



## Alachua County Special Meeting Minutes

**July 9, 2024, 9:30 AM**

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

Absent: Chair Mary Alford

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

Commissioner Chestnut called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

**The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.**

To approve the Agenda.

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

1. Issues Regarding Re-entry Hub RFP 24-39-PM - Commissioner Ken Cornell

Commissioner Cornell discussed the above topic with the Board.

Commissioner Cornell states he has had a chance to read both what the Long Foundation presented and what Staff in response had to say. Commissioner has not spoken to either organization and he believes both organizations are above approach and wonderful organizations that he would like to work with. Commissioner believes staff did nothing wrong and followed procedures. Commissioner is in favor of either having them submit a new application or preferably if they could come together and submit one application.

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Prizzia presented comments.

**Commissioner Prizzia moved** to review the procurement process to look at opportunities to improve the orientation of the RFP process. Review of the oral versus written process and how they are scored and the grievance process timelines and steps for a grievance, so they know. Then have that come back to board in the next 120days so the Board can review it and listen to it then decide if there are things that can be done to make improvements.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

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

**The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.**

Public Comment

Jo Eddy, president of JE Properties presented comments.

**Commissioner Prizzia moved** to continue exploration of infrastructure surtax funds and other County funds for support on this project. Also supporting the corporation in an application to the Housing Finance Corporation and a letter to the City Commission before Thursday indicating such support.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

**The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.**

- 2. Resource Guide - Commissioner Anna Prizzia

This item was not discussed in full detail but Commissioner Prizzia did speak on it briefly during commission comment.

### **C. Closing Comments**

1. Public Comment

There were no comments presented.

2. Commission Comment

Commissioner Prizzia stated she has had a conversation with several service providers in the community and safety net collaboratives (an informal group of healthcare, mental health and housing groups). She will be working with them to do a survey to identify what the issues are and identify how much of an issue it is in the community. Commissioner states findhelp.org and 211 are not being updated regularly so many of the resource (childcare, food, mental health etc.) information that is out there for citizens is inaccurate. The service providers can find the updates, but they are using staff time to find information like their location, their hours, their qualifications, all things that should be available on the website. Currently at least 10%-20% of the information is supposedly inaccurate on the sites. Commissioner Prizzia would like to see if this is a real issue and if it is something the County can support and help with updating and keeping those resource guides more up to date so the information on the sites are accurate, relevant, and helpful to the citizens in the community.

Commissioner Cornell stated that Bill Truix is running for Naco president, normally all of the Florida Counties give their proxies to the Florida Association of Counties to vote for Bill. With no objections from the Board, by consensus the Board unanimously agreed to direct staff to give their county vote to Bill Truix.

County Manager Lieberman stated she will check and follow up with staff.

### **D. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32am

To adjourn the meeting.