

Monday, November 14, 2016 – 3:00 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

Mayor Lauren Poe, presiding, City Commissioners Harvey M. Budd, Craig Carter, Todd Chase, Adrian Hayes-Santos, and Helen K. Warren

ABSENT: City Commissioner Charles E. Goston

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker, Deputy Clerk Stephanie Sisney

City Manager Anthony Lyons, City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, Assistant City Manager Fred Murry, City Clerk Kurt Lannon

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

1. Discussion Regarding the Renegotiation of the Fire Services Assistant Agreement
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Authorize staff to begin negotiations with the City of Gainesville to amend or replace the Fire Services Assistance Agreement to include co-location options and the continuation of no payments between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville in Fiscal Year 2017.

Chief William Northcutt presented the above item.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct staff to work with City of Gainesville staff to draft an extension of the current Agreement or another appropriate solution.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Gainesville Fire Rescue Chief Jeff Lane and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

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

2. Discussion of Renewal of Local Option Fuel Taxes

Fiscal Consideration: The local option fuel taxes are the primary funding source for the maintenance of the County's transportation infrastructure.

Recommended Action: Hear the presentation and discuss options regarding renewal of the local option fuel taxes.

Deputy County Manager James Harriott presented the above item.

Commissioner Chase entered the room at 3:19 P.M.

Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 3:28 P.M.

Chair Hutchinson recognized City of Gainesville Public Works Director Teresa Scott who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chase moved to agree to a blended rate for the three local option fuel taxes of 10 percent for small municipalities, 45 percent for the City of Gainesville, and 45 percent for Alachua County for a period of five years with an optional extension of five years.

Chair Hutchinson recognized City of Gainesville Public Works Director Teresa Scott and City of Gainesville Finance Director April Shuping who presented comments to the Board.

Mayor Poe requested that the motion be amended to a ten year term and to include a direction to City staff to work with the County on projects that can be funded by both governments.

Commissioner Chase moved the substitute motion to agree to a blended rate for the three local option fuel taxes of 10 percent for small municipalities, 45 percent for the City of Gainesville, and 45 percent for Alachua County for a period of ten years with a direction to City staff to work with the County on projects that can be funded by both governments.

The motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to refer the City's offer to staff for evaluation.

Commissioner Byerly requested that staff return with an estimate on the percentage of gas tax paid by Alachua County residents and the relative responsibilities of governments to provide transportation.

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

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion

1. to work with City Staff to explore the potential to take over or expand RTS Services to the Unincorporated Area and/or take over existing County Roads that would allow for the County to accept the City's unanimous proposed offer of a ten year agreement of 45/45/10.
2. to direct County staff to return with an estimate on the percentage of gas tax paid by Alachua County residents and the relative responsibilities of governments to provide transportation.

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

3. Discuss the Upgrade or Replacement of the County-Wide Radio System

Fiscal Consideration: 1. The Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget includes \$85,000.00 for Phase 1 Needs Assessment; the original cost estimate for Phase 1 Needs Assessment is \$85,000.00; or 2. Do not fund needs assessment study.

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to hire a consultant, including a request for proposal to examine all radio system options to expand, upgrade, or replace the County-wide radio system.

County Manager Lee Niblock presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly moved to authorize the Radio Management Board (RMB) to move forward with obtaining proposals for a consultant and direct the County Manager to report the anticipated cost to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mayor Poe requested that the motion include a direction to work with GRU to resolve the immediate-term needs of the system.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion:

1. to authorize the Radio Management Board (RMB) to move forward with obtaining proposals for a consultant and direct the County Manager to report the anticipated cost to the Board of County Commissioners.
2. to direct staff to work with Gainesville Regional Utilities to resolve the immediate-term needs of the system.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Alachua County Sheriff's Office Technical Services Division Manager Jim Lanier and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

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Commissioner Carter moved:

1. to authorize the Radio Management Board (RMB) to move forward with obtaining proposals for a consultant and direct the City Manager to report the anticipated cost to the Gainesville City Commission.
2. to direct staff to work with Gainesville Regional Utilities to resolve the immediate-term needs of the system.

The motion carried 6-0.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cornell asked when the next joint meeting would be held.

Chair Hutchinson stated the next joint meeting is scheduled for December and requested that the respective Commissions discuss the agenda for the meeting.

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that Fire Station 19 needs to be further discussed.

Chair Hutchinson stated that the Dean of the College of Art at the University of Florida requested time for a brief presentation on the RTS site.

Commissioner Cornell stated that the Boards could receive an update on the environmental issues surrounding the RTS site, the University's proposal, the gas tax, and Station 19.

City Manager Anthony Lyons stated that there are two entities requesting to discuss the RTS site. He further stated that the direction he received from the City Commission was to present an update on Fire Stations.

Mayor Poe stated that the issues surrounding the RTS site were for informational purposes only. He further suggested that the School Board be invited to the meeting.

Chair Hutchinson recommended to give the School Board and the University be granted roughly seven and a half minutes apiece to present their requests.

Commissioner Carter stated the two Commissions need to commit to hold their discussion on the topics at hand.

Commissioner Chase requested an update on the RTS facility.

City Manager Anthony Lyons stated that the City received a letter from the School Board and the County received a letter from the University of Florida requesting the RTS site.

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Chair Hutchinson stated that the University of Florida's Strategic Development Plan includes a proposal for the existing RTS site.

Commissioner Chase requested a briefing on the request from the College of Fine Arts from the City Manager. He further stated he did not wish to discuss this item during the next agenda.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos requested a presentation on environmental issues for the RTS site and the UF Strategic plan but did not wish to discuss the College of Fine Arts' proposal.

Commissioner Byerly stated the property is still in a legal dispute and the ownership of the facility should be adjudicated by the Court.

Mayor Poe stated that individual Commissioners will receive requests for sit-down meetings from the interested parties. He further stated that there is plenty on the upcoming agenda.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested information on the presentation on the RTS facility.

Chair Hutchinson stated that he would speak with the College of Fine Arts and invite them to attend public comments in upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked if the Boards would like to invite representatives from the University to discuss their Strategic Development Plan.

Without objection, the Boards agreed to invite representatives from the University to discuss their Strategic Development Plan.

Chair Hutchinson gave a brief overview of the upcoming agenda.

Commissioner Chase stated that he wished to discuss the costs for the transfer of Fire Station 19 and is ready to support the transfer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

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