

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 11:30 A.M.  
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium  
County Administration Building  
Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Regular Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Anna Prizzia; Vice Chair Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

- A. Invocation - 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

Items Pulled from Consent

- 21. Alachua County Commission Appointments to Boards and Committees 2023  
23-0235

**Recommended Action:** Appoint County Commissioners to boards and committees for 2023 as approved by the County Commission Chair

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Strategic Guide:** N/A

- 23. Healthcare Advisory Board Resolution Modifying Membership and Extending the Sunset Date 23-0158

**Recommended Action:** Adopt the Resolution

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Strategic Guide:** Social and Economic Opportunity

Item Continued

(This item will be continued to a special meeting on February 6, 2023.)

6. Alachua County Jail Inmate Fees 23-0219

**Recommended Action:** Approve Phone Recommendation Option 3.

**Fiscal Consideration:** County will receive approximately \$300,000 in annual commission

**Strategic Guide:** All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Commissioner Cornell moved** adoption of the Regular/Consent agenda as amended above and adding Employee Compensation and Behavioral Health as topics under County Manager Reports.

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins, Kali Blount, and Commissioner Cornell who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

E. Announcements

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton presented the following announcement:

1. The Home for the Holidays adoption event was this weekend and was a great success. 20 animals were adopted 6 animals were long term residents including Cedric who was in the facility for over a year.

F. Recognitions

1. Retirement recognition for Prasad Kuchibhotla, Environmental Professional Engineer, Environmental Protection Department. 23-0155

**Recommended Action:** Recognize Mr. Kuchibhotla for his 25 years, 4 months of dedicated service by presenting him with a token of appreciation.

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Strategic Guide:** N/A

Human Resources Director Heather Akpan and EPD Director Stephen Hofstetter presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia recognized Prasad Kuchibhotla who presented comments to the Board.

G. Advisory Board and Committee Items

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2. Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Appointments  
23-0186  
**Recommended Action:** Appoint citizens to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
**Fiscal Consideration:** None  
**Strategic Guide:** Housing

Chair Prizzia recognized Robert Mermer, Daniel Jacobs and Kali Blount who expressed their desire to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Chair Prizzia read into the record an email received from Gilbert Levy.

**Commissioner Alford moved** appointment of Robert Mermer as the citizen representative of labor actively engaged in home building to a term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Wheeler

**Commissioner Alford moved** appointment of Kali Blount as the citizen who resides in Alachua County to a term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Chestnut

**Commissioner Cornell moved** appointment of Daniel Jacobs as the citizen actively engaged in real estate professional in connection with affordable housing representative to a term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Alford

**Commissioner Cornell moved** appointment of Gilbert Levy as the actively engaged in banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing representative to a term ending in September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Alford

Housing Programs Manager Stephen Weeks and Assistant County Attorney Diane Johnson presented comments to the Board.

**Commissioner Alford moved** to amend the Resolution to increase the Board to 11 members.

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Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins who presented comments to the Board.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Cornell moved** appointment of Julie Matheney as the citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing representative to a term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Alford

**Commissioner Alford moved** appointment of Janice Crews as the citizen actively engaged in residential building industry in connection with affordable housing representative to term ending September 30, 2026. The motion carried 5-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cornell

3. Gubernatorial Recommendation for Appointment of Individuals to the Children's Trust of Alachua County 23-0069

**Recommended Action:** Select at least three names from the applications received to nominate to the Governor to fill the Incumbent seat of Dr. Snyder and select at least three names to fill the vacated seat of Dr. Labarta. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Governor's Office with the nominated names.

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Chair Prizzia recognized April Tisher, Elizabeth Patton, Stephen Pennypacker, Patricia Snyder, Rachel Coleman, Shannon Prieto, and Adam Joy who expressed their desire to serve on the Children's Trust Board.

Deputy Clerk Donahey called on each Commissioner for their 6 nominations.

Commissioners Cornell and Prizzia nominated Mary Chance, Rachel Coleman, Anthony Delisle, Adam Joy, Stephen Pennypacker, and Patricia Snyder.

Commissioners Alford and Wheeler nominated Mary Chance, Rachel Coleman, Adam Joy, Stephen Pennypacker, Shannon Prieto, and Patricia Snyder.

Commissioner Chestnut nominated Mary Chance, Rachel Coleman, Adam Joy, Leanne Lawrence, Stephen Pennypacker, and Patricia Snyder.

Deputy Clerk Donahey called on each Commissioner for a tie breaking vote between Anthony Delisle and Shannon Prieto.