

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special 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

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved adoption of the agenda.

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Items for Discussion

1. Update on Newberry Meat Processing Facility 23-0618
Recommended Action: Direct staff to continue with due diligence work on the Newberry Environmental Park site and report back to the Board.
Fiscal Consideration: The total estimated cost of the Newberry Meat Processing Facility is \$5.25 million. At the December 6, 2022, Board meeting, the Commission allocated \$2,500,000 from ARPA - SLFRF until 12/31/2026. Project # ARP2021x014. Staff has submitted State and Federal Legislative requests for the balance of funds.
Strategic Guide: Social and Economic Opportunity

Economic Development & Food Systems Manager Sean McLendon, EPD Director Stephen Hofstetter, Newberry Mayor Marlowe, City Manager Mike New, Dr. Christa Court, Dr. Betsy Riley, Mr. Nix, Dr. Cindy Sanders, and Dr. Chad Carr presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Alford, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

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Commissioner Alford moved to direct staff to continue with due diligence work on the site and report back to the Board.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Chair Prizzia recognized Bill Martin, Chris Carting, Deborah Chiyon, Shannon Brooke, Mat, Amy Van Scoik, Leah Cohen, Sheela, Melena Waltz, Evan, Hal Knowles, Ted, Andria, Wesley Hucker, Priscilla Kaplan, Tanya Freeman, Heart Phoenix, Michael Freeman, Cody Yelton, Noah Praamsma, Harris Max, Kelly Brew, Dave Lieberman, Tammy Wilhelm, Mandy, Michael Wilhelm, Elizabeth Howard, Doug Marisnick, Patricia Rizzo, Jonathan Leslie, Elizabeth, Bruce Borders, Nancy Darren, Joe Hill, Kevin Coleman, Ms. Finnegan, Jeb Mitchell, Shaina, Brett Elise, Roy Watson, Christa Mosley, Mayor Jordan Marlowe, John, Joy Glanzer, Richard Feagle, Ms. Montanelli, Stephan Davis, Larry Williams, Karen Herrington, Lee Pinkoson, Trip Norfleet, Hannah, a citizen, a citizen, Jason Butchie, Tamara Robbins, and Tyler Forest who presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the substitute motion to direct staff to discontinuing work on a County owned meat processing facility. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

The motion carried 4-1 Commissioner Cornell voting “Nay”.

Closing Comments

Public Comment

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.