

Monday, May 22, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
Alachua City Hall  
151000 NW 142<sup>nd</sup> Terrace  
Alachua, 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

Mayor Gib Coerper, Vice Mayor Dayna Miller, City Commissioner Jennifer Blalock, City Commissioner Shirley Green Brown, and City Commissioner Ed Potts

- A. Call To Order
- B. Welcome
- C. Introduction
  - 1. Mayor, Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
  - 2. Chair, Anna Prizzia, Alachua County Commission
- D. Adoption of the Agenda  
**Recommended Action:** To approve the Agenda.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Prizzia out of the room.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Chestnut

- E. Items For Discussion
  - 1. Alachua County Tree Planting Program and Interlocal Agreements Update - 23-00153

Conservation Land Program Manager Andi Christman presented the above item.

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Ms. Christman stated that the County is looking for opportunities to partner with agencies to find locations to plant trees. If the City of Alachua has any suitable locations for tree plantings the County would appreciate being able to plant trees on the site.

Chair Prizzia entered at 6:06 P.M.

Mayor Coerper and Vice Mayor Miller presented comments.

2. Infrastructure Surtax Update

a. Conservation Lands - 23-00154

Land Conservation Programs Manager Andi Christman presented the above item.

Ms. Christman displayed maps that showed the lands that have been purchased, those that are on the acquisition list, and the State wild life corridor that are a priority for land purchases. She advised that this cycle will make the conservation of farm land a priority through the purchase of conservation easements which will pay the landowners for the development rights on the land but allow it to continue to be used for agricultural purposes. The Hitchcock Ranch is a great example of this practice. The tax is expected to raise \$150,000,000 for conservation lands and \$37,500,000 for the County active parks.

Mayor Coerper, Chair Prizzia, Vice Mayor Miller, Commissioner Wheeler, City Commissioner Green-Brown, and City Commissioner Blalock presented comments.

b. Parks and Open Space - 23-00155

Parks and Open Space Director Jason Maurer presented the above item.

Mr. Maurer informed the City of the Parks Master Plan process that the County undertook and displayed the results of the plan to the City showing them the plans for the City of Archer area to meet the needs of the community.

Mayor Coerper, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, and City Commissioner Blalock presented comments.

c. Roads - 23-00156

**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

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

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Mr. Gavarrete explained the County's 10 year plan towards road pavement management. He advised that a software called AgileAssets has been employed to help maximize the effectiveness of the revenues spent and that inequity has been factored into the formula to help address some of the historical failings of road funding. He advised that some bonds the County issued for road paving will be paid off in 2027. The staff is looking to reissue bonds in 2028 to make an additional \$9,000,000 in funds available for road projects.

Mayor Coerper, Chair Prizzia, City Commissioner Blalock, Vice Mayor Miller, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

3. Fire Station and Trunked Radio System Update - 23-00157

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Strategic Guide:** Public Safety

**Recommended Action:** Discussion Only

Fire Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

Chief Theus stated that an agreement has been reached for the County to purchase the GRUCom radio system. The attorneys are currently working on the contract. The County has projected the cost and will send an agreement to the City for the service. The agreement will have a fixed cost for 5 years so that the City will be able to budget for the contract. Phase 2 of the process will be an expansion of the service and develop the pricing to the users of the system. The County sees this as a vital service and is not looking to make money off the system. It will cover the cost and funds for necessary enhancements to the system.

Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Peebles, Vice Mayor Miller, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

F. Public Comment

Mayor Coerper recognized Bruce Borders, Dave, Paula Suarez, Robert Sharp, Chris Mauston, James Cunningham, and Richard Bryan presented comments.

G. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

1. County Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

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2. City Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

H. Adjourn

**Recommended Action:** To adjourn the meeting

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.