

Tuesday, August 1, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.
County Administration Building
Grace Knight Conference Room
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Hutch Hutchinson, Vice Chair Ken Cornell; Commissioners Chuck Chestnut, Mike Byerly, and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Lee Niblock, Assistant County Manager Jim Harriot, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Call to Order (1:00PM)

Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

Items for Possible Discussion

Time Certain

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1. Sheriff's Budget Appeal
Amount: N/A
Recommended Action: Discuss the Sheriff's budget appeal.

County Attorney Michelle Lieberman presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Sheriff Sadie Darnell, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Chestnut entered at 1:29 p.m.

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Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut , Commissioner Hutchinson , Sheriff Darnell, OMB Director Crosby, and Finance Officer Todd Hutchison presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. To increase the offer from \$156,021.00 to \$300,000.00 and that these funds first come from returned funds by the Sheriff in the current fiscal year due to vacancies and then County Reserves.
2. Prior to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 that the Sheriff cooperate with the Board to request and obtaining an Attorney level opinion of whether or not the Sheriff is allowed to move funds between object codes.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson , Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Byerly, Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Commissioner Cornell , and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Brandon Kutner who presented comments to the Board.

The motion failed 1- 4 with Commissioners Byerly, Chestnut, Pinkoson, and Hutchinson voting "Nay".

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct staff to obtain the Constitutional Officers quarterly reports. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the following: 2nd Pinkoson

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1. Direct staff to return as soon as possible with an agenda item on how the Board can gain fine grain information about the Sheriff's Office Overtime Budget in the current year's budget, how it was expended, and what the law is on how those funds must be expended.
2. Provide the options for the Board to obtain a legal resolution to the question of whether or not funds can be moved in a Constitutional Officers Budget at the object code level.

Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Cornell and Chestnut voting "Nay".

Sheriff Darnell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to offer \$300,000.00 to settle the appeal. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Pinkoson and Byerly voting "Nay".

County Manager Niblock and Sheriff Darnell presented comments.

COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 3:08 P.M.

COMMISSION RECONVENED: 3:36 P.M.

Sheriff Darnell accepted the settlement offer of \$300,000.00 and requested that the funds be transmitted in the August draw.

Senior Financial Management Analyst Dianne Smith stated that staff would amend the August draw to add the \$300,000.00.

County Attorney Lieberman stated that she would contact the Governor's staff in Tallahassee to inform them that the matter has been resolved.

Public Comments

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

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There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.