



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

Minutes

October 8, 2024, 11:30 AM

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

A. Invocation

Pastor Derrick E. Gainey 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 11:35 a.m.

D. Approval of Regular and Consent Agenda

County Manager Lieberman presented the following recommended changes to the Agenda:

Item moved to the Regular Agenda for Discussion

Item #8b, Sewer Line Extension Outside Urban Cluster for Florida Fish & Wildlife Research Lab on SW Williston Road, 24-00834

Time Certain Item for 12:30 a.m.

Item #J1, National Alliance to End Homelessness Street Outreach Assessment and Recommendations, 24-00910

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the Regular and Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

E. Announcements

Communications Director, Mark Sexton, presented the following announcements:

- A Hurricane Milton update was provided.
- Hurricane Shelter Information was provided.
- Tarp Availability Information was provided.
- Debris Pickup Information was provided.

F. Approval of Recognitions

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

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

1. Length of Service Quarterly Presentation – 3rd Quarter - 24-00827

A video of the Length of Service Recognition recipients was displayed for the public.

Chair Alford presented comments.

2. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring October 6th through October 12th, 2024, as National 4-H Week in Alachua County, Florida - 24-00862

Commissioner Prizzia read and presented the Proclamation to Asey Shika Nukunya who accepted it with gratitude.

3. Approval of a Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Alachua County, Florida - 24-00863

Commissioner Cornell read and presented the proclamation to IT Director Kevin Smith who accepted it with gratitude.

G. Board and Committee Items

1. Appoint One (1) Full and One (1) Alternate Member to the Equity Advisory Board with a Term Ending November 30, 2028 - 24-00911

Deputy Clerk Miller called on each Commissioner for their two nominees for the Equity Advisory Board.

Commissioners Alford, Chestnut, Prizzia, and Wheeler nominated Jorelle Degen and Monica Washington.

Commissioner Cornell nominated Jorelle Degen and Frank White.

Commissioner Cornell moved Jorelle Degen as the Equity Advisory Board Member and Monica Washington as Alternate Member. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

H. Public Comment

Chair Alford recognized Mark van Soestbergen and Jorelle Degen who presented comments.

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

I. Presentations

1. Sewer Line Extension Outside Urban Cluster for Florida Fish & Wildlife Research Lab on SW Williston Road - 24-00834

Senior Planner Ben Chumley presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to approve the Resolution allowing the extension of GRU sewer line outside the Urban Cluster in accordance with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Policy 3.1.5 of the Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Element based on the findings that:

1. The extension of sanitary sewer serves a purpose consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, in that it would serve an Institutional land use, and
2. Connection to GRU's sanitary sewer and elimination of the existing septic systems would provide a public health benefit of water quality protection.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

The motion carried 5-0.

2. Facilities Management Master Space Plan Quarterly Update - 24-00920

Facilities Director Travis Parker presented the above item.

3. Sports Event Center Staff Update - 24-00918

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby and Viking Principal Owner Svein Dyrkolboltn presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Tourist Development Director Jessica Hurov, Commissioner Wheeler, Adam Anderson,

Rebecca Lamb, Dean Lockley, and Benjamin Watkins presented comments.

J. Action Items

1. National Alliance to End Homelessness Street Outreach Assessment and Recommendations - 24-00910

National Alliance to End Homelessness Representative Diiv Sterman presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia, Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Continuum of Care Representative Jacob Torner, Commissioner Cornell, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, County Manager Lieberman, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Commissioner Prizzia moved the following:

1. To accept the report and ask the Continuum of Care (COC) to come back in the Spring or late Winter with a plan of what they are going to do to adopt some of the recommendations in the report.
2. Staff to work towards joint meetings with the 4 counties listed in the report which are Levy, Bradford, Gilchrist, and Putnam in the coming year. The County is to help facilitate an engagement workshop with affordable housing providers not engaged with the COC, Emergency Service Providers, and the disengaged people who have left the COC, and any other appropriate participants to have some dialogue and collaboration with the COC about what are the challenges and develop a revised action plan for Alachua County and the surrounding Counties. An update is to be provided based on the engagements.
3. Continue to contract with the Street Outreach team in the amount of \$350,000 in coordination with GRACE Marketplace and the COC.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

Chair Alford recognized GRACE Marketplace Director Jon DeCarmine, President of Programs at the Task Force for Ending Homelessness Jacob Torner, and Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Chestnut exits meeting 12:54pm

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

K. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings

1. TU24-000008 A request for a temporary use permit for outdoor athletic events (2025 World Masters Championship) - 24-00830

County Attorney Torres presented the Rules and Procedures for the Quasi-Judicial Hearing.

There were no ex-parte communications disclosed.

Finance Director Hutchinson issued the Oath to all those who wished to participate in the Hearing.

