



ALACHUA COUNTY, FL

Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda

July 8, 2025

11:30 AM

An in-person **Public Comment** period follows all non-ministerial motions. There are two **General Comment** periods: **Noon** and **5:30 p.m.** (or at the end of the morning meeting if there is no evening meeting). **Members of the public may only speak during one of the two designated General Comment periods.** At **Noon**, commenters may be in person or call in. Commenters have 3 minutes for agenda items and 3 minutes for non-agenda matters. Those addressing agenda items can't comment again when that item comes up.

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- Enter meeting ID 873 5974 1977.
- "Raise" your hand by hitting *9 (star 9). When called on, hit *6 (star 6) to speak.

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A. Invocation

Senior Pastor Reverend Graham Glover, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School. Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Commission meeting shall be the voluntary offering of, a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Commission. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Commission, and the Commission is not allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Call to Order

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

Recommended Action:

To approve the Regular and Consent Agenda.

E. Announcements

F. Approval of Recognitions

1. Employee Length of Service 1st Quarterly Recognition - 25-00507

Fiscal Note:

NA

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Presenting a power point

2. Presentation of a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in Alachua County Florida - 25-00433

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Recommended Action:

Read and present the proclamation

3. Presentation of a proclamation recognizing July as Disability Awareness Month in Alachua County, Florida - 25-00505

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Recommended Action:

Read and present the proclamation

G. Board and Committee Items

1. Alachua County Citizens Disability Advisory Committee Annual Report - 25-00540

Fiscal Note:
N/A

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:
Accept the Report

2. Agricultural Land Conservation Board Appointments - 25-00543

Fiscal Note:
N/A

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Appoint 10 members to the Agricultural Land Conservation Board, including:

- 5 full member positions with qualifications including education and experience in agricultural lands management practices or land protection.
 - 3 with term ending April 30, 2029.
 - 2 with term ending April 30, 2028.
- 1 alternate position with qualifications including education and experience in agricultural lands management with term ending April 30, 2028.
- 4 Citizen at Large full member positions.
 - 2 with term ending April 30, 2029.
 - 2 with term ending April 30, 2028.

H. Public Comment

12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

Limit comments to 3 minutes on non-agenda items & 3 minutes on agenda items. Those speaking to items on the agenda cannot speak to them later. For **Quasi-Judicial Items**, it is best to speak when the item comes up, as the Commission can only consider testimony given at the public hearing.

I. Action Items

1. Sports Event Center Update and Discussion - 25-00535

Fiscal Note:
No fiscal impact at this time.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:
Hear update and provide direction to staff.

J. Land Conservation Projects

1. Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Weyerhaeuser Tract Purchase and Sales Agreement to Purchase Real Property - 25-00469

Fiscal Note:
The attached Journal Entry requests \$791,078, to complete this acquisition. (Exhibit

5)

WSPP – Land Acquisition (Capital Expense) = \$669,950 (+10% contingency)

Fund#: 041.41.4160.537.61.00 – 6194101 Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods –
Weyerhaeuser

&

Fund#: 021.41.4160.537.61.00 – 6184160 Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods –
Weyerhaeuser

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General Operating & Due Diligence (Operating Expense) = \$49,212 (+10%
contingency) Fund #: 041.41.4160.537.31.00 6184160 and Fund#:
021.41.4160.537.61.00 – 6184160.

Please see Exhibits 5 (Budget Amendment) & 6 (Acquisition and Stewardship Costs)
for additional details.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Weyerhaeuser Purchase and Sales Agreement to purchase Real Property, including the Exhibit C License to Cut Timber, subject to the County's rights to conduct due diligence inspections and notice Seller of Title Defects and Environmental Defects as set forth in the Contract; and
2. Delegate to the County Manager the authority to decide whether to accept or reject title exceptions #7, #8, and #9 based on the County Manager's evaluation as to whether said title exceptions will substantially impair the County's proposed use of the property; and
3. Delegate to the County Manager the authority to decide whether to close the acquisition subject to title exceptions #7, #8 and #9 based on the County Manager's evaluation as to whether said title exceptions will substantially impair the County's proposed use of the property; and
4. Authorize staff to execute additional documents as necessary to close the transaction; and
5. Approve the attached budget amendment authorizing the expenditure of funds for due diligence and associated closing costs; and
6. Authorize the incorporation of Alachua County Parcel # 19315-000-000 into the existing Cooperative Management Agreement for Little Orange Creek; and
7. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the amendment to the existing Cooperative Management Agreement for Little Orange Creek for addition of the Weyerhaeuser parcel.

