



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00109**

**Agenda Date: 4/1/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Community Resource Centers**

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, (352) 231-0058  
Candie Nixon, Assistant Director, (352) 213-4896

**Description:**

Need Assessment for Community Resource Centers

**Recommended Action:**

Hear the presentation and receive input from the Community Resource Centers

**Prior Board Motions:**

December 10, 2024- Commissioner's comments

**Fiscal Note:**

There are no funds appropriated to support Community Resource Centers.

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

On December 10, 2024, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners held a discussion regarding community centers as it relates to financial difficulties. The Commissioners elected to have a broad discussion regarding community centers in Alachua County. Below is the Commission motion.

*Motion: Commissioner Prizzia stated that she would like to discuss community centers in a broad conversation as several of them are struggling in the current economy rather than just discussing the need in High Springs. She would like to discuss this at a Policy Meeting.*  
*County Manager Lieberman stated that a Comprehensive discussion of Community Centers will be scheduled for March with the appropriate staff.*

In respect of the motion, the Department of Community Support Services created a needs based survey to assess the status of community centers across the County. The survey was distributed to the eleven (11) community centers listed below. Responses were received from all.

City of Alachua Recreation and Culture Department- Hathcock Community Center

City of Archer-Ollie Mae Robinson Senior Center

City of Newberry-Martin Luther King Community Center

City of Waldo Community Center

Community Impact Corporation

Deeper Purpose Community Church, Inc

Hawthorne Area Resource Center, Inc.

Partnership for Strong Families- Library Partnership

Partnership for Strong Families-Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG) Resource Center

Pleasant Street Civil Rights and Cultural Arts Center Inc-One Community Family Resource Center

The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

The survey, Community Profile, encompassed:

- name,
- location,
- entity type,
- facility status,
- days & hours of operation,
- zip codes served,
- partners,
- programs/services,
- staff levels,
- annual budget,
- target population,
- community impact,
- areas of need,
- and an opportunity to include a vignette.: