

Monday, May 15, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
Union County Courthouse (Board Room)
55 W. Main Street
Lake Butler, Florida
6:00 PM

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

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

Chairman District 3 Commissioner James "Jimmy" Tallman, Vice Chair District 1 Commissioner Karen Cossey; District 2 Commissioner Woody Kitler, District 4 Commissioner Tommy Nettles, and District 5 Commissioner Travis "Willie" Croft

ABSENT: Commissioner Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: Alachua County Manager Lee Niblock, Alachua County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Union County Attorney Russ Wade, Board Secretary Dianne Hannon, Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Connell, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

CALL TO ORDER

Union County Chairman James "Jimmy" Tallman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation

Union County Commissioner Woody Kitler gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Union County Chairman James "Jimmy" Tallman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION:

1. James "Jimmy" Tallman, Chairman, Union County Commission
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A

Union County Chair Tallman presented comments.

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2. Ken Cornell, Chair, Alachua County Commission
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: N/A

Chair Cornell presented comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. 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 adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. Mining moratorium update
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Discuss the Union County mining moratorium

Executive Director of the North Florida Planning Council Mr. Koons presented the above item.

Mr. Koons advised both Boards the moratorium is still in effect while changes are being made to the Comprehensive Plan. He stated in January environmental and community constraint maps were presented to the Union County Board. Since then work has been underway on revised policies and they will be brought before the Union County Board at the next meeting. A workshop will be held on June 19, 2017 and the proposed amendments will be reviewed. These revisions will bring the Comprehensive Plan in compliance with changes in State Statutes that have occurred since the Plan was last revised.

Union Chairman Tallman, Commissioner Hutchinson, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Director Chris Bird, Commissioner Hutchinson, Union County Attorney Russ Wade, Chair Cornell, and Union County Chair Jimmy Tallman presented comments.

5. General discussion by Commissioners
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Have general discussion among the Commissioners.

There was no discussion.

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CLOSING COMMENTS

6. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear comments from the public.

Jim Tatum, Chris Miracle, Courtney Snyder, and Jane Blais presented comments.

7. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comments

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that he would like to partner with Union County regarding grant opportunities for recreational trails. He stated that the area is close to having several hundreds of miles of trails connected and all that is missing is a few segments. There is a missing segment in Union County to link a trail from Alachua County to Union County and he feels there is a great opportunity for both Counties to seek grants to complete the trail.

Chair Cornell thanked the Union County Commission for hosting the meeting and advised them that Alachua County is willing to offer any assistance it can in regards to the Phosphate Mine application.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.