

Tuesday, July 5, 2015 – 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, Vice-Chair Ken Cornell,
Commissioners Mike Byerly and Lee Pinkoson

ABSENT: Commissioner Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia
Torres, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) Policy Discussion
Amount: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A

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

Commissioner Cornell requested each person in charge of the CRAs present an overview of their agency.

Chair Hutchinson requested that County staff give a brief overview of the CRA program and that each person in charge of the CRAs give an overview of their agency.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Economic Development Director Edgar Campa-Palafox who presented comments to the Board.

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Gainesville CRA

Interim Gainesville CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized City Commissioner Craig Carter who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved to add the topic of the College Park CRA to the next Joint Alachua County/City of Gainesville meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Interim Gainesville CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn who presented comments to the Board.

Alachua CRA

Chair Hutchinson presented the above item.

Hawthorne CRA

Hawthorne City Manager Ellen Vause presented the above item.

2. City of High Springs Community Development Agency (CRA) Extension Discussion

Amount: TBD

Recommended Action: Accept proposed CRA Extension Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of High Springs.

High Springs CRA Director Amanda Rodriguez presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres and High Springs CRA Attorney Courtney Johnson who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to accept the proposed CRA Extension Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and City of High Springs and authorize the Chair to sign it.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Bob Barnas and Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell requested changing the agreement to 2001 base year with a 5 year term.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the amended motion to amend the base year to 2001.

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Chair Hutchinson recognized High Springs CRA Director Amanda Rodriguez, Interim City of Gainesville CRA Manager Sarah Vidal-Finn, and Hawthorne City Manager Ellen Vause who presented comments to the Board.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Cornell voting nay.

Chair Hutchinson recognized High Springs CRA Director Amanda Rodriguez, Interim City of Gainesville CRA Manager Sarah Vidal-Finn, County Manager Lee Niblock, and Management Analyst John Brower who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to reconcile the County's contribution to the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency prior to the next budget meeting.

Chair Hutchinson recognized High Springs City Manager Ed Booth, High Springs CRA Director Amanda Rodriguez, and Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion:

1. to direct staff to reconcile the County's contribution to the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency prior to the next budget meeting.
2. to direct staff to include the new High Springs CRA plan at the next available meeting. **The motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Hutchinson recognized Mike Perkins, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, County Manager Lee Niblock, Hawthorne City Manager Ellen Vause, and Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested Commissioners drive County Road 236 to see the condition it is in.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 P.M.

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