

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Cuscowilla Nature & Retreat Center Lodge
210 SE 134th Avenue
Micanopy, Florida

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

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

City Mayor Jiana Williams, Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner Judy Galloway, Commissioner Kevin Putansu, Commissioner Ken Wessberg, and Commissioner Ginny Mance

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

City Attorney Kiersten Ballou, Town administrator Clerk Sara Owen, Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

A. A tour will be available for members of the public at 5pm and conclude in time for the start of the 6pm meeting

B. Call to Order

City Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

C. Welcome

D. Introduction

Mayor, Jiana Williams, Town of Micanopy
Chair, Anna Prizzia, Alachua County Commission

E. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Action: To approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Alford

The motion carried 5-0.

Town Commissioner Putansu moved to approve the agenda.

2nd Town Commissioner Galloway

The motion carried 5-0.

F. Items for Discussion

1. Alachua County Tree Planting Program and Interlocal Agreements Update – 23-00127

Conservation Lands Manager Andi Christman presented the above item.

Ms. Christman displayed a map showing tree planting sites and where trees have been planted in the last five years. Ms. Christman also stated the County is looking to partner with the different municipalities to plant more trees.

Commissioner Wheeler, Town Commissioner Mance, and Mayor Jiana Williams presented comments.

Mayor Jiana Williams recognized a citizen, and another citizen who presented comments.

2. Infrastructure Surtax Update

Conservation Lands Manager Andi Christman presented a brief presentation of the above item.

**WSPP COUNTY SURTAX PROGRAMS
2023-2032 BIG PICTURE**

- Projected total 10-Year County* WSPP surtax funds = **\$194M****
 - \$6M off the top to Municipalities for joint WSPP projects with County
 - 80% Conservation Lands/20% Active Parks County Funding Allocation

Conservation Lands 10-Year Plan

- Conservation Land Acquisition
 - ACF Conservation Lands
 - Agriculture Protection Program
- Preserve Infrastructure Development
- Preserve Operation & Maintenance

Parks and Open Space Master Plan

- Active Park Improvements
- New Active Park Acquisition
- Active Park Operation & Maintenance

* After initial State dispersal to municipalities and County.

** Estimate provided by OMB, projections using FL Dept of Revenue estimates with 4% growth annually.

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Conservation Lands – 23-00124

Ms. Christman presented the above item, displaying maps of lands purchased, a map showing the active acquisition list, and the Florida Wild Corridor that are a priority for land purchases.

WSPP SURTAX PERCENTAGE SPLITS*

	10 YEAR TOTAL (estimated)	PER YEAR (estimated)
80%/20% Split		
Conservation Lands	\$ 150,652,505	\$ 15,065,250
Parks	\$ 37,663,126	\$ 3,766,313

Alachua County,
Florida


**Estimates provided by OMB, projections using FL Dept of Revenue estimates with 4% growth annually.
Splits established by the BOCC at special policy meeting on 2/7/2023.*

Parks & Open Spaces – 23-00125

Parks & open Space Director Jason Maurer presented the above item.


Mr. Maurer displayed the improvements made at some parks currently. Mr. Maurer also informed the Town of the County Parks Master Plan Process.

Parks Masterplan Guiding Principles




PROVIDE FOR TODAY AND PLAN FOR TOMORROW
Parks provide for the needs of current users and respond to future trends.

- To achieve equity, Parks throughout the county are of a consistent quality and meet basic standards.
- Amenities offered respond to the needs of surrounding park users achieved through a community engagement process.
- Amenities planned for future parks respond to trends and forecasting.



PROXIMITY AND ACCESS
All residents have access to opportunities for play and recreation:

- Each resident lives within a close range of either a neighborhood park (1-mile urban or 2-miles rural) or a community park (3-miles urban or 6-miles rural).
- A robust network of trails and pathways connect users with park amenities.
- Parks provide amenities to facilitate multi-modal access.




INCLUSIVITY AND SAFETY
Parks are safe and welcoming to multicultural users of all ages and abilities:

- Each park provides facilities usable by people of all ages and abilities.
- Each park promotes safe and inclusive spaces for all users.



NATURAL ALACHUA
Alachua County residents have access to nature-based recreation:

- Residents have access to nature trails and water-based activities.
- Parks leverage natural assets for environmental education and interpretation.



COMMUNICATION
Park users are aware of park and programming offerings:

- Residents can easily find and share information about available amenities and upcoming events.
- Partnership between departments and agencies allow for efficient and expanded park programming opportunities.

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Town Commissioner Maurer, Town Commissioner Wessberg, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Mayor Jiana Williams, Commissioner Wheeler, Town Commissioner Mance, Commissioner Cornell, and Chair Prizzia all presented comments.

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Roads – 23-00126

Fiscal Note: Funding sources include General Fund Transfer, Infrastructure Surtax (70% of ½), Grants, 5 Cent Local Option Gas Tax (ELM Nickel), Impact Fees, and Multi Modal Transportation

Alachua County Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

Mr. Gavarrete gave an overview of the County's 10 year plan towards road pavement management. Briefly explaining the current roads that are being worked on.

