

Tuesday, March 23, 2017 – 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 for the Special Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 1:29 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Agenda; and (b) adopt the Agenda

Commissioner Byerly moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Office of Management and Budget

2. FY18 Budget Discussions Board Funding Priorities Social Services

Fiscal Consideration: To be determined by the Board of County Commissioners during FY18 Budget Development.

Recommended Action: Discuss topics & develop consensus direction.

OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, and County Manager Lee Niblock presented comments to the Board.

Rapid Rehousing Model

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item to the Board.

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Crisis Center

Community Support Services Director Tuck presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP)

Community Support Services Director Tuck presented the above item.

Florida Department of Health

Community Support Services Director Tuck and Health Department Administrator Paul Myers presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Health Department Administrator Myers, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Senior Vice President of Meridian Caroline McClain, Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request staff come up with any justifications for providing additional Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) funds if any. Commissioner Hutchison withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Byerly moved to ask staff to identify what they believe the top priority for enhanced CAPP funding would be.

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

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

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Continued Funding for Jail Diversion Programs

Court Services Director Peria Duncan presented the above item to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Court Services Director Duncan, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, Court Services Director Duncan, Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

By consensus the Board directed staff to offer mental health first aid training to new County hires, Constitutional Offices, Library District, and municipalities.

Senate Bill 12

Court Services Director Duncan presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Court Services Director Duncan, Chair Cornell Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Hutchinson, Court Services Director Duncan, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant Court Services Director Duncan, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Court Services Director Duncan, County Manager Niblock, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Update on the March 30, 2017 Budget Meeting

OMB Director Crosby and County Manager Niblock presented comments.

Children Services Initiative

Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Dorothy Benson, Commissioner Hutchinson and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to refer to the County Manager to bring a blue sheet request for the alternatives for assistance with impact fees for the organization that are planning to build a Child Care Center and then turn ownership of the facility over to the County as soon as possible.

County Manager Niblock, Dorothy Benson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock and Dorothy Benson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

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Grace Marketplace Budget

Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Tuck, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

CLOSING COMMENTS

3. Closing comments from the public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

Chair Cornell recognized Bennet Brammer who presented comments to the Board.

4. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comments

Commissioner Byerly discussed State Bill HB17 curtailing Counties' ability to regulate businesses. He stated that this bill would destroy the County's Home Rule Authority. He stated that there is a group of citizens looking to enshrine home rule authority in the State Constitution.

Commissioner Byerly moved to ask the County Attorney to provide her opinion about the legal viability of a citizen referendum to enshrine within the state constitution the home rule authorities currently enjoyed by local governments and possibly expanding them.

County Attorney Lieberman reminded the Board that the County can educate but not advocate. Individual commissioners may but the entire Board cannot.

Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Lieberman, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to draft a resolution to oppose house bill 17 expressing the Board's concerns.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Attorney Lieberman, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

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Commissioner Hutchinson asked to hear any referrals obtained about the confederate statue.

County Manager Niblock said staff has met a few times and have had discussions on it but are a few meetings away from being ready to present any material to the Board.

Chair Cornell referred to staff to hear if there are any things that the County should be doing for Gainesville for All.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the Gainesville For All recommendations be provided to staff for a brief summary on how they affect the County or how the county is involved. The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Cornell has received calls from the public regarding the agreement between GRU and GREC about the proposed 750 million dollar GREC purchase and asked if there is any desire to send a Chair letter to the City of Gainesville requesting an update on the matter.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to request the director of the utilities Mr. Bielarski from the City of Gainesville through a Chair letter to come make a presentation to the County Commission or have a joint meeting about what the deal between GRU and GREC means.

County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, and OMB Director Crosby presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Cornell stated that he requested the County Manager to provide a chart of what both the County and the City of Gainesville contribute to certain organizations such as the Reichert House.

County Manager Niblock advised the Board that the staff is working on the chart but it will take some time since the Board and City cooperate with several organizations.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that there are a lot of nonprofit organizations that are not communicating amongst themselves. He stated that there needs to be some group that coordinates their efforts to help them function more efficiently.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.