

Thursday, June 19, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.  
County Administration Building  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
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, Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson and Mike Byerly

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager Harriot and Deputy Clerk Stephanie Sisney

**ABSENT:**

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

### **Approval of Regular and Consent Agendas**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

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 moved the approval of the agenda.

County Manager Michele Lieberman requested to discuss an item related to the Fairgrounds.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Action Items**

#### **Office of Management and Budget**

2. FY19 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 to the Board.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** to accept the proposed budget enhancements made by Assistant County Manager Peebles. The motion carried 5-0.

Poe Springs Operating Hours

Parks and Recreation Director Charlie Houder presented the above item to the Board.

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

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** the following:

1. Charge a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle
2. Park entry time to be from civil dawn to civil dusk
3. Work with other Springs partners to see if there is a cooperative arrangement to help run gate services
4. Ask Staff to come back with decision points
5. Return with staffing options for busy periods
6. The park should be opened 7 days a week

Vice-Chair Chestnut, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly requested Staff bring back to the Board a rough net analysis of how the money works such as: estimate how much parking is and show the cost paying for the staffing.

Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Peebles, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson and Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

## Fairgrounds

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Pinkoson, County Manager Lieberman and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

## Public Comment

Mr. Johnson presented comments to the Board.

## Advisory Boards Committee Meeting

Commissioner Hutchison, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Hutchinson and Communications and Legislative Affairs Director Mark Sexton presented comments.

Without objection Commissioner Cornell requested that Chair Pinkoson preside over the meeting and invite the Chairs of the five Advisory Committees to join that way they can recognize their members in the audience and the public can speak to County Manager Lieberman. The meeting should also be filmed and recorded.

Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

## **Closing Comments**

### 3. Public comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Public Comments

No comments were presented.

### 4. Commission comments

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Hear Commission comments

Commissioner Cornell spoke about an issue presented during North Central Regional Planning Council meeting.

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Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Vice-Chair Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson and Commissioner Cornell, Environmental Protection Department Supervisor Steve Hofstetter, Commissioner Hutchinson and EPD Supervisor Hofstetter presented comments.

By consensus of the Board, Commissioner Cornell authorized the County Environmental Protection Department to attend the North Florida Regional Planning Council and give a presentation on the importance of Priority 3 in an effort to convince the other counties to vote in support of Priority 3.

**Priority 1**

Critical Linkages, defined as areas with very high ecological significance while also having areas most threatened by development.

For Priorities 2-5, the ecological greenways corridors are prioritized based on:

- 1) potential importance for maintaining or restoring populations of wide-ranging species (e.g. Florida black bear and Florida panther);
- 2) importance for maintaining statewide, connected reserve network from south Florida through the panhandle.
- 3) other important landscape linkages that provide additional opportunities to maintain statewide connectivity especially in support of higher priority linkages.
- 4) provide important riparian corridors within Florida and to other states.
- 5) Other regionally significant opportunities to protect large intact landscapes.

**Priority 2**

High priority greenways not meeting Critical Linkages threshold.

**Priority 3**

Priority 3 ecological greenway corridors - provide significant alternative linkages to Priority 1 and Priority 2 corridors.

**Priority 4**

Priority 4 ecological greenway corridors - provide important riparian corridors within Florida and to other states.

One Priority 4 corridor is needed to protect the northern half of the St. Johns black bear populations.

Priority 4 corridors also represent other regionally significant opportunities to protect large intact landscapes.

**Priority 5**

Remaining ecological greenway corridors of moderate statewide significance.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.