Crosby stated that discussion took place on appropriations and information obtained at the Legislation Delegation meeting.

Mr. Crosby stated that IF there are appropriations available at all, requests for appropriations need to be submitted soon. He recommended finding the "*happy*" number between \$250-500,000, because if nothing else it would help with planning and design, at least part of it, it not near what we need, but it would help. It would be a start and we could build appropriately. Discussion took place.

Mr. Newton, Clerk, stated that his concern is that with no outside help there has to be another plan. Without outside help we will have to find new revenue sources.

Mr. Lang, County Attorney stated that he believes that we need to have more discussion with the legislation delegation.

Mr. Crosby stated that he will get more information together and schedule a Jail Workshop for a future date.

Road Department

- **Beard Equipment Contract:** Mr. Crosby stated that at the time the Board approved the purchase from Beard Equipment Company, for a John Deere Loader, in the amount of \$121,339.00, all was fine, but when the invoice arrived in the contractual agreement for the warranty with John Deere, which Mr. Lang has reviewed and everything is fine with the warranty, but included is an Arbitration Agreement. Mr. Lang advised against executing this document. Mr. Crosby recommends approval of the contract subject to excluding Arbitration Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve the contract with Beard Equipment Company, excluding the Arbitration Agreement, at a cost of \$121,339.00, for a John Deere Loader and trading in the 1991 CAT 936E, for \$20,000.00.

Tourist Development Council

- Mr. Crosby presented, for the Boards' approval, the following items that were approved by the TDC at their October 9, 2017 meeting, as follows:
 - i. Sponsor Trenton Rotary Club first "Rotary Poker Paddle" event scheduled for November 4, 2017. (Sponsorship \$250.00) Funds are budgeted.
 - ii. Permission for Donna Creamer to attend the CHRN (Cultural, Heritage, Rural Nature) Visit Florida Committee in West Palm December 11-13, 2017 (Donna serves on this VF committee) representing Gilchrist County (Not to exceed \$500.00) Funds are budgeted.
 - iii. Permission for TDC to place an ad on the Visit Florida Transportation Map (Not to exceed \$2,700.00) Funds are budgeted.
 - iv. Permission for Donna Creamer to attend the Fall Festival at the I-75 Welcome Center on October 27, 2017
 - v. Purchasing TDC promotional items (Not to exceed \$1,000) Funds are budgeted.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve the above noted requests, from the TDC. Motion carried unanimously.

FYI – Monthly Reports: Mr. Crosby presented the monthly reports for Animal Control, Library, Road Department, Solid Waste and Building Department, as submitted by the Department Heads, for the Board's information.

Agenda Change - Community Development

- **Review of Event Permit:** Mr. Crosby presented a request for a Special Event Permit applied for by Cru at UF (Julie Christmas) operated by a nonprofit organization. This event will be held out doors with the expectancy of 600 people, on November 3, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m., on the property on owner Jon Tomion, located at NE 40th Court Road (Gilchrist

County). This event will have outdoor lighting. Tickets are sold and there will be dancing (music). No Alcohol. Baked goods provided by patrons. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve the application for a special event permit, as presented, with time change to 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report

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

Resolution Number 2017-37: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2017-37, adding "Social Media Policy" to Gilchrist County Policies. He read the short title for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 6, OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY POLICIES, ENTITLED "DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS", TO ADD A NEW SECTION 6.5, TO BE KNOWN AS "SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY"; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve Resolution 2017-37, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Number 2017-38: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2017-38, requesting Department of Environmental Protection and Suwannee River Water Management District to reduce or waive permit fees for fiscal year 2017-2018. He read the short title for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38

A RESOLUTION BY THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO REDUCE OR WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to approve Resolution 2017-38, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Number 2017-39: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2017-39, authorizing the County to enter into the Small County Road Assistance Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for funds for road reconstruction and resurfacing CR 340 from Rock Bluff to US 129. He read the short title for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO THE SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING CR 340 FROM ROCK BLUFF TO US 129 IN GILCHRST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Todd Gray, to approve Resolution 2017-39, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Number 2017-40: Mr. Lang presented Resolution 2017-40, authorizing the County to enter into the Small County Road Assistance Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for funds for road reconstruction and resurfacing CR 340 from SR 47 to Alachua County Line. He read the short title for the record, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2017-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO THE SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING CR 340 FROM SR 47 TO ALACHUA COUNTY LINE, IN GILCHRST COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Marion Poitevint, to approve Resolution 2017-40, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report

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

Meeting Dates: Mr. Newton addressed the issue of the following meeting dates looking for direction for the meetings to be either suspended or rescheduled:

- Do we want to have a mid-month meeting in December? (12-18-2017 @ 4:00 p.m.)
- First meeting in January falls on New Year's Day (Monday, 01-01-2018 @ 4:00 p.m.) County Holiday; need to reschedule
- Second meeting in January falls on MLK Day (Monday, 01-16-2018) County Holiday; need to reschedule

- Second meeting in February falls on President's Day (Monday, 02-20-2018) County Holiday; need to reschedule

Discussion took place.

It was the consensus of the Board to suspended 2nd meeting in November (11/20/2017) and December (12/18/2017), unless needed; and rescheduled the January meetings to be held on the first and third THURSDAY, January 4, 2018 and January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The mid-month meeting in February will be held on THURSDAY, February 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

List of Lands Available for Taxes: Mr. Newton presented, for the Boards consideration to purchase or not to purchase, a parcel that has been placed on the List of Lands; Tax Deed File #17-TD-0001, Certificate #2014-975.000. Mr. Newton requested the Boards' wishes on purchasing. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Commissioner Todd Gray, seconded by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, to approve placing parcel from Tax Deed, File 17-TD-0001, on List of Lands and waiving right to purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Participation: None

Adjourn

With there being no further business... a *Motion was made by Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sharon A. Langford, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.* Chairman Harrison adjourned the meeting at **4:24 p.m.**

*Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County, Florida*

Attest:

Approved:

Todd Newton, Clerk of Court

D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Chairman