

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.
Grace Knight Conference Room
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 Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at  1:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Hutchinson requested that presentations on Hurricane Matthew and solid waste be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the item regarding gas tax distribution be heard first as Commissioner Chestnut had a pressing engagement.

Chair Hutchinson stated that he received several inquiries from the media regarding the Confederate memorial statue.



Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Niblock who stated that staff received correspondence from the Matheson Museum regarding the statue.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved adoption of the agenda as modified. The motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER PROPOSED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3. Gas Tax Distribution Negotiations

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear staff update and discuss next steps.





County Engineer Gavarrete presented the above item.

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



Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct staff to return with a proposal for alternative funding in lieu of gas tax for the pavement maintenance plan as well as information on the costs of RTS, signalization, and road maintenance under the state default formula, and an annexation policy that states that if a road is completely within the boundaries of a municipality, that municipality takes over road maintenance.

Chair Hutchinson recognized  County Engineer Gavarrete, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, and  Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.




The motion carried 5-0.



Commissioner Chestnut left the room at 1:55 P.M.



Commissioner Cornell moved to use the miles and population approach to gas tax distribution and request that the smaller municipalities join the County in backing the miles and population approach.

Chair Hutchinson recognized  Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.



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

Added Item: Confederate Memorial Statue



Chair Hutchinson presented the above item.



Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to place the item on a future agenda.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion to direct staff to forward the item to the Veterans Service Advisory Board to request their advice and place the item on a future agenda.

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

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

Chair Hutchinson requested that staff inform him when the Veterans Advisory Board would hear the item.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized  Telford Cartwright who presented comments to the Board.

Added Item: Hurricane Matthew Update



Emergency Management Manager Jeff Bielling presented the above item.

Added Item: Solid Waste Update



Solid Waste Director Sally Palmi presented the above item.

2. Business Tax Discussion



Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: N/A

Commissioner Byerly presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized  Chief Deputy Tax Collector Jon Costabile who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved  to direct staff to prepare a blue sheet to create a plan to repeal the Business Tax.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock,  Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Chief Deputy Tax Collector Jon Costabile, and  County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.



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

Chair Hutchinson recognized  Chief Deputy Tax Collector Jon Costabile and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Time Sensitive Items

1. Animal Acts Proposed at the 2016 Alachua County Fair

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Approve the Animal Acts Proposed at the 2016 Alachua County Fair.



County Attorney Michele Lieberman,  County Manager Lee Niblock, and  Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

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Commissioner Pinkoson moved to accept the Animal Acts proposed at the 2016 Alachua County Fair. **The motion carried 4-0** with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hutchinson recognized Telford Cartwright who presented comments to the Board.

COMMISSION COMMENT



Commissioner Cornell requested to refer recording the joint City/County Water Meetings to staff.



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



Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to contact the City of Gainesville and request that future joint City/County Water meetings be held at City Hall and videotaped or audio recorded.



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



Commissioner Cornell withdrew his motion.

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






Chair Hutchinson suggested that Commissioners give interviews in the hallway in front of Mr. Sexton's office.

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Chair Hutchinson requested a microphone for the podium in Grace Knight.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested an update on the first floor reconstruction.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized  County Manager Lee Niblock,  Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, and  County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.



Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the County Manager thank the Equal Opportunity Division for sacrificing their office space temporarily so as to accommodate the first floor renovations.



Commissioner Cornell stated that if the Board chooses to elect him Chair in the next Fiscal Year he would request a one-on-one meeting with each Commissioner that is advertised and open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT



There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

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