K. Public Hearings

1. **Special Assessment District for Quail Street roadway chip seal improvements - 25-00525**

Fiscal Note:

The funding source for the roadway improvements (\$62,133.16) is paid for out of the Gas Tax Fund (Fund 149), which will be reimbursed over a 10 year period from the collection of the non-ad valorem assessment.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

That the Board adopt the resolution establishing and imposing a non-ad valorem assessment for roadway improvements to Quail Street, specifying the unit of measurement for the assessment and the amount of the assessment.

L. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings

1. **Public Hearing for a Preliminary Development Plan for Ironwood Industrial Park DR24-000055 - 25-00527**

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve with conditions the proposed Preliminary Development Plan and Resolution DR-25-17 based on a finding of consistency with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code.

M. Items Pulled From Consent

N. NOTE: This meeting will reconvene at 5:01 PM

O. Public Hearings

1. **FY26 Budget - 25-00516**

Fiscal Note:

Millage rates will be used to establish the amount of ad valorem taxes to be collected to fund the FY26 General Fund and MSTU - Law Enforcement budgets.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

2. **FY26 Fire Services: Initial Assessment Resolution and Authorization to Properly Notice the Public Hearing - 25-00517**

Fiscal Note:

The Fire Assessment was implemented in FY18 with Tier 1 rate of \$83.34 and Tier 2 rate of \$7.63. The Fire Assessment rates remained flat for 4 consecutive fiscal years.

For Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the rate increase for Tier 1 was \$90.69 and Tier 2 \$8.31 per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU).

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the proposed rate is to increase Tier 1 to be \$132.47 per EBU and Tier 2 to be \$7.28 per EBU and is estimated to generate \$23,505,318.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and authorize staff to notice the public of the September 11, 2025, Public Hearing to set the rates for the Fire Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and authorize provision of the notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM).

3. FY26 Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Special Assessment District: Initial Assessment Resolution and Authorization to Properly Notice the Public Hearing - 25-00519

Fiscal Note:

The proposed annual Non-Ad Valorem Assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is proposed to remain the same at \$10.00 per unit/per month. Approving the request will allow the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Special Assessment District to receive approximately \$99,240 in Non-Ad Valorem Assessment revenue (not adjusted for non-collectibles) to fund community maintenance in the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District. The Sugarfoot Oaks Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District Community Council held its draft budget meeting on May 7, 2025. The Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge budget shall be incorporated into the FY26 County Budget.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and authorize staff to notice the public of the September 11, 2025, Public Hearing to set the assessment for the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and authorize provision of the notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM). Authorize incorporation of Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge budget into the FY26 County Budget.

4. FY26 Solid Waste Non-Ad Valorem Assessment: Initial Assessment Resolution and Authorization to Properly Notice the Public Hearing - 25-00518

Fiscal Note:

The Solid Waste Assessment rates will increase per the attached schedules for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Approving this request will allow the County to collect approximately \$13 million in non-ad valorem assessments to fund the Universal Curbside Collection, Rural Collection Center, and Solid Waste Management Programs. Estimated revenue is \$7.2 million to account 148.76.7600.325.2000, \$1.7 million to account 403.76.7610.325.20.00, and \$4.2 million to account 405.76.7620.325.2000

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and authorize staff to notice the public of the September 11, 2025, Public Hearing to set the rates for Solid Waste Non-Ad Valorem Assessments and authorize provision of the notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM)

5. FY26 Stormwater Non-Ad-Valorem Assessment: Initial Assessment Resolution and Authorization to Properly Notice the Public Hearing - 25-00521

Fiscal Note:

The Stormwater Assessment is proposed at no increase for FY26. The \$60.00 Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) will generate an estimated \$2,928,953, with a total fund estimate of \$3,600,000.

Stormwater Management Funds:

EPD 146.55.5511.325.2000 and Public Works 146.79.7920.325.2000

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and authorize staff to notice the public of the September 11, 2025, Public Hearing to set the rates for Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment and authorize provision of the notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM)

6. FY26 Non-Ad Valorem Hospital Assessment - 25-00553

Fiscal Note:

The Board shall set the assessments in amounts that, in the aggregate, will generate sufficient

revenue to fund the non-federal share of the Medicaid hospital directed payment program to be

funded by the Assessments.

The amount of the assessments required of each Assessed Property may not exceed an amount

that, when added to the amount of other required assessments, exceeds the maximum percent of the

aggregate net patient revenue of all Assessed Properties in the state permitted by 42 C.F.R. §

433.68(f)(3)(i)(A). The amount of the assessments is to be collected pursuant an additional and alternative method, as specified in § 197.3631, Fla. Stat., for non-ad valorem special assessments.

