

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson, presiding, Vice-Chair Ken Cornell, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Hutchinson opened the meeting at 1:34 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Pinkoson moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Chestnut out of the room.

Chair Hutchinson welcomed citizens and elected officials from other Counties to Alachua County.

Commissioner Byerly entered the room at 1:35 P.M.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Time Sensitive Items

1. Proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine, New River Basin, Bradford and Union Counties
Amount: N/A
Recommended Action: 1. Authorize Chair letters to various agencies expressing Alachua County's concerns regarding the proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine. 2. Provide direction to the County Manager and the County Attorney regarding the level of engagement in the HPSII Phosphate Mine Review and approval processes.

County Manager Lee Niblock and Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird presented the above item.

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Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 1:41 P.M.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to return with a list of all the items that the Board could take to protect Alachua County's interest in the issue.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion:

1. Authorize Chair letters to various agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers and the Alachua Conservation Trust expressing Alachua County's concerns regarding the proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine and the potential offer of staff help.
2. Direct the County Attorney and the County Manager to make the level of engagement into the HPSII Phosphate Mine a priority assignment.
3. Direct staff to establish measurements of water quality and water quantity for the New River and Santa Fe River to be utilized for upcoming hearings and permit applications.
4. Authorize staff to return to the Board with other options for consideration protecting Alachua County Residents' interests in water quality on the Santa Fe River.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion:

1. Authorize Chair letters to various agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers and the Alachua Conservation Trust expressing Alachua County's concerns regarding the proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine and the potential offer of staff help.
2. Direct staff to establish measurements of water quality and water quantity for the New River and Santa Fe River to be utilized for upcoming hearings and permit applications.
3. Authorize staff to return to the Board with other options for consideration protecting Alachua County Residents' interests in water quality.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Jean Strong, Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Carol Mosley, Whitey Markle, Stasia Rudolph, Jim Tatum, Michele Moretti, Jill McGuire, Union County Attorney Russ Wade, Irving Smith, Bradford County Attorney Will Sexton, Courtney Snyder, Joseph Rush, Debbie Davey, Paul Still, David Moritz, T.J. Strickland, Dr. Steve Pieczenik, Dave Wilcox, and Frieda Kassetas who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion:

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1. Authorize Chair letters to various agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers and the Alachua Conservation Trust expressing Alachua County's concerns regarding the proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine and the potential offer of staff help.
2. Direct staff to establish measurements of water quality and water quantity for the New River and Santa Fe River.
3. Authorize staff to return to the Board with other options for consideration protecting Alachua County Residents' interests in water quality.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested the first part of the motion be split.

Chair Hutchinson called the question on the first part of the motion, to authorize Chair letters to various agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers and the Alachua Conservation Trust expressing Alachua County's concerns regarding the proposed HPSII Phosphate Mine and the potential offer of staff help. **The motion carried 4-1** with Commissioner Pinkoson voting nay.

Chair Hutchinson called the question on the second and third parts of the motion,

2. Direct staff to establish measurements of water quality and water quantity for the New River and Santa Fe River.
3. Authorize staff to return to the Board with other options for consideration protecting Alachua County Residents' interests in water quality.

The motion carried 5-0.

MEETING RECESSED 3:20 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED 3:30 P.M. – Commissioners Chestnut, Cornell, Hutchinson, and Pinkoson present.

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

2. Rural Services Unit Program Presentation by Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell
Amount: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear the presentation by Sheriff Sadie Darnell on the Rural Services Unit program.

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell and Deputy Sheriff Perry Koon presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered the room at 3:38 P.M.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized Deputy Sheriff Brandon Jones who presented comments to the Board.

3. Corizon Presentation

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear the presentation.

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Jail Director Major Charlie Lee, Corizon Regional Vice President Paula Mangarella, and Dr. Timothy Hughes presented the above item.

Commission Discussion

4. Cogon Grass Presentation

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear the presentation.

Natural Resources Program Supervisor Stephen Hofstetter presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Heather Martin, Land Conservation Biologist Sandra Vardaman, and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct the County Manager to return in this budget cycle with a program to address the problem of cogon grass and refer to any appropriate advisory board.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock, David Moritz, and Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion on the Distribution of Local Option Gas Taxes Renewal

Amount: Approximately \$6.3 million

Recommended Action: Approve the renewal of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th cent and Additional 5 cents Local Option Gas Taxes for a 20-year extension effective 2016 at the current average distribution rate.

Chair Hutchinson presented the above item.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to approve the renewal of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th cent and Additional 5 cents Local Option Gas Taxes for a 20-year extension effective 2016 at the current average distribution rate.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Office of Management and Budget Director Tommy Crosby, and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Cornell voting nay.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested a Chair letter to the City of Gainesville requesting that the City take over Main street.

Commissioner Byerly presented a timeline of the RTS facility dispute. He requested to transmit it to the City of Gainesville and local media outlets.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the Chair to send the timeline to the City Commission.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Hutchinson requested that staff add the RTS dispute to the May 10, 2016 agenda.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the timeline be forwarded to local media outlets.

Commissioner Cornell requested to send the timeline to City staff instead of the City Commission. He further requested to add the item to the May 10, 2016 agenda and allow the City to address the County's concerns.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Communications and Legislative Affairs Director Mark Sexton who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly stated that he wished to transmit the timeline in order to provide as much information as possible. He further stated that he gave his word to give the timeline to the City.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Cornell voting nay.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that he received a request from the Gainesville Sports Commission regarding a letter of support for local BMX.

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Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize transmitting the letter to Mr. John David of the American Bicycle Association. The motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that he attended the University of Florida Strategic Plan Steering Committee. He further stated that the consultants for the Committee were available to make a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Chestnut moved to transmit a chair letter to the University of Florida Strategic Plan Steering Committee requesting a presentation from their consultants. The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Hutchinson stated that the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's Amazing Give raised \$282,611.00 from 1161 donors for 48 local charities.

Public Comments on Previously Discussed Items

There were no citizens present who wished to provide comments to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

J.K. Irby, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners