



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Minutes

May 23, 2023, 11:30 AM

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

Also Present: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Staff Absent: Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels, Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles, Deputy County Attorney Bob Swain, Deputy Clerk Casey Miller, Admin Kimberly Kittle, Admin Gina Peebles

A. Invocation

Reverend Melissa Pisco of Celebration United Methodist Church provided the Invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Prizzia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Call to Order

Chair Prizzia called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

Chair Prizzia recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

Resolution Number: Adoption of the Regular and Consent Agenda with moving Item 1 on consent to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Cornell

Carried (5 to 0)

E. Announcements

Communications Director, Mark Sexton, presented the following announcements:

1. Ribbon Cutting for the Sports Event Center at Celebration Pointe.
2. The Climate Fair at Cuscowilla Nature Center on June 2, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. The County is in the process of transitioning to a new agenda system and demonstrated the new software.

F. Legislative Update - Tom Griffin

County Lobbyist Tom Griffin presented the above item.

Mr. Griffin advised that the legislative session concluded on May 5, 2023. He stated that there were two projects that the County requested State funding. The Archer Braid Connector received \$2,500,000.00 and the Meat Processing Plant in Newberry received \$1,750,000.00. It is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

He stated that the State has pre-empted local Rent Control Efforts. Also the GRU local Bill has passed and will take effect June 1, 2023.

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

G. Approval of Recognitions

Resolution Number: Approval of the language of all Proclamations on the agenda.

Moved By Commissioner Chestnut
Seconded By Commissioner Cornell

Carried (5 to 0)

1. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring May 29, 2023, as Memorial Day in Alachua County, FL - 23-00119

Commissioner Cornell read and presented the Proclamation to Veteran Services Director Kim Davis who accepted it with gratitude.

Proclaim May 29, 2023, as Memorial Day in Alachua County, FL

2. A Proclamation Declaring May 2023, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Alachua County, Florida - 23-00120

Commissioner Alford read and presented the Proclamation to Crisis Center Director Ally Martinez who accepted it with gratitude.

Proclaim May 2023, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Alachua County, Florida

3. A Proclamation Declaring May 21 - May 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in Alachua County, FL - 23-00133

Commissioner Wheeler read and presented the Proclamation to Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete who accepted it with gratitude.

Proclaim May 21 - May 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in Alachua County, FL

4. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring May as Internal Audit Awareness Month - 23-00205

Commissioner Chestnut read and presented the Proclamation to Internal Auditor Mark Crain who accepted it with gratitude.

Proclaim May as "Internal Audit Awareness Month"

H. Board and Committee Items

1. Appointments to the Alachua County Land Conservation Board (LCB) - 23-00076

Chair Prizzia recognized Amy Schwartzer who expressed her desire to serve on the Land Conservation Board.

Deputy Clerk Donahey called on each Commissioner for their one nominee as the Natural Resources Professional Representative.

The Commission unanimously selected Amy Schwartzer.

Resolution Number: Appointment of Amy Schwartzer to a term ending September 30, 2025.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Appoint one representative to term ending September 30, 2025.

Carried (5 to 0)

2. Rural Concerns Advisory Committee Appointments 5.23.23 - 23-00058

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Appoint one applicant to a partial term beginning 6/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2025 for the specific membership category Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture; and appoint one applicant to a partial term beginning 6/01/2023 and ending 9/30/24 and a full term ending 9/30/2027 for the specific membership category Residing in the Unincorporated Area Outside the Urban Cluster Designated in the County Comprehensive Plan.

Carried (5 to 0)

3. Appointments to the Alachua County Historical Commission - 23-00168

Deputy Clerk Donahey called on each Commissioner for their one nominee for a the Representative to a term ending April 30, 2025.

Commissioners Chestnut, Cornell, Prizzia, and Wheeler nominated Jerald Cheesborough.

Commissioner Alford nominated Cyndi White.

Resolution Number: Appointment of Jerald Cheesborough as the Representative to a term ending April 30, 2025. Further appointment of Kaitlyn Hof-Mahoney and Cyndi White as the Representatives to terms ending April 30, 2026.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Appoint qualified applicants to vacant Citizen at Large positions

Carried (5 to 0)

I. Public Comments

Chair Prizzia recognized Cecilia Alexander and Cully Lord who presented comments.

J. Commission Response to the Public

K. Items Pulled From Consent

1. Budget & Fiscal Services

Grants

1. Budget Adjustments to the American Rescue Plan Act– State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Revenue Recovery – Unanticipated Revenue - 23-00109

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell and Chair Prizzia presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Approve the resolution and budget amendment to reallocate the General Rescue Plan Funds into the General Fund but hold off with regards to reaffirming the allocations until the Board discusses them in June.

Carried (5 to 0)

L. Presentations

1. Climate Vulnerability Analysis Presentation - 23-00078

Storm Water Project Manager Shane Williams and Jones Edmunds Consultant Justin Gregory presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, EPD Director Stephen Hoffstetter, Commissioner Wheeler, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Informational presentation, no action required

M. Action Items

1. Request to Advertise a Public Hearing to update Chapter 72 titled 'Animals' - 23-00064

Animal Resources Director Julie Johnson and Field Services Supervisor Fay, and Assistant County Attorney Diane Johnson presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Authorize staff to advertise the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance, as presented for the next available Commission meeting and bring back policies with regard to determinations for inhumane and dangerous dogs.

Carried (5 to 0)

2. Equal Distribution Split for Joint Infrastructure Surtax Projects - 23-00014

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Attorney Dave Forziano, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Resolution Number: Approve equal distribution between all nine cities (\$333,333 for Wild Spaces Public Places and \$333,333 for Infrastructure)

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Approve equal distribution between all nine cities (\$333,333 for Wild Spaces Public Places and \$333,333 for Infrastructure). Staff is to develop a standard application form to detail how the grant provides both countywide significance as laid out in the statute, and local significance for their respective municipality and that the form be reviewed by the Oversight Board.

Carried (5 to 0)

3. Interlocal Agreement and lease agreement for the Personnel with UF Health for a Mobile Stroke Transport Unit (MSTU) - 23-00053

Fire Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

Shands Representative, Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Approve the interlocal agreement with UF Health for the funding of the Mobile Stroke Transport Unit, approve the lease agreement for the

personnel, authorize the addition of five (5) FTEs (2 EMS Attendants, 2 EMT Drivers, and 1 Captain of EMS), adopt the resolution and approve the budget amendment to recognize the revenue and appropriate the funds, and authorize staff to impact bargain the addition of the Captain of EMS.

Carried (5 to 0)

4. Consideration of Transportation Capital Improvement Program including Roadways - Widening & Other Major Improvements, Roadways - Pavement Management Program with Minor Improvements - 23-00166

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete and Transportation Planning Manager Chris Dawson presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton,

Resolution Number: To adopt the 2023-2032 Transportation Capital Improvement Program as presented.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Carried (5 to 0)

5. Request Approval of World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships Chair Letter - 23-00196

Tourist Development Manager Jessica Hurov presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, Assistant County Attorney Diane Johnson, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Cornell

Direct staff to draft a Chair letter that demonstrates our ability and desire to host the event and provide the vital infrastructure needed. It should also emphasize that the motion received unanimous support. Also work with Ms. Hurov and the consultant to ensure the letter is acceptable. Authorize the Chair to sign.

Carried (5 to 0)

N. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to Amend the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget for Alachua County May 2023 - 23-00191

Budget Manager Maureen Rischitelli presented the above item.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Adopt resolution and approve budget amendment.

Carried (5 to 0)

2. Adoption Hearing for Changes to Codes Related to Landscape Irrigation, Water Quality, and Water Conservation 23-00019 - 23-00019

Water Resources Program Manager Stacie Greco presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia announced that the Board will now convene as the Land Development Regulation Commission.

Resolution Number: Convene as the Land Development Regulation Commission and find the proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Convene as the Land Development Regulation Commission and find the proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and approve the ordinance.

Carried (5 to 0)

O. Reports and Comments

1. County Attorney Report

No reports offered.

2. County Manager Report

No reports offered.

3. Board Reports and Commission Comment

Flooding

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she would like to have a discussion in the future regarding legacy flooding in the County. There are homes that flood over and over. She would like for the Board to discuss purchasing these homes so that they will not sell them and create another victim. She stated that several of these families do not want to sell to another family but maybe financially forced to do so.

Chair Prizzia stated that she would like to discuss this matter as well as the berm for flood protection.

Public Works Director Ramone Gavarrete presented comments.

Approved Truck Routes

Commissioner Alford stated that many counties have approved truck routes. They do not worry about truck weights but rather establish approved routes and through GPS it appears that they get 90% compliance from drivers.

Public Works Director Ramone Gavarrete and Assistant County Manager Daniels presented comments.

Letter of Support

Chair Prizzia requested a letter of support for Rebuilding Together's USDA grant application.

Gun Safety Event

Chair Prizzia stated that the City of Gainesville will be hosting a online gun safety event and she will be providing a recorded statement for the event. She advised that there is a request for the County to step up Public Service Announcements regarding Gun Safety.

Commissioner Cornell stated that he has had many conversations with City Commissioner Duncan-Walker on this matter .

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamarra Robins who presented comments.

Walk the Walk

Commissioner Alford stated that she just read a book called Walk the Walk tells the story of three communities that have serious crime issues in their communities through forward thinking policies.

Tourist Development Funds

Chair Prizzia stated that she would like to explore the possibility of using Tourist Development funds to be used for trail design in order to support applying for a Sun Trails Grant. She would like staff to explore the option and return to the Board with options.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Staff to bring back for discussion the berm on 91st Street and the Grant for the three neighborhoods so the Board could discuss all four options.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Chestnut

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Approval of a Chair letter in support of the grant application and authorize the Chair to sign.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Cornell

Refer to staff to investigate creating an approved truck routes map and benchmark against other counties to see how they are doing it and bring that back to us for discussion.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Refer to the County Communications staff to work with Pastors Association, The Sheriff, and our local police departments for PSA's for gun safety.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

To refer to staff to investigate the possibility of using Tourist Development Funds to design trails to support applying for Sun Trails grants when the TDC Grant is brought back.

Carried (5 to 0)

P. NOTE: This meeting will reconvene at 5:01 PM

Q. Public Comments

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins and Kimber Tuck presented comments.

Commissioner Alford inquired if the new legislation does affect the insurance coverage provided by the County to employees.

County Torres stated that staff is looking into the matter.

R. Commission Response to the Public

S. Action Items

1. Jail Inmate Telephone System Scope of Services - 23-00098

IT Director Kevin Smith presented the above item.

Mr. Smith stated that free phone calls will begin October 1, 2023. A buyout will be required if Securus is not selected. The buyout could be avoided by

pushing the RFP out about a year and a half. He provided a tentative timeline as follows for the project:

- Board Approves Scope of Services May 23, 2023
- OpenGov Release Project Date June 7, 2023
- RFP Rankings back to the Board September 2023
- Final Contract back for Board Approval October 2023

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Chair Prizzia recognized Kimber Tuck, IT Director Smith, County Attorney Torres, Deputy County Manager Smart, Tamarra Robbins, Max Tipping, Commissioner Cornell,

Commissioner Cornell requested that staff determine if the reports that the phone system does not work are correct report back to the Board so the service can be fixed. It is a County facility and he would like to ensure that the County commitment to customer service is maintained. It should not be different because the facility is a jail.

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Wheeler

Approve the Scope of Services for the Jail Inmate Telephone System

Carried (5 to 0)

2. Jail Inmate Fees - County Fee Schedule - 23-00095

Administrative Support Manager for Court Services Ron Akins presented the above item.

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

Chair Prizzia recognized Kimber Tuck, Alex Hood, Sheila Payne, Tamarra Robbins, and Max Tipping who presented comments.

Chair Prizzia recognized Tamara Robbins. Max Tippings, Alex Hood, Kimber Tuck, and Sheila Payne who presented comments on the second motion.

Moved By Commissioner Alford
Seconded By Commissioner Wheeler

Moved to remove all discretionary fees at the Jail.

Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Wheeler

1. Refer to staff to bring back to the Board prior to the adoption of the annual fees a County best practices of other Counties as far as what they are doing to reduce fees, particularly Miami-Dade.
2. Staff to contact the Sheriff and inform him of the Board's action to eliminate discretionary fees tonight and request he report to the Board the status of the commissary fees.
3. Adopt the Resolution presented by the County Attorney.

Carried (5 to 0)

T. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

To adjourn the meeting.

U. Consent Items

1. CareerSource
 1. Report of CareerSource Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) 2nd Quarter Unanticipated Grant Awards - 23-00162
Accept the report and adopt the attached budget resolution.
2. Communications Office
 1. Apple TV Policy Waiver - 23-00187
Waive the Policy
3. Community Support Services
 1. CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024 - 23-00045

Approve the CHOICES Indigent Care Surtax Use Plan October 1, 2023
- September 30, 2024

2. Special Projects and Community Enhancements (SPACE) Grants RFA
24-416-LC - 23-00046

Approve Request for Application (RFA) 24-416-LC with integrated
application and delegate authority to the County Manager to appoint
Grant Review Committee members.

3. Contract with Gainesville for All (GNV4ALL) Empowerment Zone
Family Learning Center - 23-00085

Approve the Agreement with Gainesville for All, Inc. (GNV4ALL),
including the mutual indemnification provision.

4. County Attorney's Office

1. County Attorney request to initiate or defend cases. - 23-00160

Approve the County Attorney's authority to initiate or defend the cases
described in the attached Litigation Report for May 23, 2023.

2. Appoint Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as Special Attorney to
represent Alachua County regarding the purchase of a trunked radio
system. - 23-00186

Appoint the law firm of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. as Special
Attorney.

5. Environmental Protection

1. Addition of Land Conservation Projects to the Alachua County Forever
Active Acquisition List - 23-00079

Approve the addition of the following properties on the Active
Acquisition List.

1.Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Foust (Full Price List)

2.Lochloosa Forest- Levy Prairie Connector – Richardson Brothers Inc.
(Conservation Easement, Full Price List)

6. Facilities Management

1. Budget Amendment 2023-2326 for Security Camera Project # 6231902
- 23-00086

Approve budget amendment 2023-2326

7. Fire Rescue

1. Mutual Termination to the agreement with HCA North Florida Regional Medical Center for Ambulance and Non-Medical Transportation Services - 23-00043

Approve the Mutual Termination to the agreement with HCA North Florida Regional Medical Center for Ambulance and Non-Medical Transportation Services.

2. Addendum Agreement between Alachua County and Zoll Data Systems, Inc. - 23-00101

Approve the Addendum Agreement between Alachua County and Zoll Data Systems, Inc. for Ambulance Clearinghouse and Claims Software Services

8. Growth Management

1. Replat for Royal Oaks Lot 19 - 23-00136

The Development Review Committee reviewed the Replat at its May 11, 2023 hearing and recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approve the Replat based on a finding of consistency with Florida Statutes, the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code.

2. Replat for Buckingham South Unit 2 Lot 35 - 23-00139

The Development Review Committee reviewed the replat at its May 11, 2023 hearing and recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approve the Replat based on a finding of consistency with Florida Statutes, the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code

9. Human Resources

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – 2023 Revisions to the Supervisor of Elections ELN Pay Plan, add one new classification “Elections Voter Services Coordinator” - 23-00020

Request approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 revisions to the Supervisor of Elections ELN Pay Plan.

2. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – 2023 Revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan-Add Radio Systems Manager classification - 23-00159

Request approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan.

10. Information and Telecommunication Services

Grants

1. Cyber Security Grant 23.05.23 - 23-00200

Accept the grant and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute the agreement as presented; authorizing the County Manager to sign all future grant related documents and agreements. Waive the County indemnification policy for this agreement.

11. Procurement

1. Report of Contracts Approved by County Manager and Staff during the month of April 2023 - 23-00041

Accept the report.

2. Change Order 2 to Blanket Purchase Order 23-137 to Murray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purchase of parts, supplies, and services for Public Works, Fleet Management. - 23-00061

Approve the issuance of Change Order 2 to Blanket Purchase Order 23-137 to Murray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purchase of parts, supplies, and services for Public Works, Fleet Management. The revised Blanket Purchase Order Total is \$100,000.00.

3. Purchase Order to Everglades Equipment Group, in the amount of \$75,784.92, for the purchase of three (3) 2023 John Deere FC15M Flex Wing Rotary Cutters, replacing RD1073, RD1074 and RD1075, for Public Works, Fleet Management. - 23-00065

Approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to EFE, Inc. d/b/a Everglades Equipment Group, in the amount of \$75,784.92, for the purchase of three (3) 2023 John Deere FC15M Flex Wing Rotary Cutters, replacing RD1073, RD1074 and RD1075, for Public Works, Fleet Management. Pricing, terms and conditions are per Sourcewell Agriculture Tractor Contract #110719.

4. Agreement #13817 with Greentrust Environmental Inc., in the amount not to exceed (NTE) \$100,000.00 annually, for the removal of invasive plants at Barr Hammock for Land Conservation and Management, Environmental Protection. - 23-00092

Approve Agreement #13817 with Greentrust Environmental Inc., in the amount (NTE) \$100,000.00 annually, for the removal of invasive plants at Barr Hammock for Land Conservation and Management, Environmental Protection and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

5. Purchase Order to OEC (Office Environment Center) Business Interiors, in the amount of \$53,813.70, for the purchase, delivery and installation of office furniture for the Crisis Center for Community Support Services. - 23-00105

Approve issuance of a purchase order to OEC Business Interiors, in the amount of \$53,813.70, for the purchase, delivery and installation of office furniture for the Crisis Center for Community Support Services. Prices, terms and conditions are per the Florida Department of Management Services, Furniture 56120000-19-ACS.

6. Purchase Order to SHI, for the purchase of Office 365, for the State Attorney's Office - 23-00097

Approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp., in the amount of \$60,914.64, for the purchase of Office 365, Exchange in the Microsoft Southeast Government Cloud, Windows Server licenses, and Remote Access licenses for the State Attorney's Office. Pricing per Sourcewell Request for Proposal (RFP) # 081419.

12. Risk Management

1. Minimum Vendor Insurance Requirements, 23-00182

Accept standard insurance requirements and allow staff to manage the risk management program in accordance with best practices.

2. Self-Insured Review Committee Recommendations (SIRC) - 4/6/2023 Meeting, 23-00181

Approve Recommendations of SIRC

V. Notation for Record

1. Land Conservation Board (LCB) Approved Minutes - 23-00051

No action necessary; for informational purposes only

W. Notice of Upcoming Meetings

1. Notice of Upcoming Meetings - 23-00011

N/A. For informational purposes only