



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Minutes

June 13, 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

A. Invocation

Pastor Graham Glover provided the Invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Call to Order

Chair Prizzia called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m..

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

Moved By Commissioner Alford

Seconded By Commissioner Cornell

Adoption of the Regular and Consent Agenda with the recommended changes remove item 3b from consent for a future meeting and move item 4.

Carried (5 to 0)

E. Announcements

Communications Director, Mark Sexton, presented the following announcements:

1. The 12th Annual Alachua County/City of Gainesville Employment Law Seminar will be hosted via ZOOM on June 18, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The seminar is available to all interested parties.

2. The County Manager will be presenting the 2023 annual report, the FYI 2024 budget message, and the Tentative Budget for 2024 will be presented to the Board this evening at 5:00 p.m.

F. Approval of Recognitions

Moved By Commissioner Chestnut
Seconded By Commissioner Alford

moved approval all Proclamations on the agenda.

Carried (5 to 0)

1. 2023 Alachua County Citizens Academy Graduates - 23-00256
Alachua County Citizens Academy Coordinator Donna Bradbrook presented the above item.
The Board thanked the citizens for their involvement in County Government and a photo with the graduating class was taken.
Recognize the graduates of the 2023 Alachua County Citizens Academy program and present the graduates with a Certificate of Completion and a copy of the Class Photo.
2. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring June 18-25, 2023, as Amateur Radio Week - 23-00233
Commissioner Alford read and presented the Proclamation to Col. David Huckstep and Col. Gallop who accepted it with gratitude.

G. Board and Committee Items

1. Advisory Board Update – Environmental Protection Advisory Committee - 23-00137
EPAC Chair David Moritz and EPAC Member George Papadi presented the above item.
Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Hear presentation

H. Public Comments

Chair Prizzia recognized Pete Rivera, Pastor Marty Moon, Mitch Fulsome, Cindy Bear, Elizabeth Howard, Tamara Robbins, and Sully Leonard who presented comments to the Board.

I. Commission Response to the Public

J. Items Pulled From Consent

K. Action Items

1. Public Hearing to Update Alachua County Code Chapter 72 on Animals - 23-00242

Animal Services Director Joy Johnson and Field Services Supervisor Faye Gould presented the above item.

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

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

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Wheeler

Hold the Public Hearing and adopt the proposed ordinance, as presented, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Carried (5 to 0)

2. City of High Springs Proposed Extension of Municipal Water and Sewer Lines - 23-00170

Senior Planner Ben Chumley presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Alford, Assistant City of High Springs Manager Bruce Gillingham, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Prizzia, Water Resources Programs Manager Staci Greco, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Chestnut, and County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Chair Prizzia recognized Rick Testi, Nancy Ivey, Catherine Whites, Tamara Robbins, Commissioner Alford, and Commissioner Cornell who presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Wheeler
Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Direct staff to work with the City of High Springs to prepare an interlocal agreement for County and City approval that would potentially allow for the extension of municipal water and sewer lines into the unincorporated area and shall include the following parameters:

1. The interlocal agreement shall be adopted by both the City and County prior to the City's adoption of its ordinance establishing a Utility Services District in accordance with Section 180.02 Florida Statutes and its ordinance addressing connections in the unincorporated area. The City's ordinances shall reflect any mutually agreed upon conditions of the interlocal agreement.
2. The interlocal agreement shall identify any potential basis for approval by the County Commission of the extension of water and sewer lines into the unincorporated area in accordance with Policy 3.1.5 of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Element.
3. The extension of municipal water and sewer services is limited to the corridor extending generally along NW County Road 236 from the current High Springs City Limits to the interchange with I-75 (a map depicting this area will be included in the interlocal agreement). Any future extensions outside of this area will be subject to additional approval by the BoCC.
4. Existing or proposed development around the interchange of I-75 and CR 236 on property with a "Tourist/Entertainment" land use designation pursuant to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan may connect to the City's water and sewer systems.
5. Proposed development within all other unincorporated areas not described in #4 above shall require additional approval by the County Commission to connect to the City's water and sewer systems.

6. The City's wastewater (sewer) line shall be engineered so that it is not available for connection, as defined in Florida Statutes, within the unincorporated areas other than those designated "Tourist Entertainment" pursuant to the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan around the I-75 interchange.
7. The City of High Springs acknowledges that a portion of the City's proposed Utilities Service Area is within the County Growth Management Area as designated in the Alachua County Home Rule Charter, and that development within that area is governed by the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations in accordance with the County's Charter.
8. The interlocal agreement shall address considerations relating to how potential future annexation into the City of High Springs may affect connection requirements. The updated map presented by the City of High Springs is the one to be used with the change to include the entire Tourist Area.

