Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – 1:30 P.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium
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, Charles S. "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, and Robert "Hutch"

Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy County Manager Jim Harriott, Assistant County Manager

Carl Smart, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker, and Clerk Trainee

Stephanie Sisney

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.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

Chair Cornell requested to hear the Confederate Soldier Statue Discussion first to accommodate the public.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to adopt the amended agenda moving the Confederate Soldier discussion to item number one. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

2. Confederate soldier statue discussion

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Commission discussion on whether or not to relocate

the Confederate Soldier Statue.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to direct staff to evaluate options for the relocation of the Confederate Soldier statue.

Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 1:33 P.M.

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Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion** to direct staff to evaluate options for the relocation of the Confederate Soldier statue as well as research options for a new plaque to replace the current plaque on the statue if relocation is not possible.

Chair Cornell recognized Vicki Van Buren, Seber Newsome III, Kali Blount, Duane Romine, Jenna Bernstein, Terry Martin-Back, Bob Barnas, Darryl Ratterree, Jeremiah Tattersall, Matthew Hurst, David McAlister, Virginia Fettes, Still Walters, H.K. Edgerton, Henry Russ and Melanie Barr who presented comments to the board.

Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, and County Attorney Lieberman presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion to direct staff to evaluate options for the relocation of the Confederate Soldier statue.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell and County Attorney Lieberman presented comments to the board.

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting nay.

MEETING RECESSED AT 3:06 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:11 P.M.

## Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

- 3. <u>BoCC discussion on the use of nonad valorem assessment for fire protection</u> **Fiscal Consideration:** 
  - 1. The County will develop the Non Ad Valorem Assessment to fund Fire Protection Services to be collected through Non Ad valorem assessments on the property tax bill for Fiscal Year 20172018.
  - 2. The County will not develop the Non Ad Valorem Assessment to fund Fire Protection Services.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize staff to continue working with Stantec Consulting Services to develop a Non Ad valorem assessment to fund Fire

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Protection Services throughout Alachua County excluding the incorporated area of Gainesville.

Assistant County Attorney Carl Smart and Fire Chief Bill Northcutt presented the above item to the board.

Commissioner Pinkoson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Byerly, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly, OMB Director Crosby, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Chestnut, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Pinkoson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Pinkoson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Pinkoson and Fire Chief Northcutt presented comments.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to authorize staff to continue working with Stantec Consulting Services to develop a Non Ad Valorem assessment to fund Fire Protection Services throughout Alachua County excluding the incorporated area of Gainesville.

Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

**The motion carried 4-1** with Commissioner Byerly voting nay.

4. <u>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters Grant</u> (AFG), to facilitate construction of Fire Station 33

**Fiscal Consideration:** FY18 Operating and Capital \$613,013 Apparatus (engine, tanker & brush truck) \$720,000 Infrastructure TBA County could purchase land and set up a temporary building. FY19 Operating and Capital \$326,013 recurring operating costs. New revenue would be needed to cover the match operating and station costs.

**Recommended Action:** Sign the letter of support.

Fire Chief Bill Northcutt presented the above item to the board.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Pinkoson, Fire Chief Northcutt, Chair Cornell, Fire Chief Northcutt, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Fire Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly, Fire Chief Northcutt and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

### **Commissioner Pinkoson moved:**

1. to authorize a letter of support for the SAFER Grant funding from the Chair,

2. to authorize staff to perform due diligence to identify potential sites to purchase property in Millhopper and Hague.

The motion carried 5-0.

5. <u>BoCC discussion of the proposed nonad valorem assessment for stormwater</u> services to be effective October 1, 2017

**Fiscal Consideration:** The proposed stormwater assessment would replace the current funding sources for stormwater services which include the gas tax and the unincorporated MSTU.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize staff to continue with the statutory process required for the BoCC to consider adopting a non-ad valorem stormwater assessment to be effective October 1, 2017

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

Commissioner Byerly, EPD Director Bird, Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Bird, County Attorney Lieberman, Project Coordinator Sandi Melgarejo, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, Project Coordinator Melgarejo, Commissioner Pinkoson, Project Coordinator Melgarejo, Commissioner Pinkoson, EPD Director Bird, Project Coordinator Melgarejo, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Project Coordinator Melgarejo, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

**Commissioner Chestnut moved** to authorize staff to continue with the statutory process required for the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) to consider adopting a Non Ad Valorem stormwater assessment to be effective October 1, 2017 and provide a list of water quality projects.

OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, County Attorney Lieberman, Chair Cornell and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

#### **Closing Comments**

**6.** Public Comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Public Comments

Chair Cornell recognized Telford Cartwright who presented comments to the Board.

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### **Commission Comments**

**7.** <u>Commission comments</u>

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission comments

Chair Cornell asked for an update on the tenant in the former Public Defender building.

Deputy County Manager Jim Harriot stated a second appraisal should be received this week and Mr. Jackson has been directed to make contact with the tenant to talk about the restaurant equipment in the building. The appraisal did not include this equipment so the equipment needs to be removed from the building. Staff is currently working with the Attorney's Office on setting up the process to surplus the building without the restaurant equipment in the building.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that there are auction companies that will auction the equipment in the building and that he will get in contact with the current tenant to provide the information as an option for them.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the City of Gainesville has expressed an interest in turning the building back into a hotel. He stated that it may be possible to work out an arrangement with the City of Gainesville.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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