Planner Mehdi Benkhatar presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell moved to approve TU24-000008 with the conditions and bases as listed in the staff report with the minor revision presented by staff which was in condition #1 to change the date from March 23rd to March 20th.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

There was no one present who wished to speak.

The motion carried 5-0.

L. Public Hearings

1. Adoption hearing for amendments to Unified Land Development Code Landscaping requirements for new developments - 24-00864

Senior Planner Ken McMurry presented the above item.

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

The Board of County Commissioners recessed, and the Land Development Review Commission convened at 2:03 P.M.

Land Development Regulation Commissioner Prizzia moved to find the amendments consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd LDR Commissioner Wheeler

The Land Development Regulation Commission adjourned, and the Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 2:04 P.M.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to approve the ordinance amending the Unified Land Development Code and authorize the Chair's signature. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2nd Public Hearing - 24-00909

Housing Program Manager Ralston Reodica presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to direct staff to submit application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and select funding category(ies); and authorize signature authority to the County Manager or designee to submit CDBG application for funding and other required forms to apply for the CDBG Grant, including any modifications.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Chair Alford recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

3. Proposed Application for Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO) Grant Public Hearing - 24-00921

Housing Programs Manager Ralston Reodica presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to authorize staff to apply for the PRO Housing grant application and authorize the County Manager and/or designee to submit the application, certification forms, and all documents related to the grant.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Chair Alford recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

M. Items Pulled From Consent

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

O. Closing Comments

1. Public Comment

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

2. County Attorney Comment

Single Member District Charter Amendment

County Attorney Torres informed the Board that a Judge has found the Ballot language to be illegal, but the question will remain on the Ballot. The County will appeal the decision pending Board approval, and she is requesting the hiring of special counsel to assist with the appeal.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to direct the County Attorney to appeal the temporary injunction order from the 8th Judicial Circuit Case # 01-2024-CA-3073 and authorize the appointment of special attorneys as selected by the County Attorney. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

3. County Manager Comment

Debris Collection

County Manager Lieberman stated that they County has received request from all the municipalities except for Gainesville, Hawthorne, and Alachua for assistance with debris removal. The County will need interlocal agreements with the municipalities in order to offer assistance.

Waste Collection Director Gus Olmos presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved that Alachua County take responsibility of the smaller municipalities (Waldo, High Springs, LaCrosse Hawthorne, Newberry, Archer, Micanopy) for debris removal and request FEMA reimbursement. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Chestnut

4. Commission Comment

Commissioner Cornell inquired if there are any weather updates available.

Chair Alford stated that Clay Electric sent out a text to expect power outages that would last for days as a result of Hurricane Milton.

P. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Q. Consent Items

1. Budget & Fiscal Services
 1. FY24 Public Purpose Quarterly Report 4th Quarter - 24-00916
Receive the Report for Public Purpose FY24 4th Quarter.
 2. FY24 Alachua County Board of County Commissioners' Financial Report – 4th Quarter - 24-00917
Accept the FY24 Alachua Board of County Commissioners Quarterly Financial Report – 4th Quarter
 3. Unanticipated revenues from FEMA Public Assistance Program for Hurricane Helene - 24-00933
Approve adoption of resolution for unanticipated revenues which includes budget amendment to account for recovery for damages from Hurricane Helene. Approve an inter-fund loan not to exceed \$4,000,000 for purposes of cash flow until the FEMA reimbursement is received.
2. Clerk of the Court
 1. Request approval of the attached BOCC minutes - 24-00907
Approve publication of final BOCC minutes
3. Community Support Services
 1. Amendment to Lease for Evergreen Cemetery - 24-00904
Approve Amendment Number One to Lease Number 4106 with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida and authorize the Chair to sign such Amendment and authorize the County Manager or designee to sign any additional documents, approved by the County Attorney, necessary to complete the transaction.
 2. Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds Grant Application - 24-00922
Authorize staff to submit a Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds grant application and for the County Manager or designee to submit/sign the application, any modifications, and related documents in support of the application and/or grant.
 3. Interlocal Agreement with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for Victim Services Rape Crisis Center services - 24-00915

Approve the Interlocal Agreement

4. County Attorney's Office
 1. Interlocal Agreement Between Children's Trust and BoCC for FY 2024-25 Benefits - 24-00913

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the Children's Trust of Alachua County and authorize the Chair to sign.
5. Environmental Protection
 1. Alachua County Energy Efficiency Program Land Use Restriction Agreements and Ratification of Delegation of Authority, 24-00883

Approve agreements and authorize Chair to sign. Adopt Resolution 2024-XX, ratifying delegation of authority to County Manager to sign certain land use restriction agreements.
 2. Contingent Partnership Agreement with Cultural Arts Coalition for Grant-Funded Community Engagement, 24-00891

