



## Alachua County Special Meeting Minutes

**March 21, 2024, 2:00 PM**

Present: Chair Mary Alford, Commissioner Ken Cornell, Commissioner Anna Prizzia, Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

Absent: Vice Chair Charles S. Chestnut, IV

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### **A. Approval of Agenda**

**Commissioner Prizzia moved** to allow Chair Alford participate remotely. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Chestnut absent and Chair Alford not authorized to participate.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

**Commissioner Prizzia moved** adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut absent.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

To approve the Agenda.

### **B. Items for Discussion**

1. FY25 Budget Development Deep Dive Growth Management Department - 24-00245

County Manager Lieberman and Growth Management Director Jeff Hays presented the above item.

#### Challenges facing the Department:

- State preemption (Planning and Building)
- Unrealistic State Enforced Timeframes
- Employment Market for Licensed Plans Examiners and Building Inspectors

### Upcoming Goals:

- Evaluation and Appraisal Report
- Equity Audit/Atlas
- Infrastructure Planning
- Update Performance Metrics
- GIS Manager

Mr. Hays stated that the GIS Manager position he feels is needed in the County. It was a position that existed but was lost during the Great Recession. He feels the position would help coordinate GIS services across departments and benefit the County. It will be a matter for discussion during the budget development process.

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

### **C. Closing Comments**

#### 1. Public Comment

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

#### 2. Commission Comment

##### Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU)

Commissioner Prizzia stated that she received an email regarding taxes on an ADU. There is apparently a tax exemption that the County can opt into but has chosen not to. She would like to look into possibly opting in as a way to encourage smaller dwelling units.

Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that if the County exempts someone from taxes the other rate payers have to absorb those cost, but it is a Board decision.

**By consensus**, the Board referred to staff to investigate how many of these properties have been permitted or qualify and determine the financial impact to the County. Report the results back to the Board by email so Commissioners can consider pursuing the option or not.

##### Midyear Update on Eviction Diversion Program

Commissioner Prizzia requested an email or a quick update at a meeting regarding how the program is functioning.

### City Planning Board Meeting

Commissioner Cornell stated that he received an email from City of Gainesville Planner Kim Prim regarding the proposed development on Archer Road by the new North Florida Hospital facility. She advised that the meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. He would like to make sure the appropriate staff is there to protect the County's interest.

#### **D. Adjourn**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.