Carried (5 to 0)

3. Alachua County's 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Independent Audit. - 23-00251

Clerk of Court J.K. "Jess" Irby, Purvis Grey Independent Auditor Ron Whitesides, and Chief Deputy Todd Hutchison presented the above item.

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

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

Accept the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), and the Florida State Comptrollers Annual Financial Report (AFR). Authorize the Chair to certify the AFR to the State.

Acknowledge receipt of the audit reports and letters for Single Audit report from the County's independent Certified Public Accountants, Purvis Gray and Company, LLP. Acknowledge receipt of the Management Response

Letter to the Auditor General. Authorize the Clerk to transmit the ACFR and the Single Audit Report to the Auditor General. Acknowledge receipt of SAS 114 letter from Auditors.

Carried (5 to 0)

L. Public Hearings

1. Z22-000013: A Request for a Special Exception to Allow a Commercial Animal Raising Facility at 13916 SW Archer Road. - 23-00216

Senior Planner Gerald Brewington presented the above item.

Deputy County Attorney Bob Swain read the rules of procedure for the Quasi-Judicial Hearing.

Deputy Clerk Donahey issued the Oath to all those who wished to address the item.

Commissioner Wheeler, Agent for the Applicant Byron Flagg, Applicant Mr. Burrset, Commissioner Alford, and Chair Prizzia presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Alford

That the Special exception is consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Land Development Code with the basis and conditions as noted in the staff report and that the County Commission adopt Resolution Z-23-01 approving the requested special exception

Carried (5 to 0)

2. Public Hearing for Board of County Commission (Board) Consideration to Vacate a Portion of the Unimproved Rights-of-Way (Palmetto Drive) in the Plat of Palmetto Acres. - 23-00174

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

Deputy Clerk Donahey issued the oath to all those who wished to address this matter.

Moved By Commissioner Wheeler

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

To adopt the Resolution to vacate a portion of the streets as requested in the application for the Right-of-Way vacation of a portion of Palmetto Drive in the Plat of Palmetto Acres.

Carried (5 to 0)

3. Public Hearing to Vacate a Portion of the Rights-of-Way in the Revised Plat of Orange Heights - 23-00217 - 23-00217

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the above item.

Deputy Clerk Donahey issued the Oath to all those who wished to address this matter.

Moved By Commissioner Chestnut
Seconded By Commissioner Wheeler

Adopt the resolution vacate a portion of the unimproved rights-of-way and alleyways requested in the application for the Right of Way Vacation of a portion of Third Street and alleyways in the revised Plat of Orange Heights.

Carried (5 to 0)

M. Reports and Comments

1. County Attorney Report

There were no reports offered.

2. County Manager Report

There were no reports offered.

3. Board Reports and Commission Comment

Commissioner Cornell presented the following reports:

1. Coalition against bigger trucks

Commissioner Cornell stated that he was asked to go and represent Florida with the Coalition next week. He will have to miss the Eastside Ribbon Cutting Ceremony as a result.

2. Children's Trust Strategic Plan

Commissioner Cornell provided a copy of the strategic plan to the Commission. He stated that he is very happy with the plan. The two goals are Health and the second is safety.

3. Gun Violence Summit

Commissioner Cornell stated that the City is requesting that the County adopt a mirror resolution in support of the City of Gainesville's efforts.

Polling Place Liability

Commissioner Alford stated that she was very interested in the comments from North Gainesville Baptist Church. She would like to see what options are available to relieve the voting sites of liability for providing the service to the Community.

Deputy County Attorney Bob Swain stated that staff is working to provide license agreements to cover liability for voting sites. He advised that the injury in question did not occur during an election.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

Leveda Brown Issues

Commissioner Wheeler stated that the Board received an email regarding issues of concern at the Leveda Brown Transfer Station she would like to ensure that staff is looking into the matter.

Commissioner Cornell stated that he received a report from HR Director Heather Akpan that staff is already working on the matter.

County Manager Lieberman assured the Board the matters are being addressed.

Advisory Board Review

Chair Prizzia stated that she would like to have a discussion with regards to how the County Advisory Boards operate. There seems to be a wide range of latitude with procedures and processes.

Commissioner Alford would like to be included in that discussion how the County thanks citizens for their service when they leave their positions.

Prohibited Events at County Facilities

Chair Prizzia stated that she realized that Gun Shows are not on the list of prohibited activities. She would like to add these events to the list in light of the recent gun violence in the community.

Commissioner Cornell would like to have the list of prohibited activities of the city when this matter comes back before the Board.

Phone Calls at the Jail

Chair Prizzia stated that she had a conversation with the Sheriff regarding the free phone calls at the Jail. He advised that he is ready to implement the policy, but the County contract is set to begin October 1, 2023.

