

Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 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 Lee Pinkoson, Vice-Chair Charles “Chuck” Chestnut, Commissioners Ken Cornell and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, and Clerk Tierra McClendon

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Byerly

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 10:01 P.M.

Approval of Regular and Consent Agendas

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 to approve the agenda with a modification allowing the Gainesville Police Department to give a brief presentation. **The motion carried 4-0** with Commissioner Byerly absent.

Gainesville Police Department Presentation

Commissioner Hutchinson, Gainesville Police Department Lieutenant Will Halvosa, Commissioner Cornell, League of Women Voters Chair Bennett Brummer, Chair Pinkoson, Gainesville Police Department Lieutenant Will Halvosa, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, League of Women Voters Chair Brummer, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved the following:

1. Refer to the County Attorney and the Staff the implications of SB-1392.
2. Request that the County Manager and the Chair talk to the Mayor and Manager of the City of Gainesville about what opportunities there are for the City of Gainesville to help in funding deflection services.
3. Request that the Board have a discussion at the Public Safety Coordinating Council or the Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee meeting so the Judges, State Attorney, and the Public Defender are involved in the discussion regarding money bonds, signature release authority, and training Booking Officers on their authority. Further, prior efforts with Meridian, Community Support Services, and a Central Receiving Facility should be discussed.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Attorney Torres, League of Women Voters Chair Brummer, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Smart, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Smart, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Smart, Chair Pinkoson, League of Women Voters Chair Brummer, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, and League of Women Voters Chair Brummer presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Byerly absent.

Action Items

Office of Management and Budget

2. FY19 Budget Discussions Board Funding Priorities Social Services
Fiscal Consideration: To be determined by the Board of County Commissioners during FY19 Budget Development.
Recommended Action: Discuss topics & develop consensus direction.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item to the Board.

Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Director of Community Support Services Claudia Tuck, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Director of Community Support Services Claudia Tuck, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Smart, Drug Court Supervisor Frank Owens, Chair Pinkoson, Frank Owens, Chair Pinkoson, Drug Court Supervisor Frank Owens, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

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1. Request that the Staff collect facts and figures regarding the number of people that are entered into the diversion courts and compare the information to the people eligible and make that information presentable to the Judges, State Attorney, and the other interested parties.
2. Further, add to the presentation how many were recommended, how many actually qualified and were served, and the total number that Staff think would be eligible.
3. Request that the Staff update table figures to show the grant funds.

Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant County Manager Smart, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart stated that to date the County has trained 472 Constitutional Officer Employees as well as the Municipality of Newberry. There are another 211 employees schedule through April to be trained. He stated that all new County hires are trained as well and that the training is being well received by employees.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Cornell Court Services Criminal Justice Liaison Stuart Wegener, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

Children Services

Assistant County Manager Crosby reminded the Board that they moved the Child Services discussion has been moved to 10:00 a.m. because of restrictions on time.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that Children Services be funded at the current rate or a continuation budget and encourage them not to add new programs but to get the currently existing programs that are implemented functioning extremely well.

Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Homeless Services Issues

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck and Assistant County Manager Carl Smart presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Ask staff to bring back to the Board the best practices throughout the country that deal with residency as it relates to the homeless issue.
2. Update the 'FY2018' chart with all of the federal funds, matching funds, and to send out a Chair letter to the City Commission so that they have the same information that the Board has.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Commissioner Cornell, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Commissioner Chestnut, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Chair Pinkoson, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Chair Pinkoson, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Smart, Chair Pinkoson, Director of Community Support Services Tuck, Commissioner Chestnut, Director of Community Support Tuck, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Chestnut, Director of Community Support Tuck, Commissioner Chestnut, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Cornell, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Hutchinson, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Cornell, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Deputy County Manager Harriot, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Director of Community Support Tuck, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Director of Community Support Tuck, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson,

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Commissioner Hutchinson, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Closing Comments

3. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

4. Commission comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Commission comments

No Commissioner comments presented.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.