

Tuesday, March 30, 2017 – 10:00 A.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 Chuck Chestnut and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ABSENT: Commissioner Byerly

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Deputy County Manager Jim Harriott, Clerk Stephanie Sisney

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.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 Chestnut moved to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Hutchinson out of the room.

Chair Cornell presented comments to the Board.

County Manager Lee Niblock, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Chair Cornell and OMB Director Crosby presented comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Office of Management & Budget

2. FY18 Budget Discussions Board Funding Priorities Assessments, Fairgrounds, Wild Spaces Public Places, Gas Tax, Solid Waste

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

Recommended Action: Discuss topics & develop consensus direction.

Storm Water Assessment

EPD Director Chris Bird presented the above item to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson entered the room at 10:06 A.M.

Commissioner Pinkoson, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, County Manager Niblock, County Attorney Lieberman, Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock, OMB Director Crosby, Government Services Group Consultant Sandi Walker and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved implementation of the \$30 ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) with no exemptions. The motion carried 4-0.

EPD Director Bird, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, EPD Director Bird and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct staff to continue to improve the specificity of the storm water utility potential water quality projects list to show the Board that they've had a robust public input process into how these projects are designed. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Pinkoson, County Manager Niblock, EPD Director Bird, County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Bird, Chair Cornell and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

By consensus the Board directed that when the Board has the Public Hearing to adopt the Initial Rate Resolution that staff have the experts there to discuss the projects so that people can see why the Board is raising the money and what it is going to be spent on.

Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Bird, Government Services Group Consultant Sandi Walker, EPD Director Bird, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Gas Tax

OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item to the Board.

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OPTION #1 – Averaged Formula

Description	Alachua County	City Of Gainesville	Other Municipalities
“Old” Status Quo			
Population			
Arterial and Collector - Road Miles	51.312 %	41.909 %	6.779 %
Last 5-years of Expenditures			

OPTION #2 – “New” Status Quo using current distribution.

Distribution would be as follows:

Alachua County = 50.757 %

City of Gainesville = 40.173 %

Other Municipalities = 9.070 %

With a 10 year commitment.

OPTION #3 – Status Quo using current distribution with segmented implementation.

1st thru 3rd cents expires in December 2018. Extend 1-year until December 2019.

4th thru 6th cents expires in December 2017. Extend 2-years until December 2019.

ELMS 5-cents expires in December 2018. Extend 1-year until December 2019.

OPTION #4 – Do not adopt the gas tax.

4th thru 6th cents expires in December 2017.

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Commissioner Pinkoson moved to give direction to the County Manager to proceed with option 4.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the substitute motion to direct the Chair, Vice Chair and County Manager to meet their counterparts (City of Gainesville Mayor, Mayor Pro- Tem, and City Manager) across the street to see if they can find a strategy that will provide the right amount of extension to the existing gas tax formula with the understanding that the Commission will place a sales tax for transportation on the 2020 ballot and reaffirm our commitment to put the Children's Service Tax on the 2018 ballot if all signs continue to be positive. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Chair Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, OMB Director Crosby, Deputy County Manager Harriett, OMB Director Crosby and Chair Cornell presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the Chair, Vice Chair and County Manager to meet counterparts (City of Gainesville Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Manager) to discuss electioneering strategy and timing of any of these tax issues with the notion of placing an infrastructure tax for transportation and public safety on a 2020 ballot so we can make room for the Children's Services Initiative on the 2018 ballot and authorize a Chair letter to the City of Gainesville requesting a meeting.

Chair Cornell and OMB Director Crosby presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Wild Spaces Public Places Projects

Assistant County Manager Peebles presented the above item.

Mrs. Peebles provided a list of shovel ready projects to the Board for their review.

Fairgrounds Project Update

Assistant County Manager Peebles presented the above item.

Mrs. Peebles informed the Board that staff is working with Dr. Denslow and faculty from the University of Florida to determine the economic impact of the facility so

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the County can demonstrate the Return on Investment that can be expected. Having that information will assist in acquiring funding for the project.

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

Solid Waste

Solid Wastes and Recycling Director Sally Palmi presented the above item.

Mrs. Palmi informed the Board that Waste Corporation of America (WCA) the County's local contractor for curb side collection, is requesting an increase of 1.3 million so they can address compression within their organization due to the local minimum wage ordinance.

Mrs. Palmi informed the Board that the County currently has one Solid Waste Inspector on staff that is responsible for inspecting and educating 800 businesses and 37 apartment complexes. Staff is recommending adding an additional inspector to handle the work load.

Mrs. Palmi stated that also she is requesting to add one additional staff member to help run the rural collection centers operated by the County. Further the Transfer Station floor is going to have to be resurfaced to maintain Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permits so there will be an additional capital cost requested in the budget for FY18 and FY19.

County Manager Niblock, Solid Waste and Recycling Director Palmi, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment

David Walters presented comments to the Board.

COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 12:23 P.M.
COMMISSION RECONVENED: 1:00 P.M.

Fire Station

Fire Chief Northcutt and Stantec Consultant Erick Van Malssen presented the above item.

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Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Consultant Erick Van Malssen, Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Commissioner Pinkoson, OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, OMB Director Crosby and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to direct staff to proceed with the MSBU with the caveat that the Board wants to see the overall rate with the accurate figures of what it will cost if the Board does not proceed with the FSAA. He would like to see a plan from staff to provide additional funding for the roads and defray some of the cost for the MSBU through the Communications Services Tax and the Public Services Tax so that the citizens see a minimal increase.

OMB Director Crosby, County Attorney Lieberman, Chief Northcutt, City Manager of Archer Mr. Folston, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Fire Engine 19

OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Erick Van Malssen, Commissioner Pinkoson and Assistant County Manager Smart presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to look at hardship exemptions and exemptions of sanctuary facilities at a church.

Chief Northcutt, Erick Van Malssen, Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Chestnut and Consultant Erick Van Malssen presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved the amended motion to look at hardship exemptions and exemptions of sanctuary facilities/burial grounds at a church and include getting information about nonprofit organizations that provide services.

County Attorney Lieberman, Chair Cornell and Assistant County Manager Smart presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Pinkoson, OMB Director Crosby, Consultant Erick Van Malssen, Fire Chief Northcutt, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Pinkoson, OMB Director Crosby, Consultant Erick Van Malssen, and Commissioner Pinkoson presented comments.

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By consensus the Board directed staff to bring back what happens with each different scenario utilizing the numbers the Board was given with the MSTUs so that the Board can see what options are available. Also provide a 3, 5 and 10 year fire station capital plan in the analysis coming back to the Board.

OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, 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.

No one wished to address the Board.

4. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comments

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that today is the day for the Amazing Give Event. He stated that there are 75 different charities involved in the event and citizens can go to www.theamazinggive.org to make a donation.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.