Budget Amendment Attached \$67,972,796

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Approve adoption of resolution revenues which includes budget amendment to recognize non-ad valorem hospital assessment

7. Live Local Act Property Tax Exemption Opt-Out Resolution - 25-00552

Fiscal Note:

The potential negative financial impact of the credit on the tax rolls has not been established long enough to provide a reliable estimate at this time.

Strategic Guide:
Housing, Environment

Recommended Action:

Review Alachua County's option to opt out of a part of the Live Local Act tax exemption; Approve a resolution for the Board to continue to elect to opt-out of the tax exemption for qualified properties that house persons or families whose annual household income is greater than 80% and not more than 120% AMI, and otherwise follow the required procedural steps as provided in the law; and authorize a letter from the Chair to municipalities in Alachua County notifying of the certain property tax exemption opt-out option.

P. Closing Comments

1. Public Comment

Public Comment - 5:30 p.m. (Or at the end of the morning meeting if no evening meeting is scheduled). **Members of the public may only speak during one of the two designated General Comment periods.**

2. County Attorney Comment

3. County Manager Comment

4. Commission Comment

Q. Adjournment

Recommended Action:

To adjourn the meeting.

R. Consent Items

1. Animal Resources

a. Request Approval of Revised Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Resolution - 25-00512

Fiscal Note:
N/A

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the Resolution as revised and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign.

2. Clerk of the Court

a. Request Approval of the Attached BOCC Minutes - 25-00542

Fiscal Note:
N/A

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Approve Publication of Final BOCC Minutes

b. Removal of Uncollectible Accounts from the Financial Statements - 25-

00536

Fiscal Note:

These write-offs are budgeted in Fund 091 and Fund 011

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Request the Board to adopt the resolution authorizing the removal of uncollectible accounts from the financial statements. All of the receivable accounts have allowances for doubtful accounts. The receivable accounts and correlating allowances will be written down by a total amount of \$2,876,895.57. A breakdown of this amount by fund and type is provided in the following attachments: (1) by fund: Write-off Summary; (2) by type: see Exhibit A which is the last page of the attached Resolution.

3. County Attorney's Office

- a. **7/8/25 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend - 25-00538**

Fiscal Note:

The County Attorney has budget established in 001.03.0300.514 to be able to initiate or defend cases.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Approve the County Attorney's authority to initiate or defend the cases in the attached list.

4. County Manager's Office

- a. **ICMA Economic Mobility and Opportunity Grant Subaward Agreement - 25-00546**

Fiscal Note:

The County is receiving a \$24,000 grant to be used for the Forward Focus Initiative

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

As this is a grant agreement and requires the parties to mutually indemnify the other, Recommend that the County Commission waive the policy of the County to not indemnify another party as being in the best interest of the County and of negligible risk to the County and Approve the Subaward grant agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

5. Environmental Protection

- a. **EMPOWER Coalition Collaboration Letter - 25-00541**

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact to the BOCC.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Sign updated collaboration letter (2025)

b. Support for Alachua Conservation Trust's North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Application - 25-00560

Fiscal Note:

The attached Partner Contribution Statement under NAWCA states that the County will contribute an estimated \$4,750,000 in total for the fee-simple purchase of the Lochloosa Connector – Les Que Two property, which includes land, appraisals, due diligence, and other acquisition costs. The expenditures will be presented to the Board at a future meeting for consideration for the property. The Board may authorize the expenditures through exercise of Option Contract for the property.

If awarded the NAWCA grant could provide an estimated \$2,000,000 in land acquisition reimbursement funding to leverage the Alachua County Forever program's land conservation acquisition funds and extend funding resources to cover additional projects.

Sufficient budget exists in the Wild Spaces Public Places Land Allocation for these costs.

Project 6184160- WSPP-General Operating & Due Diligence:
140.41.4160.537.31.00

Project 6194101-WSPP-Land Acquisition: 140.41.4160.537.61.00

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Recommended Action:

Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the attached 1) Partner Contribution Statement, and 2) Matching Contribution Plan Statement for Alachua Conservation Trust's NAWCA grant Phase 5 application.

6. Fire Rescue

a. First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between Alachua County and the School Board of Alachua County for Emergency Shelters - 25-00547

Fiscal Note:

There is no immediate fiscal impact. Any costs incurred for personnel and other resources provided during federally declared disasters will be submitted for reimbursement under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance program.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

b. Lutheran Services of Florida Agreement for the FY2024-25 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program - 25-00396

Fiscal Note:

Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) is providing Alachua County funding for the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program (CORE) of \$707,974.00 for FY2025-26 (139.54.5413.334.6900 State Grants Other Human Services).

The LSF approved budget includes the addition of 5.0 FTEs at an estimated cost of \$489,936.00 (139.54.5413.569.12.10 Reg Salary Adj for Budget Only) and, \$218,038.00 for Operating equipment and supplies (139.54.5413.569 Various Operating line items). The Opioid Abatement Direct allocation funding will be used to supplement the CORE funding in future years. In addition, there will be annual reviews of service levels and other programmatic needs with corresponding budget adjustments to ensure the program funding is sustainable. An interfund loan not to exceed \$400,000.00 is necessary for cash flow purposes.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Recommended Action:

Approve Agreement, Adopt the Resolution, Approve the Budget Amendment, authorize 5.0 additional FTEs (2.0 MRT Peer Specialists, 1.0 Case Manager I, and 2.0 Paramedics), and authorize an interfund loan in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

7. Growth Management

a. Regional Transit Service (RTS) FY26 County Service Contracts - 25-00467

Fiscal Note:

The Contract for Transit Services is for \$ 1,828,607 and entails a budget increase of \$2,226 from FY25. Funding for this contract would come from the General Fund - Unincorporated Fund in account 008.79.7940.544.34.00, with the account description of other contractual services and Funds 354 (MMTM Fund NW) and 355 (MMTM Fund SW) have a transfer into the General Fund for the Jonesville Express.

The Contract for the Fare Free program is for \$ 190,000 and entails a budget increase of \$75,000 from FY25. Funding for this contract would come from the General Fund - Unincorporated Fund in account 008.79.7940.544.34.00, with the account description of other contractual services.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve contracts for FY25/26-FY26/27 with the City of Gainesville for Transit Services and the Fare Free program, totaling \$ 1,828,607 and \$ 190,000, respectively.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to draft a contract for FY25/26-FY26/27 with the City of Gainesville with the RTS level of services described in Option 2, including Base Services, service for Routes 52 and 75, increased service for Outside Urbanized Area, and increased Fare Free contribution.

Request that the City of Gainesville fund weekend transit service to Grace Marketplace and the Gainesville Regional Airport.

June 17, 2025 Joint City of Gainesville-Alachua County meeting – Request that Staff prepare a revised FY 26 budget including a 50/50 cost share for

implementation of a new joint City-County Route 26, serving Grace Marketplace and The Gainesville Regional Airport on weekends.

- b. **Interlocal Agreement for the Reestablishment of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area (MTPO) - 25-00526**

Fiscal Note:

There are no immediate fiscal impacts associated with the approval of this Interlocal Agreement.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chair's signature for the Reestablishment of the MTPO

- c. **Replat of Willow Oaks Plantation Lot 215 - 25-00529**

Fiscal Note:

None

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

The Development Review Committee reviewed the replat at its June 18, 2025, hearing and recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve the replat based on a finding of consistency with Florida Statutes, the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code.

8. Human Resources

- a. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 – 2025 revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan-add Artificial Intelligence Analyst - 25-00532**

Fiscal Note:

This is a new classification to be added to the pay plan and is funded through the general fund 001.16.1600.519. The minimum base hourly rate is \$35.3981.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Request approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan

9. Procurement

- a. **Second Amendment to Agreement with The Lunz Group Inc. (11814) for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services for Alachua County Fire Stations. - 25-00318**

Fiscal Note:

The cost for the design of the 3rd Station located at San Felasco, Tech City location, Parcel 05844-044-004, is \$243,000.00. The attached budget amendment associates the budget necessary for this contract amendment to the appropriate project number. 310.54.5480.522.62.00 (Capital -

Buildings), project number 9215401.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Second Amendment to Agreement 11814 with The Lunz Group Inc. in the amount of \$243,000.00 and direct staff to NOT issue a Task Authorization for Fire Station 3 until the County and The Laser Investment Group, LLC enter into the Donation Agreement. Also, Fiscal Services is requesting approval of Budget Amendment 25-2271 to move the funds.

- b. **First Amendment to Agreement with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (14136). - 25-00510**

Fiscal Note:

Budget for this project, \$254,700.00, is available in 008.65.6509.549.34.00. Project to be reimbursed by Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO).

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute First Amendment to Agreement with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (14136).

- c. **Award of Bid 26-100-PM Annual Fiber Optic Cabling for Information and Telecom Services (ITS). - 25-00513**

Fiscal Note:

ITS budgeted \$20,000.00 in 001.16.1601.519.31.00 (professional services) for fiber optic cabling services for Telecom.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the Award of 26-100-PM Annual Fiber Optic Cabling to MCS of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a, Mission Critical Solutions, Inc. at the rates bid by Mission Critical Solutions as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation spreadsheet.

- d. **Award of Bid 26-101-PM Annual Telephone Cabling-Network Cabling for Information and Telecom Services (ITS). - 25-00514**

Fiscal Note:

ITS budgeted \$40,000.00 in 001.16.1601.519.31.00 (professional services) for network cabling services for Telecom.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the Award of 26-101-PM Annual Telephone Cabling-Network Cabling to MCS of Tampa, Inc. d/b/a, Mission Critical Solutions, Inc. at the rates bid by Mission Critical Solutions as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation spreadsheet.

- e. **Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 26-247-A-MM Balu Forest –**

Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation. - 25-00523

Fiscal Note:

Caretaking, maintenance and security services are being provided to the County at no cost. Entering into this agreement will save the County the cost of certain caretaking services that will be performed by the hunter/caretakers.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate agreements with the top ranked hunt group for RFP 26-247-A-MM Balu Forest – Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services.

1.Southern Dirt Works, Inc.

2.Doug Mercer

3.A.T.N & Associates, Inc.

4.SIMS, Inc.

5.Larry J. Smith

6.RCM Utilities, LLC

Should the staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the top-ranked group, negotiations with the unsuccessful group will be terminated. Negotiations with the second ranked firm may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until an agreement is reached, and so forth.

f. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 26-247-E-MM Santa Fe Rivers Headwaters Preserve - East Tract -Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation. - 25-00524

Fiscal Note:

This is for Ranking only. No fiscal impact until the agreement is approved by the Board.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate agreement with the top ranked hunt group for RFP 26-247-E-MM Santa Fe Rivers Headwaters Preserve - East Tract -Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services Agreement:

1.A.T.N & Associates, Inc.

2.SIMS, Inc.

Should the staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the top-ranked group, negotiations with the unsuccessful group will be

terminated. Negotiations with the second ranked firm may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until an agreement is reached, and so forth.

- g. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 26-239-MM Northeast Flatwoods - Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation. - 25-00568**

Fiscal Note:

This is for Ranking only. No fiscal impact until the agreement is approved by the Board.

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate agreements with the top ranked hunt group for RFP 26-239-MM Northeast Flatwoods – Alachua County Preserves Hunting Services Agreement:

1. Doug Mercer
2. A.T.N & Associates, Inc.
3. SIMS, Inc

Should the staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the top-ranked group, negotiations with the unsuccessful group will be terminated. Negotiations with the second ranked firm may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until an agreement is reached, and so forth.

- h. Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 25-516 with VE Whitehurst & Sons Inc., in the amount of \$38,500.00 for Public Works. - 25-00528**

Fiscal Note:

The FY25 Public Works Budget funds in the operating category to cover this increase. Limerock materials is budgeted in account 149.79.7900.541.53.00 in the operating category under the description of road materials and supplies.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the issuance of Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 25-516 with VE Whitehurst & Sons Inc., in the amount of \$38,500.00. The revised Blanket Purchase Order is \$88,500.00.

- i. Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 25-16 with Wex Bank, increasing the amount by \$14,000.00 for Fire Rescue. - 25-00545**

Fiscal Note:

Fire Rescue has sufficient budget to cover the increase of \$10,000.00 to 011.54.5480.522.52.23 (Fuel) and \$4,000.00 to 091.54.5450.526.52.23 (Fuel). This change order increases the purchase order total from \$49,999.00 to \$63,999.99.

Strategic Guide:

Recommended Action:

Approve the issuance of Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 25-16 with Wex Bank, increasing the amount by \$14,000.00. The revised Purchase Order Total is \$63,999.99.

10. Sheriff's Office

a. Byrne Grant Countywide Application, Fiscal Year 24-Project Approval - 25-00509

Fiscal Note:

No matching funds required. No immediate fiscal impact.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Recommended Action:

Approve the Byrne Advisory Board's recommendation for the distribution of the funds as presented in the attached "51% Letter". Authorize the Chair to sign the letter and other forms related to the Fiscal Year 2024 application and award.

S. Notation for Record

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee March 27, 2025 Minutes - 25-00488

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Recommended Action:

No action necessary. For informational purposes only.

T. Notice of Upcoming Meetings

Below is the link to the most up-to-date Alachua County Meetings & Events Calendar.

<https://alachuacounty.us/events/Pages/default.aspx>