

Thursday, June 16, 2016 – 10:00 A.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

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Assistant County Attorney Robert Livingston, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Hutchinson opened the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

County Manager Niblock presented a Chair letter to the Putnam County Commission regarding fire services. He requested that Commissioners review it and suggest any changes before the close of business.

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** adoption of the agenda.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Office of Management and Budget Director Tommy Crosby who requested the Board hear an additional item regarding the Utility Savings Reinvestment Program.

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

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Development Meeting General Budget Overview  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget or proposed millage rates.

County Manager Lee Niblock and OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

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Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 10:16 A.M.

Commissioner Byerly requested a summary of the municipal cost index and the change in population.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to direct staff to change the last point of the County budget guidelines to read, "Each budget year the County will select one department for a detailed review to occur in the Spring before the presentation of the budget." **The motion carried 5-0.**

Without objection the Board scheduled a discussion for October to discuss the disposition of funds from the sale of the old Public Defender building.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to hold a comprehensive discussion regarding Tower Road including the history of the project and how the current Comprehensive Plan affects Tower Road.

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

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Senior Financial Management Analyst Diane Smith who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested to know the percentage change of property taxes that the Board of County Commissioners accounts for on a citizen's tax bill.

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

Commissioner Byerly requested a summary of vacancies in County positions.

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

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to direct staff to review peer Counties to determine which issue take-home vehicles to bailiffs, corrections officers, and non-sworn personnel.

Commissioner Chestnut requested to know if there were any union contracts that granted take-home vehicles.

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Commissioner Pinkoson requested a breakdown of non-sworn BOCC employees who have take-home vehicles.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Byerly stated that he wanted to add Sunday service for RTS.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

**MEETING RECESSED 12:31 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED 12:54 P.M.** – Commissioners Byerly, Chestnut, Cornell, and Pinkoson present.

2. County Attorney Budget

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget or proposed millage rates.

County Attorney Michele Lieberman presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson entered the room at 1:22 P.M.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested a breakdown of one-time costs and ongoing costs for the proposed new staff.

Chair Hutchinson recognized OMB Director Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

3. Public Safety and Community Services Workgroup

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget or proposed millage rates.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Chief William Northcutt, and County Manager Lee Niblock, who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to direct staff to provide the quartile analysis for the fire assessment to the Board as soon as possible. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Chief William Northcutt and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

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**Commissioner Cornell moved** to proceed forward with the \$100,000.00 in the budget for the Fire Assessment Study.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Chief William Northcutt and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

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

Chair Hutchinson recognized OMB Director Tommy Crosby and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to approve the funding in the budget for the proposed recruitment position.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Human Resources Director Karen Gerding who presented comments to the Board.

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

Without objection the Board directed that staff provide the Board with the demographic makeup of hires during the last 15 years. The data should include the 10 years with the program and the 5 years since the program.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Chief William Northcutt and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** that staff address the fact that the City of Alachua Contract is \$200,000.00 to \$220,000.00 less than the cost to provide the service within the next 60 to 90 days. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### RTS Funding

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to extend the RTS Service to include Sundays and Holidays.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that staff present ridership statistics for Sundays and Holidays.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays who presented comments to the Board.

(The Board split the motion for the purposes of voting.)

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**Commissioner Byerly moved** to include RTS Service on Sundays. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Hutchinson and Pinkoson voting nay.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to include RTS Service on Holidays. The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Chief William Northcutt who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** that the County maintain the 3 person staffing in the rural stations FRS 17001.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Chief William Northcutt, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

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

#### Station 9 and 13

Chief William Northcutt and OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** that staff develop a plan and bring it back to the Board within the next 30 days for funding for rescue station 9, Waldo, and Station 19, with the last two being funded under the Super Majority MSTU Fire.

Chair Hutchinson recognized OMB Director Tommy Crosby and Facilities Director Charlie Jackson who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

#### Court Services

Court Services Director Peria Duncan presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly requested that staff return in a year with the grant funds brought to the County by the new grant coordinator position.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of the grant coordinator. The motion carried 5-0.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized Assistant County Attorney Robert Livingston who presented comments to the Board.

#### Animal Services

Shelter Supervisor Jane Grantman presented the above item.

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

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to accept the County Manager's proposals for Animal Services. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### Children Services Council

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

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

#### Community Agency Partnership Program

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

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

#### Crisis Services Center

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

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

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to approve the County Manager's recommendations for Crisis Services. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Hutchinson recognized OMB Director Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

#### GRACE Marketplace

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

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4. Utility Savings Reinvestment Program Financial Policy  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Adopt the financial policy.

OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to approve the Utility Savings Reinvestment Program Financial Policy.

Commissioner Chestnut left the room at 4:20 P.M.

**Commissioner Byerly withdrew his motion.**

Chair Hutchinson directed staff to add the Utility Savings Reinvestment Program as the first item on the next agenda.

Commissioner Pinkoson left the room at 4:23 P.M.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Sean McLendon who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly requested that staff provide an analysis of the projects and projected savings from the inception of the Utility Savings Reinvestment Program.

Without objection, the Board requested that staff provide an analysis of the projects and projected savings from the inception of the Utility Savings Reinvestment Program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Daniel Blomberg who presented comments to the Board.

#### **COMMISSION GENERAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Byerly requested that the Board discuss the proposed letter to the I-75 Relief Task Force.

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock, Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays, and Deputy County Manager James Harriott who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell requested that the new letter reference the letter the Board transmitted in February 2016.

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**Commissioner Byerly moved** that the draft letter be used as the basis for discussion at the upcoming meeting. **The motion carried 3-0** with Commissioners Chestnut and Pinkoson out of the room.

Commissioner Byerly requested a copy of the CDM Smith study.

Commissioner Byerly requested staff discuss the Florida Forever grant application.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Land Conservation Manager Ramesh Buch and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Hutchinson stated that there are communication issues regarding the tract.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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