County Manager Lieberman stated that the free calls are in fact to begin October 1, 2023 as it is a budget impact for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell
Seconded By Commissioner Alford

To refer to staff the Gun Violence Resolution and direct staff to investigate to see what as a County can be required for security at gun shops.

Carried (5 to 0)

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

O. Public Comments

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

P. Commission Response to the Public

Q. Presentations

- 1. Annual Report Presentation - 23-00269

County Manager Lieberman presented the annual report.

A video of the accomplishments for the 2022- 2023 fiscal year was displayed. The video is available for review on the County website.

Some Highlights included the following:

- Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Mobile Stroke Transport Unit
- Climate Action Plan

- Irrigation Code Update
- Road projects funded by the new Surtax.
- Eco Loop
- Suicide Crisis Center
- Sports Event Center
- Central Receiving Facility

Chair Prizzia presented comments.

2. Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Development County Manager Budget Presentation - 23-00231

County Manager Lieberman presented the above item.

The tentative budget is recommending a millage decrease of .1248 mills. The two proposed increases in the budget are a \$10 increase in the Stormwater Fee and a increase in the Solid Waste Fees. These are necessary to deal with the effects of inflation on the provision of services. Based on the increase in property values it is expected that there will be an increase of 10.68% in the General Fund and a 9.05% increase in the MSTU Law Enforcement Fund.

She stated that the recommendation is to increase the County Minimum Wage to \$1700 and hour with 6%cost of living increase. There will be \$11,700,000 in surtax funds for road projects with an additional \$8,000,000 in general fund revenue. One million dollars is recommended to be placed in the affordable housing trust fund. The American Rescue Plan Act funds have been categorized as revenue recovery funds which will allow the funds to be used as directed by the Board without the shortened deadlines in the Act.

As for critical infrastructure needs the County is proceeding with plans to construct the addition to the Courthouse. This will free up the space in the current Civil Courthouse. The Armory Building has been purchased for the relocation of Fire Services Administration and the County continues to seek a new location for Animal Resources and Care.

Chair Prizzia and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

R. Public Hearings

1. Preliminary Development Plan for 122nd and Newberry Traditional Neighborhood Development located at 12130 W Newberry Road. (quasi-judicial) - 23-00225

Planner Leslie McLendon presented the above item.

Assistant County Attorney Corbin Hanson read the rules and procedures for the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Alford disclosed a conversation with Newberry Mayor Jordan Marlowe involving this application.

Deputy Clerk Donahey issued the oath to all those who wished to participate in the Hearing.

Agent for the Applicant Clay Sweger presented the application to the Board.

Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, and EPD Mark Brown presented comments.

Moved By Commissioner Cornell

Seconded By Commissioner Chestnut

Approve the proposed Preliminary Development Plan and Resolution DR-23-21 based on a finding of consistency with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code and include the 3 stipulations in the MOU as conditions.

Carried (5 to 0)

S. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

T. Consent Items

1. Community Support Services

1. Special Pay Request for use of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds - 23-00210

Approve the special pay request to vendors and authorize payment to Duffield Home Improvements and J & S Roofing & Construction.

2. Court Services

1. Approval of Annual Access Certification Statement for the Florida Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) - 23-00221

Authorize the County Manager to Sign the Annual Certification Statement
2. Lutheran Service of Florida, Inc. (LSF) Amendment 112, 23-00199

Approve the Lutheran Services of Florida Amendment 112, Resolution and Budget Amendment
3. Environmental Protection
 1. Contract w/ Florida Springs Council (FSC), #23-00063 - 23-00063

Execute contract and amend purchase orders and authorize release of \$50,000 from fund number 001.04.0490.519.31.00.
 2. Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) Appointment - 23-00228

Appoint five citizens to full term citizen-at-large positions ending June 30, 2026
4. Facilities Management
 1. #13475 First Amendment to Lease Agreement Between Alachua County and the Florida Department of Health, Alachua County, for Lease Space Located at 816 SW 64 Terrace, Gainesville, Florida - 23-00175

Approve the Lease Amendment allowing the clinic to offer health and dental services to the community
5. Fire Rescue
 1. Subgrant Agreement between Alachua County and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management related to Hurricane Nicole - 23-00193

Approve the Subgrant Agreement between Alachua County and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management to receive reimbursement for incurred costs from Hurricane Nicole
6. Human Resources

Grant

1. Request to add 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Environmental Specialist, Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Water Resources - 23-00207

Approve request for one additional full time Environmental Specialist position for EPD, Water Resources.
7. Information and Telecommunication Services
 1. Amendment 6 for Azteca Systems LLC Contract to add OpX Contracts to the Cityworks Enterprise License Agreement for Public Works. - 23-00219

Approve Amendment 6 for Azteca Systems LLC Contract to add OpX Contracts to the Cityworks Enterprise License Agreement for Public Works.
8. Procurement
 1. Change Order 1 to Purchase Order 23-766 to Fire Dex GW, LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 for cleaning and repair of Uniforms and Bunker Gear for Fire Rescue - 23-00142

Approve the issuance of Change Order 1 to Purchase Order 23-766 to Fire Dex GW, LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 for cleaning and repair of Uniforms and Bunker Gear for Fire Rescue. The revised Purchase Order total is \$70,000.00. Prices, terms, and conditions are per piggyback with Hillsborough, Florida Contract #222213780,0.
 2. Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 23-412 to Bennett Fire Products Co. Inc., in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of Uniforms, Bunker Gear and Miscellaneous items for Fire Rescue - 23-00141

Approve the issuance of Change Order 1 to Blanket Purchase Order 23-412 to Bennett Fire Products Co. Inc., in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of Uniforms, Bunker Gear, and Miscellaneous Items for Fire Rescue. The revised Purchase Order total is \$500,000.00. Prices, terms, and conditions are per piggyback with Lake County, Florida Contract #22-730B.
 3. First Amendment to the Agreements with Creative Concrete Design of Columbia County Inc., V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. and Preferred Materials, Inc. for Annual Asphalt Concrete Surfacing Services for Public Works. - 23-00145

Approve the following First Amendments and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements:

First Amendment 13740 between Alachua County and Creative Concrete Design of Columbia County Inc., for Annual Asphalt Concrete Surfacing Services.

First Amendment 13741 between Alachua County and Preferred Materials, Inc, for Annual Asphalt Concrete Surfacing Services.

First Amendment 13742 between Alachua County and V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc for Annual Asphalt Concrete Surfacing Services.

4. Addendum Agreements to the University of Florida (UF) Contracts for Annual On-Call Electrical Services. - 23-00203

Approve the following Addendum Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements:

13824 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Burgess and Dudley, Inc. d/b/a B&D Electrical

13825 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Craft Electric, Inc.

13826 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Del Sol Electric, LLC

13827 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Base 3 LLC d/b/a Gibson Electric

13828 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Preston-Link Electric, Inc.

13829 ADDENDUM AGREEMENT between Alachua County and Southern Atlantic Electric Company, Inc.

5. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-391 Engineering Services for Santa Fe Hills Water System Replacement for Public Works. - 23-00220

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 23-391 Engineering Services for Santa Fe Hills Water System Replacement for Public Works:

1. JBrown Professional Group, Inc.

2. Causseaux, Hewett, & Walpole, Inc. d/b/a CHW

Authorize staff to negotiate agreement with top ranked firm, JBrown Professional Group, Inc., and with the second ranked vendor Causseaux, Hewett, & Walpole, Inc. d/b/a CHW if negotiations with the top ranked vendor fail.

6. Contract 13812 with Southern Dirt Works, Inc., for the Lochloosa Slough Preserve Fiscal Year 23 (FY) Road Improvement Projects, for Environmental Protection. - 23-00215

Approve Contract 13812 with Southern Dirt Works, Inc., for the Lochloosa Slough Preserve FY23 Road Improvement Projects, in the amount not to exceed \$105,256.78, for Environmental Protection, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

7. 1st Amendment to Agreements for Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-224 Annual Property Appraisal Services for Public Works., 23-00144

Approve the following First Amendments and authorize the Chair to sign the agreements:

#13639 First Amendment between Alachua County and Santangini Appraisals, LLC for Annual Property Appraisal Services.

#13640 First Amendment between Alachua County and Pinel & Carpenter, Inc., for Annual Property Appraisal Services.

#13641 First Amendment between Alachua County and Clayton, Roper & Marshall, Inc., for Annual Property Appraisal Services.

#13642 First Amendment between Alachua County and Florida Property Consultants Group (aka Deighan Appraisal Associates, Inc.), for Annual Property Appraisal Services.

#13643 First Amendment between Alachua County and The Urban Group, Inc., for Annual Property Appraisal Services.

9. Solid Waste & Resource Recovery

1. First Amendment to Agreement #11937 with University of Florida for solid waste professional services - 23-00236

Approve First Amendment to Agreement #11937 with University of Florida for providing landfill and solid waste related research to the Alachua County Solid Waste & Resource Recovery Department and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

U. Notation for Record

1. Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (EPAC) Annual Work Plan - 23-00238

Receive the annual work plan

V. Notice of Upcoming Meetings, 23-00208

N/A. For informational purposes only