

Tuesday, June 20, 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 in special Session.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell, Vice-Chair Lee Pinkoson, Commissioners Charles “Chuck” Chestnut and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Byerly

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

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Cornell opened the meeting at 3:33 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.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to adopt the agenda. **The motion carried 3-0** with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

Chair Cornell recognized County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chestnut entered the room at 3:34 P.M.

Chair Cornell recognized Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Cornell requested the Board review a proposed letter to the Constitutional Revision Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved approval of the letter to the Constitutional Revision Commission. **The motion carried 4-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Office of Management and Budget

2. FY18 Budget Development Meeting Assistant County Manager of Community and Administrative Services
Fiscal Consideration: Accept or modify the proposed budget for the Assistant County Manager of Community and Administrative Services Programs.
Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget or proposed millage rates.

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Chair Cornell recognized Parks and Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the Manager to attempt to fund the construction of two splash parks at Jonesville Park and the Veterans Memorial Park primarily from park impact fees. The Board authorizes the use of Wild Spaces/Public Places funding after all other sources including private sources have been expended.
The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Cornell recognized Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, County Manager Lee Niblock, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested a list of scenarios at the Thursday, June 22, 2017 meeting in which the Board partially offset the fire assessment with different levels of Public Service Tax and Communications Service Tax funds instead of applying them to the general fund.

Chair Cornell recognized Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, County Manager Lee Niblock, and County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Without objection, the Board requested a list of scenarios at the Thursday, June 22, 2017 meeting in which the Board partially offset the fire assessment with different levels of Public Service Tax and Communications Service Tax funds instead of applying them to the general fund.

Chair Cornell requested that staff present an overview of budgetary decisions the Board has not yet made.

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Early Voting Sites:

Chair Cornell stated that the Board's consensus from the June 15, 2017 special budget meeting was to fund zero or three additional early voting sites depending on the response from the University of Florida. He further stated that in his opinion the item is not currently funded.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that he emailed the University of Florida and the response was that the University would talk with the Board regarding an early voting site on campus.

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that he heard there would be a discussion between the University and the Board regarding an early voting site on campus.

Box Truck and Cargo Van:

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that County staff will ensure the Supervisor of Elections can rent a box truck for the upcoming year's elections.

Chipseal:

Chair Cornell stated that the funds allocated to the chipsealing program would be used for resurfacing if they weren't used for chipsealing.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby stated that the funds were currently budgeted for chipsealing.

Fire/Rescue

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby stated that the budget currently includes a critical care unit but that the County cannot afford the request for an additional 24/7 unit made by the President of the Fire Rescue Professionals of Alachua County.

Chair Cornell stated that there would be a presentation on the item on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Commissioner Hutchinson requested information on the Telestaff Web-based System.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby stated that the Board would hear a presentation including the Telestaff item on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

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Chair Cornell stated that the Board would hear presentations on Fire/Rescue, Community Support, and Court Services on Thursday, June 22, 2017. He further stated he had questions related to the resurfacing of the Leveda Brown Transfer Station floor.

Commissioners Hutchinson and Pinkoson stated that the Board asked for more information on the Transfer Station Floor Resurfacing.

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that information on the Transfer Station Floor Resurfacing project would be brought back Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Chair Cornell requested to know if there would be any more presentations from Growth Management.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby stated that the Fee Schedule would be brought back Thursday, June 22, 2017. He further stated that all issues relating to the Fee Schedule were resolved and that the Fee Schedule had completed staff review.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that he was under the impression that staff review would take some time and requested to know if staff had completely reviewed the development process.

Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht stated that staff has reviewed the County Fees and expenses that staff is most familiar with. He further stated that a lot of the cost of development is on the private side. He finally stated that Deputy County Manager James Harriott has met with Rory Causseaux of CHW and that it is very difficult for County staff to have access to the real cost of development.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that it was his understanding that staff would review the entire development process to review what the fees should be and present their findings to the Board. He requested to know if the work had been done and whether the Fee Schedule presentation would be the conclusion of the process.

Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht stated that the Fee Schedule Document was in its final format and would be presented Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that as staff reviews the process it could have an impact on Fees. He further stated that it was his understanding that the fees would not be in place until the review was finished sometime in August or September.

Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht stated that Deputy County Manager James Harriott was in the process of reviewing the construction permitting process. Mr. Lachnicht further stated that there has been no discussion of changing the development review process as it would require code changes.

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Without objection, the Board moved the June 22, 2017 meeting to 10 A.M.

Chair Cornell recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Cornell requested staff get the word out regarding the rescheduling.

County Manager Lee Niblock requested that items added to June 22, 2017 be heard at 10:00 A.M. as the public had already received an agenda for 1:30 P.M.

Chair Cornell recognized Communications and Legislative Affairs Director Mark Sexton and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Cornell requested Commissioners review the budget for items currently funded that they want defunded and items currently not funded that they want funded. He further requested that if any Commissioner has a currently unfunded item they wish to fund to have a source to propose to fund it.

Chair Cornell recognized Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby and County Manager Lee Niblock who presented comments to the Board.

CLOSING COMMENTS

3. Public Comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments.

There were no citizens present who wished to provide comments to the Board.

4. Commission Comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission comments.

County Attorney Michele Lieberman presented comments regarding County payments for roads in the City of Newberry. She requested that the roads that the County is in dispute with the City of Newberry not be worked on until the dispute is settled.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that the roads in question are already under construction. He further requested to know when a discussion regarding the Newberry Community Redevelopment Agenda (CRA) would be held.

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County Attorney Michele Lieberman stated that the CRA was not on the proposed agenda with the City of Newberry.

Commissioner Pinkoson requested that the CRA be added to the agenda.

Chair Cornell stated that he would hold a meeting with Newberry Mayor Jordan Marlowe at 1:30 P.M. on June 21, 2017 and that the topic of the CRA would be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that he told both the Mayor and City Manager of Newberry that roads that start and end within the city limits should be maintained by the City of Newberry.

Chair Cornell recognized County Manager Lee Niblock and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby who presented comments to the Board.

County Attorney Michele Lieberman stated that the Board should not take action consistent with ownership if the County believes that under the existing agreement the County does not legally have ownership of the roads.

Commissioner Pinkoson stated that the Board had been told that the County had ownership of the roads.

Chair Cornell recognized County Attorney Michele Lieberman who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chestnut stated that the reason the Board took action on the roads was because staff stated that the County owned the roads.

Chair Cornell requested to know where Qualified Targeted Industry (QTI) funds were located in the budget and what effect recent legislation would have on those funds.

County Manager Lee Niblock stated that the money may not be usable due to the lack of a state matching fund.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby stated that \$157,000.00 were budgeted toward QTI for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. He further stated that \$26,000.00 was expended in FY2016.

Chair Cornell requested to know the impact of legislation on QTI and whether the Legislature's actions would allow funding for QTI to be reduced.

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Economic Development Coordinator Edgar Campa-Palafox stated that the issue debated by the Legislature was not related to QTI. He further stated that the new source of money was related to a program for infrastructure for new businesses locating in the State.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 P.M.

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

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