



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Minutes

February 13, 2024, 11:30 AM

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

Absent: Commissioner Anna Prizzia

A. Invocation

Pastor Marie Herring provided the Invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Call to Order

Chair Alford called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the Regular and Consent Agenda with the following amendment:

Item Pulled from Consent for Discussion:

Item #11a, Chair Letter to the Army Regarding the Equipment Concentration Site. 24-00155

County Manager Comments

- Discussion regarding scheduling of the March 12, 2024, meeting.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Chair Alford recognized Tamara Robbins, Kim Tuttle, and Judy Carmine who presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

E. Announcements

Communications Director, Mark Sexton, presented the following announcements:

- Featured in the County Spotlight are two presentations one celebrating Black History Month the second is an Update on the Roads Plan by Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete.
- A summary of the Special Assessment District process for chip sealing roads was presented by Public Works Director Gavarrete.

F. Approval of Recognitions

Commissioner Wheeler moved approval of the Hazardous Materials Week Proclamation. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

1. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring February 19th through February 25th, 2024, Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in Alachua County, Florida - 24-00147

Commissioner Chestnut read and presented the Proclamation to EPD Hazardous Materials Manager Christopher Gilbert who accepted it with gratitude.

G. Board and Committee Items

1. Alachua County Historical Commission Annual Report and Workplan - 24-00125

Planner Mike Castine and Historical Commission Chair Gwen Thompson presented the above item.

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

2. Health Care Advisory Board Dental Therapy Legislation Presentation - 24-00115

Community Agency Partnership Program/CHOICES Manager Jaye Athy and Dr. Frank Catalanotto presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Support the proposed legislation and direct Alachua County's lobbyist to monitor, support and speak favorably on behalf of the proposed identical Senate and House bills.

2. Approve renewal of Alachua County's membership in Floridians for Dental Access as a government member.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

3. FY 23 3rd Quarter Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Board Report - 24-00140

Assistant County Manager Gina Peebles presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

By consensus, the Board requested that a topic for discussion at the Joint Meetings with municipalities be to discuss their plans for the Wild Spaces and Public Places money as well as the infrastructure tax revenue.

Tamara Robbins and Chair Alford presented comments.

Commissioner Wheeler moved to authorize a Chair letter informing the municipalities of the Grant funding that the County did allocate for joint projects and request they be ready to discuss them and encourage their citizens to apply for vacancies on County advisory boards. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

H. Public Comment

Chair Alford recognized Tamara Robbins who presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell and Chair Alford presented comments.

I. Items Pulled From Consent

1. Chair Letter to the Army Regarding the Equipment Concentration Site - 24-00155

Economic Development Coordinator Sean McLendon presented the above item.

Mr. McLendon stated that the project is 50% complete. There are some modifications that need to be made because of some permitting issues as well as some technical issues. They have spent \$20,000,000 on the

facility to date and but need more time to finish the project that they are committed to completing. The expectation is the project will be completed in 2025.

Chair Alford presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve temporary forbearance of right to exercise section 16.(ii) of Lease and authorize the attached Chair letter. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Chair Alford recognized Tamara Robbins and Commissioner Wheeler who presented comments to the Board.

J. Action Items

1. Request to Advertise Amendments to Unified Land Development Code Chapter 407 Article XII, Concurrency Management and Chapter 364 Transportation Impact Fee - 24-00131

Transportation Planning Manager Chris Dawson presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to advertise the amendments to Chapter 407 Article XII Concurrency Management and Chapter 364 Transportation Impact Fee. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

K. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to consider finding of a Public Nuisance at 2604 NE 69th Terrace, Gainesville, Alachua County, FL - 24-00095

Deputy County Attorney Bob Swain read and presented the rules of procedure for this hearing.

There were no ex parte communications disclosed.

The oath was issued to all those who wished to address this matter.

Assistant County Attorney Diane Johnson and Interim Code Enforcement Director Greta Moreau presented the above item.