- **Things to Take Away**
 - **There is a limited budget**
 - **Not all roads will be fixed in the first 10 years**
 - **Additional roads can be selected if revenues increase**
 - **Additional roads will be repaired as the County receives grants**
 - **BOCC will review the 10-year road list on May 23, 2023.**
- **Good News**
 - **Incorporating Inequity Areas raised the overall County PCI**
 - **Most of the highly travelled collector roads, which yielded most of the work orders, will be repaired**
 - **Paving will start this Summer**
 - **You will see an improvement in the County's road system**

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Jiana Williams, and Chair Prizzia all presented comments.

Mayor Jiana Williams recognized a citizen, and another citizen who presented comments.

3. The Preserve Annex Transfer – 23-00128

A general conversation was had between the County and Town of Micanopy regarding The Preserve Annex Transfer.

County staff has been directed to place a Conservation Easement on the property and move forward with the documents needed to transfer the property to the town of Micanopy at a future date and the Board will review the matter prior to the transfer. The transfer will be a part of the joint WSPP project from the prior surtax.

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Sylvia Torres, Chair Prizzia, Town Commissioner Mance, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Jiana Williams, and Chair Prizzia all presented comments.

4. Micanopy Fire Rescue Services – 23-00131

Fiscal Note: One-time capital expenditure \$2.1M and recurring expenditure of \$1.66M with a proposed offset of \$503K

\$ 95,000 – 011.54.5480.325.2000 - Additional Assessment Revenue

\$ 135,000 – 011.54.5480. To Be Determined – Agreed payment for 7 years

\$1,662,208 – 011.54.5480.522.12.10 – 13 Full-Time Employees (FTEs)

\$1,394,000 – 011.54.5480.522.64.00 – Equipment

\$ 500,000 – 011.54.5480.522.62.00 – Temporary Building

\$ 198,807 – 011.54.5480.522.30.00 – Various Operating Expenses

(\$280,520) – 011.54.5480.522.34.00 – Reduced expense not paying Micanopy for responses

Strategic Guide: Public Safety

Recommended Action: Authorize Staff to:

- Draft an interlocal agreement with the Town of Micanopy to assume fire services effective October 1, 2023, under the following conditions:
- The Town of Micanopy passes a consent ordinance to join the Fire Assessment no later than June 16, 2023
- The Town of Micanopy agrees to pay Alachua County \$135,000 per year for 7 years
- Authorize the additional 13.0 FTEs effective October 1, 2023
- Utilize MSBU reserves for the purchase of Apparatus, Equipment, and a Temporary Station. (\$2.1 million) Pursue the Cuscowilla Property as a temporary location with a future buildout of permanent structure.

Mayor Jiana Williams briefly spoke on fire station.

Fire Chief Harold Theus gave a presentation on the above item.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Fire Chief Theus, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Jiana Williams, Town Commissioner Wessberg, Chair Prizzia, and Commissioner Cornell all presented comments.

A citizen, fire Chief Theus, a citizen, a citizen, Clerk Owens, Mayor Williams, Chief Theus, a citizen, a citizen, Chief Theus, Commissioner Alford, Mayor Williams, Chair Prizzia, a citizen, a citizen, Chief Theus, Chair Prizzia, and Commissioner Cornell all presented comments.

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Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

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- Authorize the hire of the 13 FTEs on a time frame to be operational by October 1st, 2023
- Work with the city to draft a letter to both the ISO providers and the citizens of Micanopy notifying them of the changes

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Mayor Williams recognized a citizen, a citizen, a citizen, and a citizen who presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Town Commissioner Galloway moved the following:

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2nd Town Commissioner Wessberg

The motion carried 5-0.

5. Conveyance of Cholokka Boulevard to Micanopy – 23-00132

The Commissioners discussed the possible transfer of ownership of the above road.

Alachua County Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete stated that the city has requested several times to construct projects in the county right of way. It makes sense for the city to take control of the road so that they can construct the project so that is what staff is recommending.

Commissioner Alford, Mr. Gavarrete, Commissioner Cornell, and Town Commissioner Mance presented comments.

Mayor Jiana Williams recognized a citizen, a citizen, a citizen, a citizen, and a citizen who presented comments.

Mayor Jiana Williams, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

G. Public Comment

A citizen, a citizen, and a citizen presented comments.

H. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated the reason for the meeting being at Cuscowilla is so the citizens can see what's available to the town. Also stated that an education center will be available soon at Cuscowilla.

Commissioner Cornell stated he would like to thank the town for reaching out to meet and he would like to thank both the County Staff and Micanopy Staff for the work they have done. Commissioner also stated he looks forward to working with everyone.

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Commissioner Alford would like to thank everyone for having the County Commissioners present. Commissioner also stated if anyone is having a hard time due to finances and it's hard to buy necessities or pay insurance that she is willing to talk to Social services department and try to find resources that they may qualify for to help citizens in need.

Commissioner Chestnut stated it was an honor and pleasure to be in the meeting. Also Commissioner stated that the citizens concerns are very important to the County and he looks forward to serving them.

Chair Prizzia would like to thank everyone for attending and the Town for having the County present.

City Commission Comment

Town Commissioner Mance stated she is appreciative for the county participation to assist the town of Micanopy.

Town Commissioner Wessberg thanked the County for all of the help they are providing to the town.

Town Commissioner Putansu stated that they are appreciative of the county helping out with the fire department also he thanked the citizens for being a part of the meeting.

Mayor Jiana Williams thanked the County for all of the assistance given to the town and stated she looks forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with the county.

I. Adjourn

Recommended Action: To adjourn meeting

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourn at 9:16 P.M.