



CITY OF ARCHER

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May 12, 2025

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
C/o Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, IV
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Interim City Manager

Deanna Alltop

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TO CHAIR CHARLES CHESTNUT, IV

Re: City of Archer – Requests for Access to Infrastructure Funds, Waiver of Immediate Match Requirement, and Inclusion of Requests on May 27, 2025, Agenda

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the City of Archer, I am writing to make two critical and time-sensitive requests.

First, I would request that the Board of County Commissioners consider providing Archer with immediate access, up front, to the approximately \$253,000 infrastructure funds from the County remaining which are flagged for the City of Archer to be matched upon the City's receipt of the \$13 million grant the City has been awarded for its infrastructure projects. The City will be submitting two applications for access to these funds presently – one for the wastewater project and one for the water project that the City currently has pending.

The City owes approximately \$290,000 to its engineers, Kimley-Horn, for work done on the City's water and wastewater projects over the last 12 months. Kimley-Horn is unable to continue work to finish the FDEP permitting process for the wastewater project without substantial payment being made on the outstanding invoices. The FDEP permit application process must be completed by the end of the month in order to meet the required deadlines for the wastewater project's success. The City does not currently have the funds to make substantial payments on the outstanding invoices

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to Kimley-Horn. Still, it has been awarded \$13 million in funding related to the same, which the City anticipates having access to sometime after the full FDEP process has been completed.

Second, I would request that the Board of County Commissioners permit these applications and the City's request for the waiver of the immediate matching requirement to be heard at the May 27th County Commission meeting so that the City can meet its FDEP permitting deadlines.

If the City does not meet its deadline to submit the FDEP permit on time, it runs a grave risk of losing the ability to complete the wastewater project, which would lead to default on at least one multi-million-dollar interlocal agreement and the \$13 million grant. In addition, failure to accomplish this project would likely result in the City having insufficient funds to retain its charter.

I cannot express enough the critical need the City has for the infrastructure funds, which are earmarked for the City with a waiver of the requirement for immediate matching from the City, and for that approval to occur before the end of the month. I know that the County Commission has a mutual interest with the City in ensuring the completion and success of this project, and I am hopeful that the County Commission will be willing to grant our two requests and help our City succeed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Interim City Manager, Deanna Alltop, directly at 352-495-2880 or dalltop@cityofarcher.com if you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fletcher Hope', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fletcher Hope, Mayor
On behalf of the City of Archer

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