Commissioner Wheeler and Chair Alford presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to determine a public nuisance exist at the property located at 2604 NE 69th Terrace, Gainesville, FL, parcel No 17742-024, and authorize County staff and is contractors and authorized agents to enter this property and abate the nuisance, at the expense of the property owner. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

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

L. NOTE: This meeting will NOT reconvene at 5:01 PM

M. Closing Comments

- 1. Public Comment

Chair Alford recognized Tamara Robbins and Assistant County Attorney Diana Johnson who presented comments to the Board.

- 2. County Attorney Comment

Shade Meeting Requested

Deputy County Attorney Swain requested a Shade Meeting in regard to the Jessica Schwab lawsuit Case number 2023-CA-2026. The date will be March 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. and will be a closed-door strategy meeting for the case. It is estimated to last one hour and those in attendance will be Chair Mary Alford, Vice Chair Charles "Chuck" Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell, Commissioner Anna Prizzia, Commissioner Mari Hellen Wheeler, County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Attorney Bob Swain, Senior Assistant County Attorney Diane Johnson, and a certified court report from Scribe Associates.

Commissioner Cornell moved to authorize the Shade Meeting on March 5, 2024, at 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

- 3. County Manager Comment

March 12, 2024

Deputy County Manager Smart stated that a Commissioner has requested rescheduling the March 12m, 2024 meeting to March 5, March 19th or canceling the March 12, 2024, meeting to accommodate the spring break for Alachua County Public Schools, Santa Fe College, and the University of Florida. He is presenting the request for the Board to consider.

By consensus, the Board agreed to have the meeting as scheduled.

4. Commission Comment

Levy County Sand Mine

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she has received comments from citizens of Levy County regarding the project. She stated they have requested assistance in getting information on the project which they have had difficulty obtaining. She knows Alachua County was involved in mining project in Bradford County but that had different circumstances. She is not sure of any environmental impacts on Alachua or traffic impacts.

She advised that she has been invited to a meeting with UF on the matter this Friday.

Commissioner Cornell and Chair Alford presented comments.

By consensus, the Board referred the matter to staff to see what if any the options the County has to protect shared environmental resources and have appropriate staff attend the meeting with Commissioner Wheeler.

NAACP Meeting

Commissioner Cornell stated that the NAACP had a meeting and there are five schools on the watch list in Alachua County. They are Metcalfe, Lake Forest, Rawlings, Shell, and Williams.

Mayor Randell of Hawthorne is calling on citizens to volunteer at these schools. They are also encouraging elected officials to volunteer as well. There are attendance issues at the schools, and they are trying to get children excited to go to school and participate.

TDC Funding Award

Commissioner Cornell stated that there is existing Board direction to have a \$1,000,000 grant for sports. Staff has suggested using the \$1,000,000 to fund projects at County owned facilities that would also impact tourism.

Tourism Director Jessica Hurov stated that a project for a soccer stadium at the County Jonesville Park has been brought forth. Staff is considering working with Parks to develop other projects as well.

Commissioner Wheeler discussed the concept of a pool on the West side of the County so that all children can learn to swim.

Commissioner Cornell moved to redirect staff to work with Parks and Recreation and comeback with proposals utilizing the previously earmarked \$1,000,000 for the proposed Jonesville facility and other County owned parks. The previous directed RFP is to be halted and a \$500,000 limited set for the Jonesville proposal. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia absent.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

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

Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee

Chair Alford stated that at the National Association of Counties (NACO) in Washington, D.C. that had a seminar on post disaster planning. She would like to get a presentation on the Emergency Management team to see how they coordinate with other agencies.

Deputy County Manager Smart stated that he will get with staff and schedule it for the appropriate meeting.

Healthy Counties Luncheon

Chair Alford stated that she was able to share how well the County does with using GIS and gathering data to address social determinates of health. The County uses it for housing, climate change, food waste, road repairs etc. The other counties were impressed, and she wanted to thank staff for the great work that they do.

N. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

O. Consent Items

1. Community Support Services
 1. Conveyance of Escheated Property - 24-00136

Approve and authorize the conveyance of the property located at 2501 NE 70th Terrace, Gainesville, Florida (parcel #17744-007-000) to Charles M. Lewis, Jr., contingent on payment of given tax liability; and authorize the Chair to sign the sale agreement and documentation necessary for the closing and conveyance, including but not limited to any amendments to extend the proposed closing date.

2. Annual Incentives and Recommendation Report - 24-00174

Approve the Incentives and Recommendations Report

2. County Attorney's Office

1. 2.13.24 Litigation Report - Request for authority to initiate or defend. - 24-00141

Approve the County Attorney's authority to initiate or defend the attached list of cases.

3. Environmental Protection

Grant

1. Recognize Unanticipated Revenue for Agricultural Land Transfer Negotiator Grant - 24-00123

Approve and sign the grant documents and Resolution for Unanticipated Revenue, approve the attached Budget Amendment to recognize \$29,200 in unanticipated revenue in Fiscal Year 2024, and allow for an interfund loan, if necessary, in order for the department to begin this work in a timely manner, and authorize the County Manager to sign forms and reports necessary to administer the grant.

2. Addition of Land Conservation Projects to the Alachua County Forever Active Acquisition List - 24-00081

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

1. Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed Addition (Full Price List)

4. Facilities Management

1. Funding FY24 Facilities Projects via BA2024-1112 - 24-00134

Approve budget amendment

5. Fire Rescue

New Inter-local
with Marion
County

1. Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County Board, Alachua County and Marion County Board - 24-00137

Approve the Interlocal agreement for 911 Mutual Aid Call Traffic

6. Growth Management

1. Budget amendment, unanticipated revenues resolution, and inter fund loan for Safe Streets and Roads Grant - 24-00104

Approve budget amendment, unanticipated revenues resolution, and inter fund loan of \$150,000 for Safe Streets and Roads Grant

2. Plat for Tara Esmerelda Phase 2 - 24-00135

The Development Review Committee reviewed the Plat at its January 18, 2024 hearing and recommended approval of the Plat to the BoCC based on a finding of consistency with Florida Statutes, the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, and the Alachua County Unified Land Development Code.

7. Parks & Open Space

1. Request Approval of a Lease Agreement for Neighborhood Park Improvements - 24-00052

Approve the Agreement as presented and authorize the Chair to sign

8. Procurement

1. Purchase Order to FL Concrete Recycling Inc., in the amount of \$60,097.00 for Solid Waste & Resource Recovery. - 24-00098

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to FL Concrete Recycling Inc., in the amount of \$60,097.00.

2. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-23 Annual Professional Surveying Services for Public Works. - 24-00105

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate agreements for RFP 24-23 Annual Professional Surveying Services for Public Works:

1. EDA Consultants Inc.
2. Causseaux, Hewett, &Walpole, Inc.
3. George F. Young, Inc.
4. WGI, Inc.

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5. DRMP, Inc.
6. Southeastern Surveying and Mapping Corporation
7. 3002 Surveying, LLC
8. NV5, Inc.
9. Ayres Associates Inc
10. Alliant Engineering, Incorporated

Authorize staff to negotiate agreements with the top three ranked firms. Should the staff be unable to negotiate satisfactory agreements with the top three ranked firms, negotiations with the unsuccessful firm(s) will be terminated. Negotiations may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until three agreements are reached, and so forth.

3. Award and Purchase Order for Bid 24-02 Annual Ready Mix Concrete Products and Services to Silverback Concrete for Public Works. - 24-00111

Approve the Award and issuance of a Purchase Order to Silverback Concrete for Bid 24-02 Annual Ready Mix Concrete Products and Services, in the amount of \$80,000.00.

4. Purchase Order to Automated Controls of Newberry, LLC, in the amount of \$140,000.00, for Facilities Management. - 24-00118

Approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Automated Controls of Newberry, LLC, in the amount of \$140,000.00.

5. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-225 Annual Closing Agent Services for Public Works. - 24-00119

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 24-225 Annual Closing Agent Services with Salter Fieber, P.A.

6. Agreements for Bid 24-27 Annual Mowing and Trimming for Land Conservation via Environmental Protection. - 24-00122

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the following agreements for Bid 24-27 Annual Mowing and Trimming for Land Conservation, not to exceed (NTE) \$100,000.00 annually:

Agreement 14085 with Boone Improvements Inc.

Agreement 14086 with GRSC Inc.

Agreement 14099 with Blackham Contracting Group LLC

7. Award and Agreement 13976 with Gray Construction Services, Inc. for BID 24-451 Veterans Memorial Park Recreation Improvements for Parks and Open Space. - 24-00079

Approve the Award and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 13976 with Gray Construction Services, Inc. for a total fiscal impact of \$1,481,493.30.

8. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-455 Security Camera System Installation in the Josiah T. Walls Building used by the Supervisor of Elections for Facilities Management. - 24-00127

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 24-455 Security Camera System Installation in the Josiah T. Walls Building:

1. DAB Consulting, Inc
2. Crime Prevention Security Systems

Authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm. Should the staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the top-ranked firm, negotiations with the unsuccessful firm will be terminated. Negotiations with the second-ranked firm may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until an agreement is reached.

9. Addendum Agreement 14116 with Weather Technologies, Inc. (WTI), a subsidiary of Temco, for various County roofing projects, for Facilities Management. - 24-00129

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Addendum Agreement 14116 with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 annually

10. Purchase Order to Pro Playgrounds, in the amount of \$98,999.00 for Facilities Management. - 24-00150

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to Legacy Construction Services Group, Inc. d/b/a Pro Playgrounds, in the amount of \$98,999.00.

9. Public Works

Special
Assessment

1. Special Assessment District for Quail Street Chip Seal-Property Owner Interest Poll - 24-00130

Direct staff to proceed with the Special Assessment District process by conducting a Property Owner Interest Poll and define the area to be benefitted as shown on the map attached to this item.
10. Solid Waste & Resource Recovery
 1. Special pay for Aqua Clean Environmental Company LLC - 24-00120

Approve special pay of two invoices for Aqua Clean Environmental Company LLC
11. Sustainability, Equity, Economic & Strategic Development Office (SEED)
12. Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL
 1. Request to Approve Funding Awards for Non-Profit Cultural Facilities Projects that Promote Tourism - 24-00032

Approve two Non-Profit Cultural Facilities Capital Projects that Promote Tourism funding awards in amount not to exceed \$500,000 for Dance Alive National Ballet and \$172,000 to the Cade Museum for Creativity, for the selected projects, and authorize the Chair to execute agreements with each grantee; with all grant awards to be payable for eligible expenses paid on a reimbursement basis subject to terms of the grant. Approve the attached budget amendment to allocate the budget into the correct accounts to enable the payments.

Make the legislative factual determination that the selected Non-Profit Cultural Facilities Capital Projects that Promote Tourism program funded with revenue from Tourist Development Taxes (TDT) serves a public purpose and are primarily related to promoting and advertising tourism in Alachua County, and that the development of capital cultural facilities spotlights Alachua County as a desirable place to visit by promoting the positive qualities and numerous cultural, artistic, historic, natural and other tourist-related attributes and activities available in Alachua County for visitors to enjoy.
 2. Request to Approve the FY24 Local Sports Destination Enhancement Grant Awards - 24-00143

Approve the three Local Sports Destination Enhancement Grant funding awards as recommended by

the Grant Scoring Committee. Approve the agreement template and authorize the County Manager to execute agreements with each grantee, including where the funding recommendations is \$50,000; with all grant awards to be payable on a reimbursement basis only. Make the legislative factual determination that the events, venues, and activities recommended for funding have as one of their main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced and as set forth in their respective applications, and that each grant award is primarily related to the advancement and promotion of tourism.

P. Notation for Record

1. Arts Council Minutes – Nov. 6, 2023 - 24-00114
N/A. For informational purposes only.
2. Healthcare Advisory Board Approved Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023 - 24-00116
No action necessary; for informational purposes only
3. Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee - Nov. 9, 2023 Minutes - 24-00124
N/A. For informational purposes only.
4. Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Board – Oct. 23, 2023 Minutes - 24-00132
N/A. For informational purposes only.
5. Rural Concerns Advisory Board Minutes of October 17, 2023 - 24-00133
No Action necessary. For Informational purposes only
6. Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission - 24-00139
None

Q. Notice of Upcoming Meetings