



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Minutes

October 24, 2023, 11:30 AM

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

A. Invocation

Ghanashyam Das 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 11:30 a.m.

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wheeler Moved adoption of the Regular and Consent Agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Alford

E. Announcements

Communications Director, Mark Sexton, presented the following announcements:

- The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors has awarded the 2023 Government Education Award for the Alachua County Talks Series (NATOA) award received by the Communications Office.
- 2nd Annual Memorial Service for the indigent burials in Alachua County was held and a video of the ceremony was displayed for the public.

- Operation Green Light in honor of Veterans Service. County facilities will be lit Green in honor of Veterans from November 6 through November 12, 2023.

F. Approval of Recognitions

Commissioner Chestnut moved approval all Proclamations on the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Alford

1. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring November 11th, 2023, as Veterans Day in Alachua County, Florida - 23-00610

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

2. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring October 26, 2023 as Lights on Afterschool Day in Alachua County, Florida - 23-00611

Commissioner Wheeler read and presented the Proclamation to Children's Trust Executive Director Marsha Kiner who accepted it with gratitude.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

G. Board and Committee Items

1. One appointment to the Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission - 23-00653

Deputy Clerk Donahey called on each Commissioner for their one nomination for the citizen at large representative on the Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission.

Commissioner Alford nominated Jose R. Rodriguez.

Commissioners Chestnut, Cornell, Wheeler and Prizzia nominated Barry Rutenberg.

Commissioner Cornell moved appointment of Barry Rutenberg to a term ending July 31, 2027. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

H. Public Comments

Chair Prizzia recognized Jim Konish, Candy Birch, and Patrick Haley who presented comments.

I. Commission Response to the Public

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

J. Items Pulled From Consent

K. Land Conservation Projects

1. Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Sherouse & Flowers Tract Option Contract to Purchase Real Property - 23-00652

Conservation Lands Program Manager Andi Christman presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to exercise the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Sherouse & Flowers Option Contract to purchase Real Property, subject to the County’s rights to conduct due diligence inspections and notice Seller of Title Defects and Environmental Defects as set forth in the Contract; and
2. Authorize staff to execute additional documents as necessary to close the transaction; and
3. Approve the attached budget amendment authorizing the expenditure of funds for due diligence and associated closing costs; and
4. Authorize staff to pursue land stewardship partnerships, including potential agreement with Alachua Conservation Trust for property management.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

L. Action Items

1. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-38 Annual Alachua County Jail Inmate Phone System and Services for Information and Telecom Services. - 23-00647

Procurement Manager T.J. White presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford, Chair Prizzia, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Cornell, Jail Director Major Jeff Cloutier, and IT Director Kevin Smith presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 24-38 Annual Alachua County Jail Inmate Phone System and Services for Information and Telecom Services:

1. Securus Technologies, LLC
2. Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC
3. NCIC Inmate Communications
4. Global Tel*Link Corporation, d/b/a ViaPath Technologies
5. Smart Communications Holding, Inc.

Approve the above ranking and 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, and so forth. **The contract will state that the voice imprinting function will be turned off.**

The motion carried 5-0.

2. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-440 Construction Manager @ Risk for New Alachua County Civil Courthouse Facility (Complex) for Facilities Management. - 23-00685

Procurement Manager T.J. White presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford moved the following:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 23-440 Construction Manager @ Risk for New Alachua County Civil Courthouse Facility (Complex) for Facilities Management:

1. Ajax Building Company, LLC
2. Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
3. Drummond Construction Group, LLC.

Approve the above ranking and 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, and so forth.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

3. Syringe Exchange Program Presentation and Approval of Oversight Plan - 23-00519

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

Chair Prizzia and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to hear the presentation from Florida Harm Reduction Collective and approve the oversight plan.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

The motion carried 5-0.

Director of Outreach and Networking for Florida Ham Reduction Collective Tim Santamour and Out of Harms Reach Director Casey Wiley, and CEO of Rebel Recovery Nancy McConnell presented comments.

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

4. Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Facilities and County Road 337 Updates - 23-00675

Solid Waste Director Gus Olmos and Public Works Director Ramone Gavarrete presented the above item.

The following Options were presented to the Board:

Option A: Close the High Springs/Alachua Rural Collection Center and build new rural collection and hazardous waste collection facilities between High Springs and Newberry. County staff was not able to find a suitable location and is no longer pursuing this option.

Option B: Keep High Springs/Alachua Collection Center open and build new rural collection and hazardous waste collection facilities at the Newberry Environmental Park.

Option C: Address capacity issues using County owned properties and facilities.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

Direct staff to address the existing capacity issues at the Hazardous Collection Facility and the High Springs / Alachua Rural Collection Center using county owned properties and facilities.

Maintain the improvements on CR 337 as approved in the Transportation Capital Improvement Program.

That the County conduct community outreach/engagement for the facilities in High Springs and Archer.

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

The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioner Alford, Wheeler and Prizzia voting Nay.

(The motion was split for the purposes of voting.)

Commissioner Alford moved the following:

1. Option B and negotiate with the City of Newberry based on the current traffic study. If a future study determines improvements are needed based on the facility, then the County should make the improvements as any developer would be required. If the City cannot except the results of the study, then staff is to move to Option C. Community engagement needs to be a part of the process.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Chestnut voting "Nay".

Commissioner Alford moved the following:

2. The CR 337 projects will not be advanced but remain on the current transportation improvement plan as proposed.

The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

5. Administrating Officials Performance Evaluations FY '23 - 23-00691

Human Resources Director Heather Akpan presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the evaluations and grant a 6% increase to both the County Manager and County Attorney which consist of a 4% COLA and 2% merit based increase and thank them for their service.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

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

The motion carried 5-0.

M. Summary Public Hearing

N. Public Hearings

1. Second of Two required Public Hearings for Proposed Amendments to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). - 23-00630

Planner Angela Jacobson presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed and then convened as the Land Development Regulation Commission.

Commissioner Cornell moved to find the amendment consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

The Land Development Regulation Commission adjourned, and the Board of County Commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Alford moved adoption of the Ordinance. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

O. Reports and Comments

1. County Attorney Report

There were no reports offered.

2. County Manager Report

Truck Radio System Update

County Manager Leiberman advised that staff is on the agenda for November 1, 2023 to present to the newly appointed GRU Board. She advised that there are three issues still being worked out with GRU staff one of the issues is the lease.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

By consensus, the Board directed that any remaining issues with the TRUNK Radio Agreement be on agenda for November 14, 2023, agenda for the Board to discuss and resolve the issues.

3. Board Reports and Commission Comment

Waldo Road Project

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she attended a meeting in Waldo. The road corridor project downtown has died. The public was in opposition to the project. There was concern that slowing the traffic down too much would cause issues.

Columbia County Projects

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she will be attending a meeting in Fort White the Florida Department of Transportation will be discussing road projects that will connect into High Springs. She will be interested in what impact this will have on the City of High Springs.

Boy Scout Cabin

Commissioner Cornell stated that he believes all the Commissioners visited the Scout Cabin at Cuscowilla and would like to move the Friends of Cuscowilla recommendation.

Commissioner Cornell moved to demolish the Scout Hut and preserve some of the building materials if possible. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Commissioner Alford stated that she was disappointed that there was not a community outreach effort on this matter. She stated that she would like to see the monument remain on the site.

Legislative Delegation Meeting

Commissioner Alford inquired who would be attending the legislative delegation meeting.

Medicare for All

Commissioner Alford stated that she was approached by a group that is trying to push for the expansion of Medicaid in Florida. They have requested the County adopt a Resolution. She stated that she is in support of the effort and would like to see if the Resolution is something the Board could support.

Commissioner Alford moved the Medicaid for All Resolution be referred to staff for review. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

Resolution Opposing the Changes to the City and County Charter

Commissioner Alford stated that a group approached her requesting a Resolution opposing any changes to the City and County Charter by the State Legislature. She advised that the rest of the Board maybe approached soon.

Gun Violence Prevention Work

Chair Prizzia inquired about who the County point person is on the Gun Violence Prevention Work. She stated that she has a call with Dr. Brody at the end of next month on the matter. She would like for staff to get with the Santa Fe College point person on the efforts and provide an update at the next Regular Meeting.

PSCC Meeting

Chair Prizzia stated that at the PSCC Meeting it was brought to her attention that a liaison position that the County funded was moved to Meridian. It is currently no longer funded. No one is currently providing the position and the Judges have said this position is very vital to reduce the Jail population and she would like staff and the Board to consider this position for the budget process.

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

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

Q. Public Comments

R. Commission Response to the Public

S. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

T. Consent Items

1. Animal Resources

1. Request to Appoint Kristen Young for Citizen at Large to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with a term ending September 30, 2026 - 23-00661

Appoint Kristen Young for Citizen at Large for to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with a term ending September 30, 2026

2. Appoint Melissa Jenkins to Animal Welfare Advisory Committee - 23-00662

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2. CareerSource

1. Report of CareerSource FY23 4th Quarter Unanticipated Grant Awards - 23-00638

Accept the report and adopt the attached budget resolution.

3. Clerk of the Court

1. Annual Audit Contract with Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP - 23-00642

Approve the audit engagement letter with Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the agreement.

4. Community Support Services

1. Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. Funding Agreement for Shelter Operations - 23-00553

Approve the agreement with Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. not to exceed (NTE) \$150,000.00 for shelter operations October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and authorize the Chair to execute same on behalf of the County.

2. Policy on Conveyance of County Properties and Surplus Lands - 23-00688
 Approve the Resolution adopting the updated Policy on Conveyance of County Properties and Surplus Lands, and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution
3. NACo Operation Green Light - 23-00694
 Approve Operation Green Light Program and authorize green light of county facilities
5. County Manager's Office
 1. Resolution to Support the Designation of the Dylan Roberts Memorial Crosswalk by the Florida Department of Transportation - 23-00683
 Adopt the attached resolution as presented and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign
6. Environmental Protection
 1. Amendment 1 to Resilient Florida Grant 22PLN27 - 23-00673
 Approve the amendment and authorize Chair to sign the amendment.
 2. Addition of Land Conservation Projects to the Alachua County Forever Active Acquisition List - 23-00654
 Approve the addition of the following properties on the Active Acquisition List.
 - 1.Santa Fe River – Shireman (Full Price List)
 - 2.Watermelon Pond – Biro (Full Price List)
7. Fire Rescue
 1. Revised Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the Fire Assessment - 23-00651
 Accept the Revised Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Authorize the Chair to sign
8. Human Resources
 1. FY2023-2024 Revised Draft IAFF General Pay Plan minimum hourly rate corrections for Firefighter Trainee and Lieutenant - 23-00690

Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) General Pay Plan.

9. Procurement

1. Award and Purchase Order for Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-462 Purchase Two (2) Kenworth or Mack 5,000 Gallon Water Trucks to Ring Power Corp, St. Augustine, in the amount of \$505,194.00 for Public Works, Fleet. - 23-00626

Approve the Award and issuance of a Purchase Order for ITB 23-462 Purchase Two (2) Kenworth or Mack 5,000 Gallon Water Trucks (Tractor and Tanker Units), to Ring Power Corp, St. Augustine, in the amount of \$505,194.00. Also, approve the use of reserves and the attached budget amendment.

2. Purchase Order to Ring Power Corp., St. Augustine for equipment, in the amount of \$198,051.42 for Public Works. - 23-00617

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to Ring Power Corp., St. Augustine, in the amount of \$198,051.42.

3. Third Amendment #11375 with Skillsoft for Percipio e-Learning platform, for Human Resources. - 23-00641

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Third Amendment #11375 with Skillsoft for Percipio e-Learning platform, in the amount of \$70,335.00.

4. Agreement 13938 with Willdan Engineering, Inc., Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-117 Annual Third Party Building Plan Review, for Growth Management. - 23-00649

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 13938 with Willdan Engineering, Inc. for RFP 24-117 Annual Third Party Building Plan Review, NTE \$100,000.00 annually.

5. Award and Agreement #13838 for Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-410 Intersection Collision Warning System (ICWS) US 301 at NE 150 Avenue, Waldo for Public Works. - 23-00665

Approve the Award and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 13838 with Watson Construction Company, LLC, for ITB 23-410 ICWS US 301 at NE 150 Avenue, Waldo, not to exceed (NTE) \$404,695.20.

