

Tuesday, February 7, 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, Commissioner Chuck Chestnut and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

### **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 Pinkoson moved** adoption of the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

### **Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion**

2. Update on Affordable Housing and the Status of Homelessness in Alachua County

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation on affordable housing and the status of homelessness in Alachua County and discuss.

### **Commissioner Chestnut entered at 1:37 P.M.**

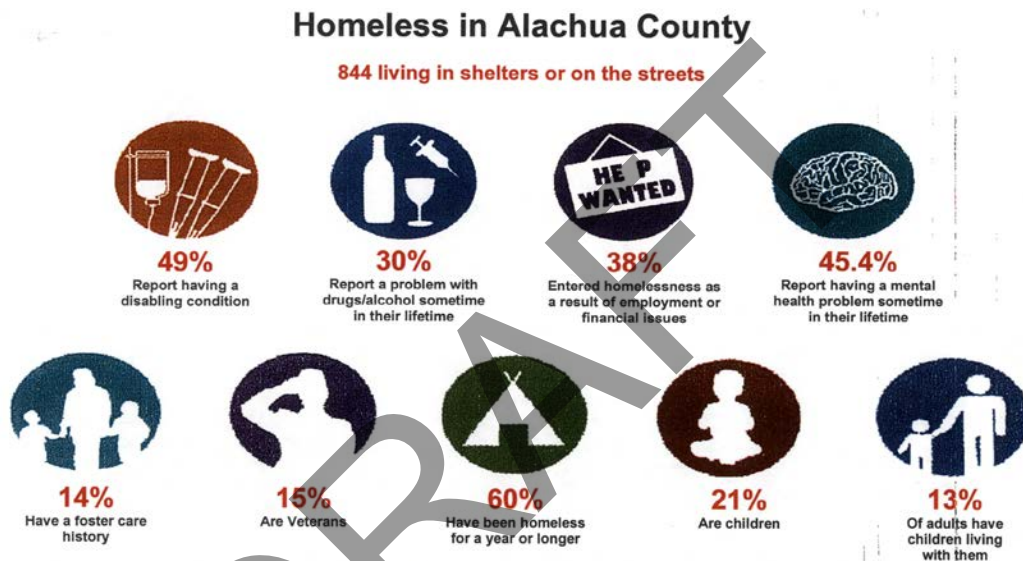
Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Housing Program Manager Ralston Radica, and Social Services Director Sarai Cabrera presented the above item to the board.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Social Services Director Sarai Cabrera, Housing Program Manager Radica, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, Director of Operations of Alachua County Housing Authority Director of Operations Ron Hall, Commissioner Chestnut, Ron Hall, Commissioner Byerly, Ron Hall, Commissioner Byerly, Housing Program Manager Reodica,

Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Tuck, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

By consensus the Board requested information by email to compare the following items from the Chart to the population at large:

- a. Report a problem with drugs/alcohol sometime in their lifetime.
- b. Report having mental health problem sometime in their lifetime.
- c. Are veterans
- d. Have a foster care history



Chair Cornell recognized Commissioner Pinkoson, Housing Program Manager Reodica, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Operations Director for Grace Market John DeCarmine, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Pinkoson, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Commissioner Byerly, Community Support Services Director Tuck, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Operations Director DeCarmine, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Chair Cornell recognized Kali Blount, John DeCarmine, Terry Fleming, and Telford Cartwright presented comments to the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Michael Blessing, Commissioner Hutchinson, Michael Blessing, Commissioner Byerly, Carol Barren, Commissioner Byerly, and Community Support Services Director Tuck presented comments.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved:**

1. Refer to the County Manager how the County may provide staff expertise in the establishment of a community land trust.
2. Refer to the County Manager how the County may provide staff expertise in the establishment of a housing provider group which is a coalition of landlords, agencies, and stakeholders which includes the potential for a roommate matching service.
3. Staff is to research pertinent case studies of supportive housing models and have them present them at a specific workshop in the future for Support Housing
4. Solicit funding for an additional fact team that would provide services including rental subsidies for people recovering from mental illness.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

3. Living wage discussion

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Discuss the living wage.

County Manager Lee Niblock and OMB Director Tommy Crosby presented the above item to the board.

Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Niblock, OMB Director Crosby, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, and County Manager Niblock presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson exited at 4:05 p.m.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to direct the County Manager that for the purposes of budget planning the Manager is to include a \$13.00 minimum wage for the

upcoming fiscal year and the following fiscal year will be determined later by the Board with the acknowledgement that all union benefits must be negotiated with the unions.

LIUNA 630 Representative Ronnie Burris, Jeremiah Tattersall, Hugh E. Suggs, Carol Barron, and Melissa Hawthorne, presented comments.

**The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting “Nay”.**

### **Public Comments**

4. Public Comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear Public Comments

### **Commission Comments**

5. Commission comments  
**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A  
**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission comments

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to refer to the County Manager to begin the process of seeking naming opportunities in Honor of Perry McGriff. The motion carried 5-0.

**Commissioner Pinkoson moved** to authorize the Chair Letter in support of the Alachua County Library District's construction grant application. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, EPD Director Chris Bird, County Manager Niblock, and Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton presented comments regarding the Thursday RTS meeting.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.