

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Jack Durrance Auditorium Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Approval of Regular 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 Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly out of the room.

Action Items

3. CRA Bill

Fiscal Consideration: Over \$5 Million of County Resources are committed annually to CRAs.

Recommended Action: Discuss Status of Bill.

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 10:01 a.m.

Commissioner Hutchinson, City of Gainesville Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Byerly, Gainesville CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn Commissioner Cornell, Communications Coordinator Sexton, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to withdraw the support of the local bill and request that the City of Gainesville immediately begin discussions with the Board of

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County Commissioners regarding the 5 year plan update and give the County Commission meaningful input into the process. 2nd Chestnut

Commissioner Chestnut, Communications Coordinator Sexton, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved substitute motion to support the local bill and request that discussions be scheduled with the City of Gainesville regarding the Community Redevelopment Agencies as soon as possible. 2nd Cornell

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion that if the City agrees to work with the County for Joint Legislation that would result in County representation of the CRA Board and the City agreed to reduce the College Park Tiff and the two bodies agree to a use of those funds within the City then the County would withdraw the local act. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman, Kali Blount, Susan Butcher, City Commissioner Harvey Ward, Tamara Robbins, Mark Sexton, County Manager Lieberman, City Commissioner Helen Warren, Sherwin Henry, City Attorney Nicolle Shalley, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following substitute motion:

1. To direct the County to work with the lobbyist and City of Gainesville Attorney to discuss options for amendments to the bill.
2. That the County ask the City Commission and CRA Board to meet with the County on February 12, 2018 to discuss mutually agreeable ways to meet the objectives of both parties.
3. Request that Representative Clemons hold off on the last committee stop until the Boards have had the opportunity to meet.
4. That the CRA staff is to provide a list of the work, to the best of their knowledge, that will occur in the next three years for all the CRA areas.
5. County and City staffs are to develop potentially acceptable Interlocal language for consideration.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Hutchinson and Chestnut voting "Nay".

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ADDED ITEMS:

Forestry Service Advisory Committee

County Manager Lieberman advised the Commission that the Florida Forest Service is developing a 10 year plan for the management of the Newnan's Lake State Forest. State Statute requires that a County Commissioner serve on the Board. They are requesting that the County appoint a representative. She stated that the first meeting will be March 7, 2018.

Commissioner Cornell moved appointment of Commissioner Hutchinson on the Advisory Board. The motion carried 5-0.

Joint Meeting

County Manager Lieberman stated that the March 12, 2018 meeting at 3:00 p.m. has the support of the Board. She will work to see if there is any way to schedule the meeting early per the Board's request.

2. **FY19 Budget Development Guidelines**

Fiscal Consideration: Development of the FY19 Budget.

Recommended Action: Adopt Budget Guidelines and provide direction.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved approval of the Budget Guidelines as presented.

Budget Guidelines

- Maintain 5% reserve of operating revenue for General Fund, MSTU – Law Enforcement, and MSBU - Fire
- Budget 10% (minimum) of operating revenue as Estimated Ending Fund Balance in the General Fund for early fiscal year liquidity
- Limit the budgeted reduction in General Fund Balance to \$4 Million exclusive of the reserve
- Internal service charges and Indirect cost charges will be budgeted centrally for all Department's
- Inflationary factors and changes in population will be considered in preparing the budget

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Budget Guidelines

- Maintain the current funding allocation for Law Enforcement
 - (46% General Fund/54% MSTU-LE)
- Maintain the current funding allocation of Sales Tax revenue that is in excess of debt obligations
 - (90% General Fund /10% MSBU-Fire Rescue)
- Allocate Public Service Tax (PST) and Communication Service Tax (CST) revenues
 - (60% General Fund/ 40% MSBU-Fire Rescue)
- One-time sources will be allocated toward reserves or one-time expenditures
- Continue to present a two-year budget
- The Court Services Department will present a detailed budget review

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, and Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

Naming of Fairgrounds

Assistant County Manager Crosby discusses public/private partnerships to assist with paying for the fairgrounds. He advised the Board that one possibility is selling the naming rights for the facility.

County Attorney Lieberman stated that it is an area to assist with funding. She stated that if there is interests from the Board staff will look into the possible value of such a concept. If the Board has no interest in the idea then staff will not bring it back.

Commissioner Byerly stated that he has strong objections to the concept. Commissioners Pinkoson, Cornell, Hutchinson, and Chestnut stated that they were not opposed to investigating the matter.

Chair Pinkoson requested that when discussing topics during the Budget development process that staff should continue to keep the Board aware of other pending items.

Internet Study

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the City of Gainesville will be soliciting the County for \$40,000.00 for the cost of an internet study. He stated that there are some public owned systems that charge \$50 a month for a gigabyte speed. He stated that the study is looking into the best way to provide a countywide internet system. He stated that it would include all the cities except for Micanopy and LaCrosse.

Chair Pinkoson requested that Commissioner Hutchinson work with staff to develop a blue sheet to discuss the item fully at a meeting.

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Commissioner Byerly stated that he would be much more committed to a project such as this if the City has a policy on net neutrality.

Closing Comments

4. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

5. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission comments

Civil Citation Update

Commissioner Hutchinson requested a report on the Civil Citation Process to the Board and how it is working when there is enough information available.

CRA list of projects as soon as possible

Commissioner Byerly requested that staff communicate to the CRA staff his request for a list of work that will be done in the next 3 years by the CRA. He would like it in advance of the next discussion if possible.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.