

Tuesday, April 18, 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 in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell, presiding, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, and Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Approval of Regular and Consent Agendas

1. Approve the agenda

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approves any amendments to the Special Agenda; (b) adopts the Special Agenda.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Office of Management and Budget

2. FY18 Budget Discussions: Historical Trends, FY17 Level of Service Matrix, FY17 Budget Allocation Breakout by Focus Area, and ACSO Update to Board Questions on Evergreen Implementation

Fiscal Consideration: All fiscal direction will be used to develop the Manager's Tentative Budget delivered on June 6, 2017.

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide consensus direction for the FY18 budget development.

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County Manager Lee Niblock and Office of Management and Budget Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Chair Cornell recognized Chief Bill Northcutt who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 1:45 P.M.

Chair Cornell recognized Strategic Performance Manager Donna Bradbrook, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, and Colonel David Huckstep who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly requested the average inmate population of the County Jail since the peak year as well as the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) count since then.

Chair Cornell recognized ACSO Human Resources Director Ivelisse Munoz, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Colonel David Huckstep, ACSO Chief Financial Officer Patty Justice, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, and Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell who presented comments to the Board.

Without objection, the Board directed staff to develop a chart contrasting the total compensation packages of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police, and University Police.

Chair Cornell recognized ACSO Human Resources Director Ivelisse Munoz, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Colonel David Huckstep, County Manager Lee Niblock, who presented comments to the Board.

CLOSING COMMENTS

3. Closing comments by the Public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments by the public.

Chair Cornell recognized George Corwine, President of the North Central Florida Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association, who presented comments to the Board.

4. Closing comments by the Commission

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments by the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Board needs to address the building permit lag in the County.

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Chair Cornell recognized Deputy County Manager Jim Harriott, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct staff to return at the next Policy Discussion meeting to present a plan for getting rid of the building permit backlog.

Chair Cornell recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Cornell requested that the Board transmit a letter to the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners to inform them that staff has been directed to work with Putnam County staff for Florida Department of Transportation grant opportunities, Florida trail grant opportunities, and grants through the Water Management Districts for water quality with Alachua County Environmental Protection Department staff. Chair Cornell further outlined a proposal with regards to the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved

1. to transmit a letter to the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners to inform them that staff has been directed to work with Putnam County staff for Florida Department of Transportation grant opportunities, Florida trail grant opportunities, and grants through the Water Management Districts for water quality with Alachua County Environmental Protection Department staff,
2. to direct staff to schedule an item at the next General Policy meeting to discuss the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Chair Cornell presented a new option he was considering for the proposed Fire Assessment.

Chair Cornell recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Chief Bill Northcutt, and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson left the room at 4:56 P.M.

Chair Cornell stated that he received a request for a Proclamation for Democratic Women's History Month.

Chair Cornell recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

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Chair Cornell stated he would forward the requested Proclamation to the County Attorney's office for review.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

Jesse K. Irby, II, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners