

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE “OTTER SPRINGS FUND” AS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND. PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND; PROVIDING FOR SOURCES OF REVENUES AS THOSE USER FEES COLLECTED FROM OPERATING OTTER SPRINGS PARK; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 129, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Gilchrist County entered into a lease with For Vets, Inc on April 9th, 2014 to manage and operate Otter Springs Park and Campground; and

WHEREAS, February 16, 2026 Gilchrist County and For Vets, Inc agreed to terminate lease returning responsibility of Otter Springs Park operations back to the County; and

WHEREAS, Otter Springs is a vital spring system and recreational asset for water resource protection and public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, Gilchrist County finds it necessary to establish a Special Revenue Fund (470) to manage revenues and grants specifically intended for the maintenance, restoration, and capital improvements of the Otter Springs Park during the remaining Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.** There is hereby established the “Otter Springs Fund” (the “Fund”) as a special revenue fund within the Gilchrist County Financial System.
2. **PURPOSE.** The Fund shall be used exclusively for the preservation, restoration, operation, and capital improvement of Otter Springs Park and Campground.
3. **REVENUE SOURCES.** Revenue for the Fund may include:
 - a. State and Federal Grants
 - b. User fees, park admission revenues, sales from concessions, recreational vehicle camping fees, and cabin/pavilion/lodge rental fees generated at Otter Springs Park
 - c. Private donations and interest earned on available Fund balances.
4. **INITIAL BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS.** Budgeted total Revenues and Expenditures are \$573,900.
5. **ADMINISTRATION.** The Gilchrist County Clerk of Court shall maintain the Fund in accordance with Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, ensuring all expenditures are authorized by the Board of County Commissioners.

RESOLVED this 2nd day of MARCH 2026.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA

Darrell Smith
DARRELL SMITH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

Todd Newton
TODD NEWTON, CLERK

