

## **Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Board**

Date: June 30, 2025  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: County Administration Building - Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1 Street, 2nd Floor, Gainesville, FL 32601

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Alachua County Members Present: Jill Cunningham (Vice Chair), Eric Drummond (Chair), Steve Howard, Jack Kulas, and Nancy Wilkinson (alternate)

City of Gainesville Members Present: David Ruiz

Incorporated Cities (not Gainesville) Members Present: Ross Ambrose and Bonnie Burgess (alternate)

Members Absent: Mary Lou Hildreth (alternate) and Makyla Mafi

Staff Present: Gina Peebles

Other Municipal Staff Present: Betsy Waite

Outside Counsel: Patrice Boyes

### **2. Welcome and Introduction of Small Cities Alternate Member - Bonnie Burgess**

Ms. Burgess was welcomed and introduced.

### **3. Approval of the Regular and Consent Agendas**

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the Regular and Consent agendas as presented; Jack Kulas second; unanimous approval; motion carried. The Board requested Archer be reminded that their six-month grace period for submitting quarterly reports will soon expire.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

David Ruiz made a motion to approve the May 12 minutes as presented; Ross Ambrose second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **5. Consent Agenda**

- 5.1 Accept 2nd Qtr. (Jan, Feb, Mar, 2025) Wild Spaces Public Places Expenditures for Hawthorne, LaCrosse, and Waldo**
- 5.2 Accept 2nd Qtr. (Jan, Feb, Mar, 2025) Infrastructure Expenditures for Alachua, Hawthorne, High Springs, LaCrosse, and Micanopy**
- 6. Review of Quarterly Wild Spaces Public Places Municipal / County Expenditures for 2nd Qtr. (Jan, Feb, Mar 2025)**

- 6.1 Alachua County**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to table the quarterly Alachua County report as presented as the 2023 Surtax 2nd Qtr. does not match what was reported; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried. The Board discussed whether or not to request grant and other project income/expense on quarterly reports, but determined the role of the Oversight Board was to review surtax expenses only.

- 6.2 Alachua**

The Board questioned why (1) the “World Series Field Berm Construction Fill Dirt” was listed on two lines (\$14,600 and \$9,000 respectively), rather than consolidated (2) if the “Criswell/Lewis Parks” security cameras were purchased/installed with 2023 surtax funds and (3) if the “Fuji Roll-Out Mats for Gym” and “Disc Golf Baskets and Hole Number Plates” have a useful life of five or more years, which if so, they should be coded as “capital” per the surtax state statute.

Ross Ambrose made a motion to table the quarterly Alachua report as presented; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

- 6.3 Gainesville**

Jack Kulas made a motion to approve the quarterly Gainesville report as presented; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

- 6.4 High Springs**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly High Springs report as presented; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

- 6.5 Micanopy**

Jill Cunningham made a motion to approve the quarterly Micanopy report as presented; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

## **6.6 Newberry**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly Newberry report as presented; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

## **7. Review of Quarterly Infrastructure Municipal / County Expenditures for 2nd Qtr. (Jan, Feb, Mar 2025)**

### **7.1 Alachua County**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly Alachua County report as presented; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried. The Board requested future reports break down housing and roads revenue, interest, and expenditures as well as include the branding, "Living Spaces and Thriving Places".

### **7.2 Gainesville**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly Gainesville report as presented; Jill Cunningham seconded; Mr. Ambrose amended his motion to request more detail on "description of purchase;" unanimous approval; motion carried. Future reports should include the branding, "Streets, Stations, and Strong Foundations" as well as a breakdown for housing, if applicable.

### **7.3 Newberry**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly Newberry report as presented; Jill Cunningham seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **7.4 Waldo**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the quarterly Waldo report as presented; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

## **8. Old Business**

### **8.1 Alachua County 1st Qtr 2025 Report**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to approve the 1st Qtr. 2025 Alachua County report as presented; David Ruiz seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

### **8.2 Gainesville 1st Qtr 2025 Report**

Ross Ambrose made a motion to table this report as the expenses itemized do not match the summary total reported; Jack Kulas seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

**8.3 High Springs 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Qtr 2024 and 1st Qtr 2025 Reports**

The consensus was to continue to table this report until the Canoe Outpost repayment matter has been resolved.

**8.4 Additional Enhanced Monitoring Suggestions**

The Board discussed adding an additional question on who is responsible for spending authority and to change the tense from present to future. The purpose of the form is as a "Risk Indicator." If responses cause concern, Ms. Boyes suggested they be referred back to the County Commission, and possibly the Auditor General. The questionnaire will be sent at the close of the fiscal year.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Public Comment (3 Minutes)**

Kali Blount shared concern about the delinquency of the High Springs financial reports.

**11. Date/Time/Location of Next Meeting**

The consensus was to next meet on Monday, Sep. 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grace Knight Conference Room.

**12. Attendance Report**

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.