

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.  
County Administration Building  
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special session.

**PRESENT:** Chair Lee Pinkoson presiding, Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney, Commissioners Susan Baird, Mike Byerly, and Rodney J. Long

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Randall Reid, Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond, County Attorney David Wagner, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.

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Adoption of the Agenda

**Commissioner DeLaney moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Long and Byerly out of the room.

I. Presentation by the City of Newberry regarding the purchase and use of the Canterbury Showplace as the County Fairgrounds

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation by representatives of the City of Newberry and provide staff with direction.

Chair Pinkoson recognized City of Newberry Manager Keith Ashby, Parks and Recreation Director Richard Blalock, City of Newberry Commissioner Joe Hoffman, and Gerald Good who presented the above item.

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**Commissioner DeLaney moved** the following:

1. To refer the whole issue of the Canterbury Showplace as the County Fairgrounds to the staff for a site evaluation looking at the utility of the existing facilities and comparing it to what the County had planned for the Weisman Waldo Property and identify whatever would be needed so that it would be ready if the Board declared it to be used as a fairgrounds facility serving primarily the agricultural community at this point.
2. Refer to the Rural Concerns Committee to look at the location comparing the existing facility that we have, the Weisman Waldo Property and also the Canterbury proposal and the planned sports arena and the impact it would have on the use of the facility.
3. Refer to the Tourist Development Council to look at what is being generated now and what could potentially be generated.
4. Refer to the Plan East Gainesville Oversight Committee for their comments.
5. Refer to the Economic Development Committee
6. Staff should provide a time frame of how quickly the County could get out of the current fairgrounds to the Weisman Waldo Property versus the time frame of moving to the Canterbury Facility.
7. Have the formal proposal from Newberry in the same context that all the other proposals have come into the Tourist Development Council so that the Board might be able to compare their proposal currently with the proposals that have already been evaluated.
8. The County Attorney should provide information on the reverter clause and whether it needs to be moved and if so what it would entail and how long it would take.
9. Provide a better map of the proposed Canterbury facility.
10. Request formally in written form any tentative new concepts or prior concepts with substantial changes the other municipalities have that they would like the County to consider and submit them within one month to the County.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Bruce Nelson, Tourist Development Director Roland Loog, Doris Edwards, Evelyn Fox, City of Newberry Mayor Bill Conrad, Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond, and City of Gainesville Manager Russ Blackburn who presented comments to the Board.

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**The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.**

- II. Funding request by the City of Alachua for expansion of Hal Brady Recreation Complex

**Amount:** \$500,000.00

**Recommended Action:** Do not fund the request using Tourist Development Tax in order to preserve the process used to rank applications during the RFP cycle seeking capital projects.

Assistant to the City Manager Adam Boukari presented the above item.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Tourism Program Assistant John Pricher and Tourism Development Director Roland Loog who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Baird moved** to have the project submit a program to the Tourist Development group in the format that Tourist Development requests by October 12, 2011 so that the Board can review the matter at the October 25, 2011 meeting and if necessary the Tourist Development Board will schedule a special meeting.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Freddie Wehbe and Bruce Nelson who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting "Nay".**

- III. Termination Agreement Advantek Consulting Engineering Inc.

**Amount:** \$42,352.44

**Recommended Action:** Approve Termination Agreement with Advantek Consulting Engineering Inc. and authorize staff to begin the RFP process to hire a new Engineer of Record for the Jail Energy Conservation Project Phase 2.

Commissioner Long exited at 2:17 P.M.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to approve the Termination Agreement with Advantek Consulting Engineering Inc. and authorize staff to begin the RFP process to hire a new Engineer of Record for the Jail Energy Conservation Project Phase 2. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.

**COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 2:20 P.M.**

**COMMISSION RECONVENED: 2:55 P.M.**

IV. Sales Tax: Pavement Management Program

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Direct staff to proceed with development of a 2012 ballot initiative for a 1 cent Charter County Transportation System Surtax for a period of at least ten years and to begin the community involvement process.

County Engineer Dave Cerlanek presented the above item.

**Commissioner DeLaney moved** to direct staff to proceed with the development of a 2012 ballot initiative for a 1 cent Charter County Transportation System Surtax for a period of at least ten years, to begin discussions with City of Gainesville, small municipalities, and staff and to begin the community involvement process.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Public Works Director Richard Hedrick, Impact Fees Manager Jeff Hayes, Bruce Nelson, Don Ricard, Ms. Sutton, Communication Director Mark Sexton, and Roberta Lopez who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner DeLaney moved the amended motion** to direct staff to proceed with the development of a 2012 ballot initiative for a 1 cent Charter County Transportation System Surtax for a period of at least ten years, to begin discussions with City of Gainesville, small municipalities, and staff and to begin the community involvement process.

1. Request that County staff itemize the sidewalk issues for each of the projects on the project list and explain why they are not recommending sidewalks in the instances they aren't. This applies only to County maintained roads collector or arterial within the urban cluster. Provide sidewalk cost as a fraction of total of the project.
2. Staff during the discussions with the City, is to prepare the frame work for an Interlocal Agreement with the municipalities that specifies that County maintained roads within the urban cluster will be resurfaced or reconstructed within accordance with the Alachua County Corridor Design Manual.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Roberta Lopez who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

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V. FY12 Budget Development – Final Adjustments to Tentative Budget and Tier 1 Decision Package

Chair Pinkoson recognized Marty Mesh who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to include in the FY2012 Budget the Florida Organic Growers proposal in the amount of an additional \$16,193.00 with \$7,000 from CAPP and the remaining balance from the unallocated funds in the General Fund.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Bruce Nelson who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Byerly moved the amended motion** to include the in the FY2012 Budget the Florida Organic Growers' proposal an additional \$16,193.00 with \$7,000 from CAPP and the remaining balance would come from the unallocated funds in the General Fund. Direct Mr. Roberts look into the possibility of having the Electronic Balance Transfer (EBT) program funded by the farmers and not the County and present the pros and cons. The motion carried 4-1with Commissioner Baird voting "Nay".

There was no action taken on the Community Design Center, Family Data Center, and Blessed Hope.

The Board continued the Gainesville Technology Enterprise Center (GTEC) to the Tuesday Board meeting.

Public Comments

Chair Pinkoson recognized Bruce Nelson, Roberta Lopez, and Gabe Green who presented comments to the Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.