

Tuesday, June 23, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.
County Administration Building
Jack Durrance Auditorium
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, Clerk of Court J.K. Irby, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Call to Order (1:30 PM)

Adoption of Agenda

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

Discussion Item

2. FY17 Budget Development Meeting - General County Government

Amount: N/A

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

Supervisor of Elections

Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter presented the above item.

Supervisor of Elections Carpenter stated that she is requesting \$125,000.00 for electronic check-in equipment for elections.

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Commissioner Chestnut entered at 1:38 P.M.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the \$125,000.00 in funding for the electronic check-in equipment.

Commissioner Byerly stated that in previous years the Board established a list of projects they wished to fund and towards the end of the budget process there was a reconciliation to see which items could be funded. He would like for the Board to use that process again this year.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the substitute motion that staff is to establish a list of items that the Board wishes to fund that are outside of the County Manager's proposed budget and add the electronic check-in equipment to the list.

OMB Director Crosby and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor of Elections Carpenter, Chair Hutchinson, and Elections Chief Deputy Will Boyett presented comments.

Sheriff Office Presentation

Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell presented the above item.

Sgt. Paul Pardue, Sheriff Darnell , Commissioner Cornell, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Pinkoson , Commissioner Byerly, Colonel David Huckstep, and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

Fiscal Update

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1. FY17 Budget Development Meeting - Outstanding Budget Issues.

Amount: N/A

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

Outstanding Issues

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly requested a chart that summarizes crime trends for Alachua County. Mr. Byerly further requested the sworn personnel per capita for all 67 counties if available and integrate the information into the original information request.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments

Take Home Vehicles Peer County Review

OMB Director advised the Board that so far other Sheriff's Offices have not been cooperative with providing information. To his knowledge there is no other source to obtain the information from. He stated that fulfilling the request for the Board will be a monumental task.

Commissioner Byerly stated that he would like to simply ask the other Sheriff's Offices if the issue take home vehicle to these types of sworn officers.

Vacant Positions List

OMB Director Crosby provided the vacancy list as requested by the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to return at the next budget meeting with an explanation for those vacancies dating calendar year 2014 or earlier. The motion carried 5-0.

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Recue Station #9 and Station #23 Discussion

Commissioner Pinkoson, Facilities Director Charlie Jackson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Cornell,

Tourist Development Renovation

Commissioner Cornell, Facilities Director Jackson, OMB Director Crosby, and County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Chestnut, presented comments.

Utility Reinvestment Program Update

OMB Director Crosby stated that he has requested that the Clerk of Court conduct an audit on the program. He stated that the Clerk's Office is developing a plan to conduct the audit and he will provide a timeline once the Clerk's Office has an established plan.

Deputy County Manager Harriot presented an updated chart with additional projects and numbers.

OMB Crosby, Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot, Facilities Director Charlie Jackson, OMB Director Crosby, and Facilities Director Jackson presented comments.

General Fund Tax Rate Scenario

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Compensation Study

Chair Hutchinson requested that OMB come up with a couple of scenarios to fund the Sheriff's request in relation to the wage study.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Millage Rate Overview

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OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Cornell

County Manager Niblock stated that two areas that he needs a firm number for funding are the Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) and Children Services

Commissioner Cornell moved that the difference between the 4.0% growth that was budgeted for and the 4.2% being projected be allocated to road resurfacing funds.

OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Hutchinson, Chestnut, and Byerly voting "Nay".

Compensation Study

Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell requested that OMB Director Crosby resend the email concerning funding to increase the County Minimum Wage.

Fee Schedule

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Deputy County Manager James Harriott and Solid Waste and Recovery Director Sally Palmi who presented comments to the Board.

Recommended Items Countywide Issues

OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Tax Collectors Office

Chair Hutchinson recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Facilities Director Charlie Jackson who presented comments to the Board.

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Human Resources

Human Resources Director Karen Gerding presented the above item.

Mrs. Gerding stated that she is requesting two enhancements in the budget. The first request is for 1 FTE to assist the Human Resources Director with Diversity issues as well as Finance Functions of the Department. The second request is for Skillsoft Software from Sumtotal will allow more training online and appeal to the younger staff entering the County Workforce.

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

Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Office of Management and Budget OFFICE

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Mr. Crosby stated that the enhancements he is seeking is to purchase Microsoft Surfaces for staff at a cost of \$12,000. He stated that staff travels to meet with the departments they oversee and this will allow them to have access to the files they will need at those meetings. The second enhancement is the purchase of performance management software. He stated that the Clerk's Office has switched to New World for their accounting software and this switch will save a licensing fee and integrate with the Clerk's software.

The Third matter is through reorganization the elimination 1 FTE of a vacant Administrative Support Manager. In this instance a centralization of the finance functions will allow the Office of Management and Budget to lend their expertise to the departments. There are departments that lack the in house expertise to perform the budgetary needs of the office and this will assist with that matter.

County Manager Niblock presented comments.

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Commissioner Chestnut exited at 5:04 p.m.

Board Room Replacement Equipment

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton presented the above item.

Mr. Sexton stated that the upgrades will assist in the transition to HD video, the Streaming Video, and with the Closed Captioning.

Non funded Request

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Mr. Crosby provided the list of unfunded items and stated that at the July 5, 2016 meeting several of the unfunded request will be discussed in detail for the Board's consideration.

Constitutional Officers

County Manager Niblock stated that he has spoken with the Constitutional Officers and that he has tried to treat all the Officers in the same manner.

Radio System Replacement

Chair Hutchinson stated that he would like to have a consultant to help the County navigate the Radio issue. He stated that the problem will require a very specific set of skills and knowledge which he is not sure the County has in house.

Commissioner Cornell requested that staff review the Joint Meeting with the City of Gainesville on December 7, 2015 in which this matter was discussed.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to add to the list of items that the Board would like to fund for a consultant or a study to be conducted. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

ADDED ITEM:

Organizational Changes

Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock , Chair Hutchinson , Commissioner Cornell , Commissioner Pinkoson , and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

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By consensus the Board moved the July 5, 2016 budget meeting to the Grace Knight conference room.

Time Certain

Public Comments

Chair Hutchinson recognized Tony Ellis who presented comments to the Board.

Commission General and Informal Discussion

Commissioner Byerly stated that he thought there was supposed to be an interpretive display to accompany the Lion Statue downstairs and he was wondering where it is.

Assistant County Manager Peebles stated that the Historical Commission is working with staff on acquiring photos of the historic courthouse and preparing language for the display. Once complete it will be added to the display.

Commissioner Byerly the Board previously discussed adopting policies to assist citizens who wish to use Florida Friendly landscaping in there yards. There are homeowners associations that have policy restricting these practices and he feels the County should take a roll in the matter.

Commissioner Byerly moved to schedule a consideration for a local ordinance for Florida Friendly Landscaping. The motion carried 4-0 Chestnut out.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.