

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 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 Marihelen Wheeler and Commissioner Ken Cornell

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

Approval of Agenda

Chair Prizzia recommended changes to the agenda to move item #6 below item #1.

**Commissioner Alford moved** approval of the agenda with the recommend changes by Chair Prizzia moving item #6 to item #1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cornell

**The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Items for Discussion**

6. Fiscal Year (2024) FY24 Budget Development - Sheriff Budget Request 23-0771

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Sheriff Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

Chief of staff Lance Yeager, Chief of staff Danielle Judd and Miss Patty Justice presented the above item.

Chief of Staff Lance Yeager read a letter to the Board on behalf of Sheriff Watson in his absence. Chief of Staff Danielle Judd reviewed ASO highlights. There are no additional FTEs request and No Enhancements. Request of a 6% increase across the board.

The impact of a 6% Entry level salary would be the following:

Sworn - \$\$49,844 - \$50,000

Civilian - \$36,380

CCC - \$40,369

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Ms. Judd states that the sheriff would like to have a workshop with the Board to discuss critical facilities master space planning.

Commissioner Cornell, Danielle Judd, County Manager Lieberman, Danielle Judd, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Chair Prizzia, and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented comments.

1. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development - Judicial Offices Budget Request 23-0766

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Judicial Offices Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

Trial Court Administrator Michael Reed, Public Defender Stacey Scott, and State Attorney Finance Director Michelle presented the above item.

Trial Court Administrator Michael Reed stated the following Budget Enhancements Request:

- \$12,000 in I.T. operating expenses – this would be used to roll out multifactor authentication for all the judges and court staff in the 8<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit. \$8,000 would be by Alachua County and the other \$4,000 would be reimbursed by the other five counties in the 8<sup>th</sup> circuit per the cost sharing agreement.
- One part time position for the Probate Case Manager position.

Public Defender Stacey Scott states that she does not have a budget increase request for her office only a continuation of the current budget given.

State Attorney Finance Director Michelle Signer states that they are only requesting a continuation budget.

Ms. Kathleen with Guardian AD Litem states they're also asking for a continuation budget.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Public Defender Stacey Scott, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Kathleen with Guardian ad litem program, Chair Prizzia, and Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby all presented comments.

Commissioner Alford exits meeting at 10:55am

Commissioner Alford returns to meeting at 10:57am

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2. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development - Tax Collector Budget Request 23-0767

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Tax Collector Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

John Power Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer Marcian Brown Presented the above item.

John Power Tax Collector states the office supports the manager's guideline on the 6% increase for staff and the proposed insurance premium update.

Vice Chair Alford, Chair Prizzia, John Power Tax Collector, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Wheeler all presented comments.

3. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development - Clerk of Courts Budget Request 23-0768

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Clerk of Courts Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

Clerk of the Courts J.K. "Jess" Irby and Chief Deputy Comp Controller Todd Hutchison presented the above item.

Clerk of the Courts J.K. "Jess" Irby stated the clerk of courts is asking for a continuation budget. His office is looking to match what the county is offering to their employees of the compensation increases, health insurance increases and FRS.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Clerk of the Courts J.K. "Jess" Irby presented comments.

4. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development - Property Appraiser Budget Request 23-0769

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Property Appraiser Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

Property Appraiser Ayesha Solomon Presented the above item. She stated she is requesting no additional FTEs. She is requesting an increase of \$24,000 for continuing education and \$100,000 for security.

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Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Vice Chair Alford presented comments.

5. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development - Supervisor of Election Budget Request 23-0770

**Recommended Action:** Hear the Supervisor of Election Budget Request.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None

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

Supervisor of Elections Kim Barton and Chief Deputy Carl presented the above item.

Budget Request:

- Four additional full time staff positions which will be \$280,974 this will include salary, FICA, retirement and health insurance.

The positions are:

One Vote by Mail Clerk

One Election Worker Specialist

Two Elections Operation Clerks

-Request to increase Election Workers pay rate

Increase in cost for Election workers would be \$93,151

The Total Cost for all of the proposed requests for FY 23-24 is \$374,125

Chair Prizzia, Vice Chair Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Chestnut, Vice Chair Alford, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

**Closing Comments**

Public Comment

There were no public comments presented at this time.

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### Commission Comment

Commissioner Cornell stated he is supportive throughout the entire organization and the constitution making 6.32% if possible. He further stated that the state and the federal government are offering potential grants for capital for law enforcement and he believes the county should explore what grants are available for future.

Commissioner Wheeler said she is excited to be a part of the community and proud of the leadership she has witnessed.

Commissioner Alford presented comments stating she attended the citizens' academy and spoke with several citizens who stated that they were impressed by the work in the county.

Chair Prizzia said that she agrees if there are grants available for facilities and infrastructure then the county should consider pursuing those if available.

### **Adjourn**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm