

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 5:01 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 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 Public Hearing 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 Hutchinson moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Pinkoson out of the room.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 5:03 p.m.

Proclamations and Presentations

2. Special Assessment to Fix Flooding Issues Robin Lane & Hills of Santa Fe

Fiscal Consideration: Cost Share funding is being pursued for Robin Lane and Hills of Santa Fe from St. John's River Water Management District which can provide up to 33% of construction costs. HMGP funding is being pursued through the Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy work group and applications are due on August 6, 2018; \$5,369,831.81 is available from Hurricane Irma. The Special Assessments costs vary depending on grant funding obtained.

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to move forward with priorities 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 14, 15, and 17 compete for HMGP funding, including consultant assistance for developing final plans if needed, and preparing grant applications for State & Federal grants and acquiring necessary property according to the following priority order.

County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

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Chair Pinkoson entered at 5:05 p.m.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Civil Engineer Olabode Ogedengbe, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Hutchinson, Public Works James Link, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to instruct staff to pursue alternative permanent easements for emergency access and authorize staff to hire the necessary consultant utilizing gas tax funds. Staff is to pursue the hazard mitigation grants and any other grants for the proposed projects.

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

Commissioner Cornell moved the following amended motion:

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1. To instruct staff to pursue alternative permanent easements for emergency access and return to the Board in 90 days.
2. Authorize staff to hire the necessary consultants utilizing gas tax funds.
3. Staff is to pursue the hazard mitigation grants, St. Johns Water Management District grants, Suwannee River Water Management District grants, and any other available grants for the proposed projects.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Dan Monto, Scott Kruger, Jose Fuentes, Debra Hodge, Richard Kilmer, Storm Water Engineer James Link, Marta Kurtz, Debra Rivers, Wendy Sheehan, John Menacker, Irvin Gleim, Steve Laux, Richie Hill, Ann Jalsa, Diane McMillen, John, Chuck Bradham, Tim Deegan, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Cornell who presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct staff to schedule in a policy meeting a discussion of how the County would frame an ultimate 2 to 5 year storm water mitigation plan and any amendments that need to be made to it. The motion carried 5-0.

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Commissioner Chestnut inquired if the County is still going to continue to discuss this matter throughout the budget process to try and address the needs. He wants the citizens to know that the Commission is still going to continue to try and address the matter.

Public Comments

3. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments.

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

Closing Comments

4. Closing comments from Commissioners

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from Commissioners.

There were no comments offered.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.