6. Award of Invitation to Bid (ITB) 24-68 Annual Courier Services with Personalized Postal Courier Inc., for Fire Rescue and Public Works. - 23-00667

Approve the Award of ITB 24-68 Annual Courier Services with Personalized Postal Courier Inc., NTE \$30,000.00.

7. Second Amendment 11851 with KnowledgeLake for a Three (3) Year Renewal Agreement for Information & Telcom Services. - 23-00668

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment 11851 with KnowledgeLake for a Three (3) Year Renewal Agreement for Software as a Service with Cloud Storage, NTE \$124,180.45 annually.

8. First Amendment 12104 with Chris Torrence Electric & Utility Inc. for BID 23-994 Intersection Improvements at County Road (CR) 235 and Newberry Lane for Public Works. - 23-00679

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment 12104 with Chris Torrence Electric & Utility Inc. for BID 23-994 Intersection Improvements at CR 235 and Newberry Lane for a total fiscal impact of \$205,937.70.

9. Award of Invitation to Bid (ITB) 23-358 NE 53rd Ave at Animal Services , with Watson Construction Company, LLC., for Public Works. - 23-00682

Approve the Award of ITB 23-358 NE 53rd Ave at Animal Services, with Watson Construction Company, LLC., for a total fiscal impact of \$852,633.89. Also, Fiscal Services is requesting approval of Budget Amendment 24-140.

10. Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 24-37 Annual Engineering Services for Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Life Safety for Facilities Management. - 23-00687

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 24-37 Annual Engineering Services for Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Life Safety for Facilities Management:

1. Mitchell Gulledge Engineering, Inc.
2. Matern Professional Engineering, Inc.

- 3.Campbell Spellicy Engineering, Inc.
- 4.EDA Consultants, Inc.
- 5.SGM Engineering, Inc.
- 6.H2Engineering, Inc.
- 7.KPI Engineering, Inc.
- 8.JBrown Professional Group, Inc.
- 9.Graef-USA Inc.
- 10.Bentley Group, Inc.
- 11.WGI, Inc.
- 12.Lebo Engineering LLC
- 13.Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- 14.Progresíve Engineering, LLC

Approve the above ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with top five (5) ranked firms. Should staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the any of the top five (5) ranked firms, negotiations with the unsuccessful firm(s) will be terminated.

10. Sheriff's Office

1. Unanticipated Revenue – Sheriff Forfeiture Funds - 23-00666

Approve the budget amendment and authorize the chair to sign the resolution

11. Solid Waste & Resource Recovery

1. Revised Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Solid Waste Assessment Roll - 23-00692

Accept and Authorize the Chair to sign the Revised Certification of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

2. Extension of Inter-Fund Loan for Transfer Station Floor - 23-00686

Approve extension of Inter-Fund Loan for Transfer Station Floor of \$1,695,000 to five fiscal years starting with first 1/5 repayment coming in FY24.

12. Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL
 1. Legislative factual determination regarding marketing and promotional activities for the adopted FY24 Visit Gainesville, Alachua County budget - 23-00680

Make the legislative factual determination that the promotional, marketing and advertising activities within the FY24 Tourism budget, which are purchased with Tourist Development Tax revenue, serve a public purpose and are primarily related to promoting and advertising tourism in Alachua County.
 2. Request Approval of Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center Rules and Regulations, Pre-Approved Activities List and License Agreement Template - 23-00681

Approve the updated Rules and Regulations, Pre-Approved Activities List and License Agreement template, as presented, for the Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center.

U. Notation for Record

1. Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Board – July 23, 2023 Minutes - 23-00627
N/A. For informational purposes only.
2. Land Conservation Board (LCB) Approved Minutes - 23-00636
No action necessary; for informational purposes only
3. Arts Council of Alachua County – September 11 Minutes - 23-00639
N/A. For informational purposes only.
4. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Minutes - 23-00273
Approve AHAC minutes for Notation of Record
5. Healthcare Advisory Board Approved Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023 - 23-00678
No action necessary; for informational purposes only
6. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, 23-00273
Approve AHAC minutes for Notation of Record
7. Report of Contracts signed by County Manager or Designee in the month of August 2023 - 23-00689

Accept the report and include a copy of the documents in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

V. Notice of Upcoming Meetings

1. Notice of Upcoming Meetings, 23-00520

N/A