

Monday, May 22, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.  
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium  
County Administration Building  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the Gainesville City Commission met in joint special session.

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

Mayor Lauren Poe, presiding, Mayor-Commissioner pro Tem Harvey M. Budd, Commissioners David Arreola, Charles E. Goston, Adrian Hayes-Santos, Harvey Ward, and Helen K. Warren

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, and Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

City Manager Anthony Lyons, City Attorney Nicholle Shalley, Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers, and Assistant City Manager Fred Murry

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

## **WELCOME**

Commissioner Chestnut gave the Invocation.

Chair Cornell and Mayor Poe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INTRODUCTION**

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

Chair Cornell welcomed everyone present.

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2. Lauren Poe, Mayor, City of Gainesville  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** N/A

Mayor Poe welcomed everyone present.

#### **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 Chestnut moved** adoption of the agenda. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Warren moved** adoption of the agenda as provided. **The motion carried 6-0** with Commissioner Hayes-Santos out of the room.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

4. Adoption and Distribution Options for Local Option Fuel Taxes  
**Fiscal Consideration:** The County will lose approximately \$1.9 million in revenue per year if the 4th, 5th, and 6th cent local option fuel taxes are not readopted. The City of Gainesville will lose approximately \$1.3 million per year.  
**Recommended Action:** Recommend that the County Commission discuss the status quo of the multiple transportation funding endeavors in which the County collaborates with the City of Gainesville. Propose an Interlocal Agreement for all eleven cents of the local option fuel taxes at their status quo percentages.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers presented the City's position.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos entered the room at 9:10 A.M.

Chair Cornell recognized City of Gainesville Public Works Planning Manager Debbie Leistner and Deputy County Manager James Harriott who presented comments to the Board.

Deputy County Manager James Harriott presented the County's position.

Chair Cornell recognized City of Gainesville Finance Director April Shuping who presented comments to the Board.

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**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to discuss the status quo of the multiple transportation funding endeavors in which the County collaborates with the City of Gainesville and propose an Interlocal Agreement for all eleven cents of the local option fuel taxes at their status quo percentages.

**Commissioner Budd moved** to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent gas tax:

**OPTION #1 – Averaged Formula**

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

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved the substitute motion** to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent local option fuel tax:

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**The substitute motion failed for the lack of a second.**

Chair Cornell recognized Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers, City of Gainesville Finance Director April Shuping, Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays, Gainesville Public Works Phil Mann, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved the substitute motion:**

1. to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent local option fuel tax:

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Description	Alachua County	City Of Gainesville	Other Municipalities
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2. Agree to enter into professionally mediated settlement negotiations on all 11 cents to be concluded by the end of the Calendar year.

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**Commissioner Budd moved the amended motion:**

1. to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent local option fuel tax:

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Chair Cornell recognized County Manager Lee Niblock, Deputy County Manager James Harriott, City of Gainesville Finance Director April Shuping, Communications and Legislative Affairs Director Mark Sexton, Donald Shepherd, Chris Furlow, Bob Karp, Kristen Young, and Tamara Robins who presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved the substitute motion:**

1. to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for all eleven cents local option fuel tax:

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Chair Cornell recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion failed 2-3** with Commissioners Chestnut, Cornell, and Hutchinson voting nay.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved the amended motion:**

1. to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent local option fuel tax:

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and authorizing the Chair to sign the agreement. The other municipalities' portion is to be split by a pro-rata share based on the current 5.808%.

2. Agree to enter into professionally mediated settlement negotiations by a mutually agreed mediator on all 11 cents to be concluded by the end of the Calendar year.

**The motion carried 3-2** with Commissioners Byerly and Pinkoson voting nay.

**Commissioner Budd moved the amended motion:**

1. to pass Option 1 for one year with the following breakdown for the expiring 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> cent local option fuel tax:

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Population	51.312 %	41.909 %	6.779 %
Arterial and Collector - Road Miles			
Last 5-years of Expenditures			

and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. The other municipalities' portion is to be split by a pro-rata share based on the current 5.808%.

2. Agree to enter into professionally mediated settlement negotiations by a mutually agreed mediator on all 11 cents to be concluded by the end of the Calendar year.

**The motion carried 7-0.**

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

5. Public Comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear comments from the public.

Chair Cornell recognized Tamara Robins and Donald Shepherd who presented comments to the Board.

6. Commission Comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission Comments

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that agricultural buildings will not pay the proposed stormwater fee and that the fee for typical farmhouses should be approximately thirty dollars.

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Commissioner Arreola stated that his expectation for the upcoming mediation is open minds.

Chair Cornell stated that the County and the City of Gainesville have an opportunity to do good things together and thanked the Gainesville City Commission for coming.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

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