Board to approve and sign Partnership Agreement
6. Facilities Management
 1. Resolution Allowing the Alachua County Facilities Director Limited Signing Power - 24-00879

Adopt Resolution
7. Fire Rescue
 1. Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. medical and fire reporting software. - 24-00889

Approve the Sixth Amendment to the agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc.
8. Growth Management
 1. Third Amendment to Agreement with Regional Transit System for Age Based Fare Free Transit Service - 24-00887

Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the Third Amendment to Agreement for Age Based Fare Free Transit Service
9. Human Resources

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan, add Employee Leave Coordinator and Climate Specialist, grade changes for Accreditation & Grants Manager, Employee & Labor Relations Manager and SR HR Analyst - 24-00882

Request approval of the Fiscal Year 2024- 2025 revisions to the Non-Bargaining Pay Plan.

10. Parks & Open Space

1. Request Approval to allow the Union Sportsmen's Alliance to contribute labor and supplies for the purpose of creating or improving fishing access on County property - 24-00898

Approve the Union Sportsmen's Alliance request to contribute labor and supplies for the purpose of creating or improving fishing access on County property.

11. Procurement

1. Award to Bio-Tech Consulting, LLC for Bid 25-226-MB Annual Aquatic and Right Of Way (ROW) Vegetation Management, for Public Works. - 24-00857

Approve the Award of Bid 25-226-MB Annual Aquatic and ROW Vegetation Management, Not to Exceed \$30,000.00.

2. Award and Purchase Order to Ten-8 Fire & Safety LLC, for BID 25-506-MM Self Contained Breathing Apparatus System for Fire Rescue. - 24-00893

Approve the Award and issuance of a Purchase Order to Ten-8 Fire & Safety LLC, for BID 25-506-MM Self Contained Breathing Apparatus System, in the amount of \$2,088,123.92.

3. Award and Agreement 14296 with Hoffman Construction, Inc., for Bid 24-499-LC Alachua County Courthouse Complex Accessory Energy Facility for Facilities Management. - 24-00895

Approve the Award and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 14296 with Hoffman Construction, Inc., for Bid 24-499-LC Alachua County Courthouse Complex Accessory Energy Facility, for a total fiscal impact of \$1,206,324.00.

4. Second Amendment to Agreement with Southeast Horse Shows, LLC (11619), 24-00870

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Southeast Horse Shows, LLC (11619), in the amount of \$57,844, with 3% annual increase.

5. Second Amendment to Agreement with Hydrograss Technologies, Inc. (13553). - 24-00901

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to Agreement with Hydrograss Technologies, Inc. (13553), NTE \$75,000.00 annually.

6. Agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. (14337), for Bid 25-193-MM Annual Transporting and Disposal of Hazardous Waste for Solid Waste & Resource Recovery. - 24-00902

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 14337 with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., NTE \$300,000.00 annually.

7. Agreement with Finrock Construction, LLC. (13979), for Request for Proposal (RFP) 23-434 Parking Structure for the New Alachua County Court Complex for Facilities Management. - 24-00914

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 13979 with Finrock Construction, LLC, in the amount \$11,177,000.00.

12. Public Works

1. State Road 24 – 4 Lane Widening from Tower Road to SW 122nd Street State Funded Grant Agreement - 24-00900

Adopt Resolution approving the State-Funded Grant Agreement for State Road 24 (Archer Road) 4 Lane Widening from Tower Road west of Gainesville to SW 122nd Street which includes recognizing unanticipated revenue, approving budget amendment, authorizing the Chair to execute the State-Funded Grant Agreement, and authorizing the County Manager, Public Works Director, or County Engineer to execute subsequent amendments related to the project.

13. Solid Waste & Resource Recovery

1. Agreement for Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-74-MM Annual Monitoring of Disaster Debris and Recovery Activities for Solid Waste and Resource Recovery, 24-00940

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement 14348 with Tetra Tech Inc. for Monitoring of Disaster Debris and Recovery Activities, in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 annually. Also, authorize the County Manager to sign an Agreement for Monitoring of Disaster Debris and Recovery Activities with Goodwyn Mills Cawood FL, LLC, once received signed by such company and approved by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

14. Visit Gainesville, Alachua County, FL

1. Legislative factual determination regarding marketing and promotional activities for the adopted FY25 Visit Gainesville, Alachua County budget - 24-00886

Make the legislative factual determination that the promotional, marketing and advertising activities within the FY25 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.

R. Notation for Record

1. Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2024 - 24-00850

No Action necessary. For Informational purposes only.

2. Recreation and Open Space Committee - July 18, 2024 Minutes - 24-00897

No Action necessary. For Informational purposes only.

S. Notice of Upcoming Meetings