

Tuesday, September 6, 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 Mike Byerly, Chuck Chestnut, 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.

### **Approval of Agenda (1:30PM)**

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

### **Items Requiring Board Action Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion**

1. Diversity and Inclusion Discussion  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss the County's Diversity and Inclusion efforts and direct staff.

County Manager Niblock , Equal Opportunity Director Jacqueline Chung, and Human Resources Director Karen Gerding presented the above item.

Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, Larry McDaniel, Evelyn Fox, Todd Haines, County Manager Niblock , County Attorney Lieberman , Human Resources Director Karen Gerding, Commissioner Chestnut, County Manager Niblock , and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

**Commissioner Chestnut moved** to direct the County Manager to conduct a performance measure of all the Commission's Policies in terms of Human Resources,

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Equal Opportunity and other Commission Policies to ensure that the County is doing things in an efficient and effective manner. The motion carried 5-0.

Mike Perkins, Larry McDaniel, Jacqueline Chung, and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

2. Amending Requirements for Targeted Board Positions (Special Meeting)

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Discuss and, if desired, direct staff to bring back amendments to requirements for targeting positions on boards.

Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented the above item.

Planning Commission

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to revise the membership requirements for the Planning Commission/Local Planning Agency to be a seven member board with no requirements for membership except that one member is to be a school board representative and that they are a voting member and one non-voting alternative.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, Chair Hutchinson, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Susan McQuillan, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

**The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting "Nay".**

RTS Advisory Board

Commissioner Byerly stated that to change this Board would require changing the City of Gainesville Code which he does not wish to pursue at this time.

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Rural Concerns Advisory Committee

Commissioner Cornell, Rural Concern Advisory Committee Chair Ward Scott, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to modify the membership requirements of the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee to include 3 persons actively involved in agriculture or Silviculture, 4 persons residing in the unincorporated area outside the urban cluster, 1 county extension office employee, 1 IFAS employee, and one alternate with no requirements.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Ward Scott, Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and County Manager Niblock who presented comments.

**The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Chestnut and Pinkoson voting "Nay".**

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Commissioner Byerly stated that he does not have any strong opinions regarding this Board and does not intend to offer a motion.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to change the language that reads economic development organizations to person actively engaged in economic development. The motion carried 5-0.

3. New Advisory Board and Committee Policy Adoption (Special Meeting)

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution 16-112.

Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** adoption of the Resolution with the amendment language of "Items of the Board's own initiative are welcomed and encouraged".

Chair Hutchinson recognized Tom Black presented comments to the Board.

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**The motion carried 5-0.**

4. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. Discussion

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Discuss Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. as requested.

OMB Director Crosby presented the above item.

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck and Dr. Maggie Labarta presented comments.

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

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to agenda this issue at the first meeting that staff is ready in early October and request that Meridian provide the basic pay structure for their staff.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Jason Fults who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

5. Discussion of Request of Local Government Contribution for Tax Credit Development from Banyan Development Group LLC

**Amount:** \$37,500.00

**Recommended Action:** Consider amending the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan to add a provision for a local government contribution of \$37,500 for a tax credit rental development application

Housing Programs Manager Ralston Reodica presented the above item.

Banyan Development Group Alex Kiss, Commissioner Pinkoson, Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, Court Services Director Peria Duncan , Banyan Development Group Alex Kiss, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

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**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to fund \$37,500.00 as a local government match for the Banyan Development Group, LLC from an appropriate source as deemed by the County Manager but ultimately from ship funds. Authorize staff to amend the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) to incorporate local government contributions for low income housing tax credits and authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of commitment. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

ADDED ITEMS:

6. Resolution Authorizing County Manager to Execute Permits with Governmental Agencies

**Amount:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** That the Board adopts Resolution 16-111 waiving, as to government permits and contracts, the County Policy that the Board must approval all permits with indemnification provisions subject to the requirements of the resolution.

Public Works Representative Michael Fay presented the above item.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** that the Board adopts Resolution 16-111 waiving, as to government permits and contracts, the County Policy that the Board must approval all permits with indemnification provisions subject to the requirements of the resolution. The motion carried 5-0.

Cancellation of the Joint Meeting with the City of Gainesville

County Manager Niblock advised the Board that his office has received a call from the City of Gainesville requesting that the Joint Meeting with the City of Gainesville be cancelled indefinitely. He recommended that the County have the meeting since there are several outstanding issues between the City and the County.

County Attorney Lieberman expressed concerns that the legal process requires that the two parties meet. She stated that the delay in the process is abnormal but to proceed with it indefinitely is concerning.

Chair Hutchinson stated that he will be in touch with the Mayor and provide an update to the Board.

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## **Public Comments**

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

## **Commission Comments**

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that County staff has worked hard during the Hurricane and he would like to do whatever can be done to show the Board's appreciation.

Chair Hutchinson stated that he would pen a letter with in collaboration with the County Manager and send out to the staff.

Commissioner Cornell stated that the deadhead logging permit has been discussed at previous meetings. He said that he has heard that this may be an administrative process which does not require Board approval which concerns him. He would like the permit to come to the Board for approval if at all possible.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** that the Santa Fe Lake Deadhead Logging permit come to the Board and receive a public hearing prior to issuing any final permit.

Commissioner Pinkoson and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Deputy County Manager Harriott stated that the State of Florida has decided that it is an administrative permit only. He stated that he sent an email out last week to the Board.

**Commissioner Cornell moved the amended motion** to refer this matter to the County Manager to determine the County's role in the process and report back to the Board on Tuesday September 13, 2016 and if the Board is not able to vote on the

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matter then schedule a public hearing so that the citizens can be informed and express their opinions. The motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Niblock stated that staff did perform exceptionally well during the recent hurricane and he would like to thank all the staff who made the response possible.

County Manager Niblock stated that there was a recent article related to road maintenance in the County. He stated that he sent a letter to Gainesville Sun for a correction so that the figures in the article will accurately reflect the County Commission's commitment to an aggressive resurfacing effort.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.