

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 10:00 A.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 and Commissioner Mike Byerly

ABSENT: Commissioners Charles “Chuck” Chestnut and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock, County Attorney Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 9:57 A.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

Commissioner Byerly moved to adopt the revised agenda moving the constitutional revision to item one and add an item 4a the Millhopper purchase update from the County Manger. The motion carried 3-0.

(Approval of items on the Consent Agenda are generally considered to be routine matters and the motion to adopt the Agenda approves all items on the Consent Agenda and is the first action taken by the Board at the beginning of the meeting. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested. Anyone wishing to speak to an item on the Consent Agenda may come forward and request the item be moved to the Regular Agenda prior to the approval of the agenda.)

Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion

2. Constitution Revision Commission recommendations from the Alachua County BoCC

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss and make recommendations for the Constitution Revision Commission.

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

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct the Attorney to explore the issue of roles local government might play in the process of getting a constitutional amendment on the ballot and passed, to amend the constitution of the State of Florida.

County Attorney Lieberman, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Lee Niblock and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Chair Cornell recognized Dr. Julie Thaler, Kali Blount, Rebecca Johnson, Sheila Payne, Pep Brady and Jack Koolis presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the amended motion:

1. Direct the County Attorney to research the ability of local government to advocate for and finance efforts to revise state constitution.
2. Petition the constitutional revision commission and provide additional support for the Floridians for Fair Democracy regarding the restoration of voting rights for former felons through a resolution.
3. Direct the County Attorney to research the means whereby the Commission could through revision of the constitution, hold the State legislature more accountable and possibly give local government and other entities standing to hold them accountable.

County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Lieberman requested that the Board make a motion to allow Commissioner Pinkoson in the Board meeting remotely as per the Board's Rules of Procedure.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to allow Commissioner Pinkoson to participate remotely for the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Lieberman and Chair Cornell presented comments.

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3. Associations & organizations discussion for the Alachua County BoCC to consider joining

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discuss associations and organizations that the Alachua County BoCC should consider joining.

County Manager Niblock, OMB Director Tommy Crosby, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, OMB Director Crosby, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, OMB Director Crosby, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, OMB Director Crosby, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Communications and Administrative Affairs Director Mark Sexton, Commissioner Byerly and Communications and Administrative Affairs Director Sexton presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the County Manager to present a process for vetting organizations that would require individual Board action on each one and set some deadlines and other parameters.

County Attorney Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly and Chair Cornell presented comments.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Public Comments:

Bob Palmer presented comments to the Board.

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

Commissioner Byerly moved to ask staff to prepare for the Board's consideration a resolution in support of the mission of The Florida Springs Council. The motion carried 3-1 with Pinkoson voting Nay.

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4. Development Review process update

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: N/A

Growth Management Planner Christine Berish and Growth Management Planner Leslie McClendon presented the above item to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, EPD Hofstetter, Commissioner Byerly, EPD Stephen Hofstetter, Commissioner Byerly, EPD Hofstetter, Commissioner Byerly, EPD Hofstetter, Chair Cornell, EPD Hofstetter, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, Chair Cornell, Growth Management Director Lachnicht, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Growth Management Director Lachnicht, County Manager Niblock, Commissioner Byerly, Growth Management Director Lachnicht, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Comments:

Kali Blount presented comments to the Board.

4a. Millhopper Purchase Update

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear the Millhopper purchase update

County Manger Niblock presented the above item to the Board.

County Attorney Lieberman, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson and County Manager Niblock presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize up to \$200,000 for the acquisition and related expenses and cost of the Millhopper lot. The motion carried 3-0 who was absent and Commissioner Pinkoson is not allowed to vote remotely on this matter per the Board's Rules of Procedure.

CLOSING COMMENTS

5. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

Kali Blount presented comments to the Board.

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6. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission comments

Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Cornell, County Attorney Lieberman, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

County Attorney

7. Proclamation extending Local State of Emergency for Alachua County

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Approve the extension of the local State of Emergency burn ban for Alachua County.