

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



Board of County Commission Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners

District 1 Commissioner Mike Byerly

District 2 Chair Lee Pinkoson

District 3 Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson

District 4 Commissioner Ken Cornell

District 5 Vice-Chair 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 the approval of the agenda. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Public Hearing

2. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Open for Discussion – Final NonAd Valorem Assessment Rates Related to the NW210, NW205, NW218, and NW202 Special Assessment District

Fiscal Consideration: The proposed annual nonad valorem assessment for the NW210/NW205/NW218/NW202 Special Assessment District for FY 20182019 Are \$114.22/parcel which is reduced from the 20172018 amount of \$324.26/parcel. Approving this request will allow the County to collect approximately \$7,767 in nonad valorem assessments to fund the NW210/NW205/NW218/NW202 Special Assessment District.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the NW210, NW205, NW218, and NW202 Special Assessment District item be opened for discussion as stated within the TRIM notices and then continued until the Board's September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01 to allow for the completion of required advertising. The Board will be requested to adopt the assessment's final rate resolution during the September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above Item.

Commissioner Cornell moved to follow Staff's recommendation that the NW210, NW205, NW218, and NW202 Special Assessment District item be opened for discussion as stated within the TRIM notices and then continued until the Board's September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01 to allow for the completion of required advertising. **The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting "Nay".**

3. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Open for Discussion – Final NonAd Valorem Assessment Rates Related to the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District

Fiscal Consideration: This assessment will allow the County to collect approximately \$49,980 in nonad valorem assessment fees (not adjusted for

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noncollectibles) to fund community maintenance in the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District item be opened for discussion as stated within the TRIM notices and then continued until the Board's September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01 to allow for the completion of required advertising. The Board will be requested to adopt the assessment's final rate resolution during the September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to follow Staff's recommendation that the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District item be opened for discussion as stated within the TRIM notices and then continued until the Board's September 25, 2018 Public Hearing at 5:01 to allow for the completion of required advertising. **The motion carried 5-0.**

4. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Adopt the Final Rates for the Fire Services NonAd Valorem Assessment

Fiscal Consideration: The rates for FY2018-19 remains the same as the adopted rates in FY201718. Tier 1 all nonexempt parcels improved and unimproved \$83.34 per parcel Tier 2 nonexempt improved parcels \$7.63 per EBU (Per \$5,000 of structure value, rounded down to nearest \$5,000 is EBU) FY19 expected revenue per the consultant on August 1, 2018 is \$13,140,756.

Recommended Action: Adopt the Fire Services Assessment Final Resolution setting rates for Fiscal Year 201819.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above Item.

Commissioner Cornell moved to adopt the Fire Services Assessment Final Resolution setting rates for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. **The motion carried 4-1 with Commission Byerly voting "Nay".**

5. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Adopt the Final Rates for the Solid Waste NonAd Valorem Assessment

Fiscal Consideration: By approving this item, the County will be able to collect approximately \$7.87 million in NonAd Valorem Assessments to fund the universal curbside collection, rural collection center and solid waste management programs. Account: 148.76.7600.325.20.00, 401.55.5531.381.90.02, 401.55.5541.381.90.02, 403.76.7610.325.20.00, 405.76.7620.325.20.00.

Recommended Action: Adopt the Final Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 20182019 and authorize the Chair to certify the NonAd Valorem Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector.

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Commissioner Cornell moved to adopt the Final Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 20182019 and authorize the Chair to certify the NonAd Valorem Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector.

Public Comment

Jacqueline Betz presented comments before the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

6. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Adopt the Final Rate for the Stormwater NonAd Valorem Assessment

Fiscal Consideration: The proposed stormwater assessment will continue providing a dedicated funding source for the County to comply with its stormwater management obligations. The assessment will reduce the historic dependency upon the Gas Tax and Municipal Services Taxing Unit property tax to pay for stormwater management. The proposed Financial Hardship exemption will require the County to make up the loss of an estimated \$4,500 in revenue assuming that 100 properties qualify for the exemption. Recommended Rate of \$45.00 per ERU will generate approximately \$1,990,000 in revenue. This will be divided 50/50 between Public Works for Stormwater Operation/Maintenance and EPD for Stormwater Quality Projects.

Recommended Action: Adopt the Stormwater Assessment Final Resolution setting rates for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above Item.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt the Stormwater Assessment Final Resolution setting rates for Fiscal Year 2018-19 with the recommended rate of \$45.00 per ERU.

Commissioner Cornell moved a substitute motion to adopt the Stormwater Assessment Final Resolution setting rates for Fiscal Year 2018-19 with the continued rate of \$30.00 per ERU.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

The substitute motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hutchinson voting "Nay".

Public Comment

Anthony Johnson and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

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7. 5:01 PM Public Hearing: Adopt the FY19 Proposed Millage Rates and Tentative Budget

Fiscal Consideration: General Fund budget including all revenues \$166,567,704 Total Budget \$456,794,734.

