

Monday, May 9, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.  
Archer City Hall  
16780 SW 134th Avenue  
Archer, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commission and the Archer City Commission met in joint special session.

**PRESENT:** Chair Hutch Hutchinson, Commissioners Chuck Chestnut, Mike Byerly, and Lee Pinkoson

Mayor Corey Harris, Vice Mayor Susan Drawdy, Commissioners Fletcher Hope, Doug Jones, and Marjorie Zander

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, City of Archer Manager Zeria K. Folston, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Commissioner Cornell moved** adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

1. Project List for the Proposed Sales Tax  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss the City of Archer's project list for the proposed sales tax.

Mayor Corey Harris presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell , Mayor Harris , City Commissioner Fletcher Hope , Commissioner Hutchinson , City Commissioner Doug Jones, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson , Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Mayor Corey Harris , City Commissioner Fletcher Hope, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, City Commissioner Doug Jones, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, Vice Mayor Susan Drawdy, City Commissioner Doug Jones , Commissioner Hutchinson , Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock, City Commissioner Doug Jones, County Attorney Lieberman , City Commissioner Doug Jones, Commissioner Byerly, City of Archer Manager Zeria K. Folston , City

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Commissioner Doug Jones , Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

2. County's Assistance with Wastewater System - Highest Level of Environmental Protection Cost  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss the County's assistance with the Archer wastewater system.

Mayor Corey Harris presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Doug Jones, Commissioner Chestnut, City Commissioner Fletcher Hope , Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Chris Bird , Vice Mayor Susan Drawdy , Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Doug Jones , Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, City Commissioner Doug Jones, and City of Archer Manager Zeria K. Folston presented comments.

3. Economic Development for Archer  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss economic development for Archer.

City Commissioner Fletcher Hope presented comments regarding expanding SR24 in the near future. They expressed concern with the need for capacity with Celebration Pointe coming.

City Commissioner Jones discussed the SR 121 road project. He recalls it being scaled back. He is interested if there are any available funds from that project to use on expanding Archer Road.

Vice Mayor Susan Drawdy stated that a left hand turn was added coming in from Gainesville just past Haile Plantation on Archer Road. She stated that the County did a great job with that however she feels that there needs to be a right turn lane coming from Archer into town in the same area.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that the County would be happy to work with the City of Archer and the Florida Department of Transportation on the matter.

**ADDED ITEMS:**

Discussion regarding the Archer Fire Station Lease

Alachua County Fire Chief Bill Northcutt presented the above item.

Mr. Northcutt stated that there are two agreements that regulate the use of the Fire Station here in Archer by the County. There is a Lease and an Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement has a debt payment of \$34,000.00 which seems to run in perpetuity and it needs to be addressed. The station also needs a new roof which the County's Facility Department stated would cost \$50,000.00. The County has an issue with investing that kind of capital into a facility that it does not own.

The County Attorney's opinion is that the building envelope is the responsibility of the City of Archer under the current agreement.

Mayor Corey Harris stated that the quote on the price of the roof seems rather high. He stated that the City would look into obtain independent bids on the roof.

County Attorney Lieberman stated that the lease itself is for \$1.00 a year and the County is required to perform maintenance. However, the roof replacement is beyond maintenance and needs to be addressed.

- I75 Corridor

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the State of Florida is looking into an Interstate 75 bypass which could potentially come through Alachua County in the area of Archer, Newberry, and High Springs. He stated that he feels a workshop should be held to inform the residents in the area.

Commissioner Chestnut stated that the State process is moving along rapidly. He stated that he has not heard anything from Archer or Newberry regarding the matter. He stated that he would like input from the area prior to the State making their decision.

City of Archer Manager Zeria K. Folston stated that he attended the State meeting in Gainesville. He was told that the road would go through Marion County because Alachua County is opposed to it. He is excited to hear that there is an opportunity for the road to come through Alachua County.

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**Commissioner Cornell moved** to direct the County staff to coordinate with the City of Archer staff to schedule a Community wide meeting as soon as possible in the City of Archer to inform the Archer citizens and ameliorate concerns and answer questions regarding the proposed roads.

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved the substitute motion** to refer to the County Manager for recommendations on the most effective way to increase citizen engagement on the Interstate 75 issue.

Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

#### Public Comment

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

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.