

John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium  
County Administration Building  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida



Board of County Commission Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5:00 P.M.

**Board of County Commissioners**

District 1 Commissioner Mike Byerly

District 2 Vice Chair Lee Pinkoson

District 3 Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

District 4 Chair Ken Cornell

District 5 Charles "Chuck" Chestnut

County Manager

Michele Lieberman

County Attorney

Sylvia Torres

## **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 Public Hearing Agenda; and (b) adopt the Public Hearing Agenda.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Legislative Items**

2. Public Hearing on the Creation of the Children's Trust of Alachua County

**Fiscal Consideration:** This ordinance requires the development of a certified budget annually which is an estimate of the millage rate necessary to be applied to raise the funds budgeted for expenditures. This millage rate shall not exceed a maximum of 50 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of all properties within the County which are subject to County taxes. Revenue generation is estimated at \$7 million in the first year. If the ordinance is approved, the County will remove the funding for the Children's Services Advisory Board currently estimated at \$1.3 million. Account Number is 0012910569.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the ordinance creating the Children's Trust of Alachua County and forward the ballot language to the Supervisor of Elections of Alachua County for placement on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot.

County Attorney Sylvia Torres presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 5:04 p.m.

Commissioner Cornell stated that since Chair Pinkoson has been the champion for early child intervention to ensure that children are prepared to enter school and successful in obtaining an education that perhaps he should make the motion approving the ballot initiative.

Chair Pinkoson passed the Gavel to Vice Chair Chestnut at 5:14 p.m.

**Commissioner Pinkoson** moved to approve the Ordinance with the amended ballot language creating the Children's Trust of Alachua County and forward the ballot language to the Supervisor of Elections of Alachua County for placement on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

Amended Ballot Language:

**CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY - AUTHORITY TO LEVY  
ONE-HALF MILL AD VALOREM TAXES**

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL, PREVENTIVE, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, SUCH AS EARLY LEARNING SUPPORTS AND OUT OF SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING, SHOULD AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT TITLED "THE CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY" BE CREATED AND AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE-HALF (½) MILL FOR 12 YEARS?

\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_ NO

Vice Chair Chestnut opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m.

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

Vice Chair Chestnut closed the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

**Public Comments (The earlier of 5:30PM or at the conclusion of the agenda)**

3. Public comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Public Comments.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Betsy Hurst who presented comments to the Board.

**Quasi Judicial/Zoning Items**

4. ZOS0118: A request for a special use permit (SUP) for a government facility (fire/rescue station) located at 7516 Millhopper Road on approximately 2.3 acres

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution Z1802 approving the requested special use permit with the conditions and bases contained therein. Staff further recommends that the Board, if necessary, adopt the requested variance to the scenic road ordinance requested by the applicant (Resolution Z1803).

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** that the following citizens requesting party status be granted:

1. Sam Rice
2. Greta Rice

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

3. Frank Graddy
4. Fred Hart
5. Nicholas Cox
6. Kristen Grace
7. Dr. James Brooks

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Senior Planner Gerald Brewington presented the above item.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Chief Northcutt, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** the following:

1. Withdraw the request for the Special Use Permit.
2. That the Board notifies the City of Gainesville of the action taken tonight and reaffirms the County's commitment to discussions regarding unification or a modification of the former Fire Services Assistance Agreement.
3. That staff is directed to consider alternative provisions of services for Fire and Emergency Response Services by a connector route between Millhopper Road and NW 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Return to the Board with possible options along with descriptions of the response times if the Board were to pursue one intermediate station and not two.
4. To have one of the earlier meetings set aside for discussion of Fire Services Master Plan and the comprehensive plan policies relating to service delivery, levels of service, and ISO Ratings. This should be done when staff is done with their analysis of possible locations.
5. Staff is directed to notify the residents that are on the list maintained by Growth Management regarding this item to inform them of future meetings and discussions with the City of Gainesville.

Chief Northcutt, Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Paula Garrett, Dave Locascio, and Growth Management Director Lachnicht presented comments.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

Chair Pinkoson encourage the residents who wish to be kept informed to contact Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht so that your information can be added to the list of citizens to be notified of pending meetings.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Closing Comments**

5. Closing comments from the public

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear closing comments from the public.

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

6. 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 6:37 p.m.