Recommended Action: Conduct public hearing and approve proposed FY19 millage rates for the General County and, MSTU Law Enforcement budgets, and adopt the FY19 Tentative Budget.

Chair Pinkoson presented the Introduction to the Public Hearing.

Interim County Attorney Torres presented the Overview of Truth-in-Millage Legislation.

Interim County Manager Lieberman presented the explanation of the General County and Municipal Service Taxing Units Proposed and Rolled Back Millage Rates.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented an overview of the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2018-19.

Chair Pinkoson invited citizens to comment on the fiscal year 2018-19 proposed millage rates and tentative budget.

Assistant County Manager Crosby asked that any additional adjustments to the budget be made by motion at this time.

Chair Pinkoson and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved Resolution 18-66 with the general fund rolled-back rate of 8.2829 mills.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved a substitute motion to follow the proposed millage rate as 8.4500 mills.

Chair Pinkoson and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

The substitute motion carried 3-2 with Vice-Chair Chestnut and Commissioner Cornell voting "Nay".

Interim County Manager Lieberman presented the Adoption of Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2018-19 Proposed General County Millage Rates.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the adoption of Resolution 18-66 Establishing FY19 Proposed General County Millage Rates. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved the adoption of Resolution 18-67 adopting Changed Revenue estimates and the FY19 Tentative General County Budget. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Interim County Manager Lieberman presented the Adoption of Resolution Establishing Fiscal Year 2018-19 Proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit-Law Enforcement Millage Rate.

Commissioner Cornell moved the adoption of Resolution 18-68 Establishing FY19 Proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit – Law Enforcement millage rate. **The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting “Nay”.**

Commissioner Cornell moved the adoption of resolution 18-69 Adopting Changed Revenue Estimates and the FY19 Tentative Municipal Service Taxing Unit – Law Enforcement Budget. **The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Byerly voting “Nay”.**

Chair Pinkoson concluded the Tentative Budget Hearing.

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

8. Public comments

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear Public Comments.

Monroe Lee, Gregory Caudill, Mayor of the City of Newberry Jordan Marlowe, Ray Washington, Anthony Johnson and Jeanette Hinsdale presented comments.

Regular Matters

9. Lochloosa Slough – Weyerhaeuser Fox Pen Tract Acquisition Contract (Alachua County Forever)

Fiscal Consideration: County's portion of acquisition costs are estimated to be \$915,000 (67% of \$1,365,000) plus approximately \$23,450 (67% of \$35,000) for due diligence and closing services. The Contract is based on a per/acre cost (\$2,286.43/acre) and a precise determination of the Fox Pen Tract's total acres will not be known until a survey is complete. Alachua Conservation Trust will provide \$450,000 (33% of of \$1,365,000) toward the purchase price, plus approximately \$11,550 (33% of \$35,000) for due diligence and closing services. After the 2019 fiscal year budget is approved and becomes available, the Parks & Conservation Lands Department will request a Budget Amendment allocating approximately \$940,000 from the Wild Spaces Public Places funds into the Lochloosa Slough – Weyerhaeuser Fox Pen project account for the property

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acquisition and required closing process. Fund 021414160537 (Wild Spaces Public Places surtax funds).

Recommended Action: Request the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the execution of the contract to purchase the Lochloosa Slough – Weyerhaeuser Fox Pen Tract;
2. Approve the Acquisition and Management Agreement between the County and Alachua Conservation Trust; and
3. Authorize the execution of additional documents as necessary to close the transaction.

Parks & Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houder presented the above Item to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell, Interim County Attorney Torres and Parks & Conservation Lands Director Houder presented comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved Staff recommendation to:

1. Approve and authorize the execution of the contract to purchase the Lochloosa Slough – Weyerhaeuser Fox Pen Tract.
2. Approve the Acquisition and Management Agreement between the County and Alachua Conservation Trust.
3. Authorize the execution of additional documents as necessary to close the transaction.
4. Request that Staff confirm from the seller warrant that there have been no mineral right claims in the last 30 years prior to the expiration of the inspection period and if there has been that it comes back to the Board prior to December 14th.

Anthony Johnson, Parks & Conservation Lands Director Houder, Chair Pinkoson, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell thanked and acknowledged Staff for being proactive and thorough in purchasing land.

Commissioner Byerly and Parks & Conservation Lands Director Houder presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Closing Comments

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10. Closing comments from the public

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from the public.

No comments were presented.

11. Closing comments from Commissioners

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear closing comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Cornell moved to refer to Staff the issue of County road 337 SW 30th Avenue and ask that Staff work with the City of Newberry to bring back a plan to address these two corners within the next 120 days.

Commissioner Byerly presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Cornell asked for an update on talking to the City of Newberry about the roads discussion.

Deputy County Manager Harriot stated that the Board directed Staff after the Joint Meeting to come back after 90 days.

Chair Pinkoson presented comments.

Deputy County Manager Harriot stated that as a side note to resurfacing, 43rd Street is underway and working its way south from 53rd to Newberry Road and Tower Road is proceeding.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.