



Alachua County Special Meeting

Minutes

June 3, 2025, 1:30 PM

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

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Prizzia moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Alford

B. Items for Discussion

1. Coordination with Municipalities on New Development - 25-00223

Growth Management Director Jeff Hays and EPD Director Stephen Hofstetter presented the above item.

Mr. Hays stated that staff is now using Citizen Serve as a way to track projects as well as make everything accessible to the public.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, EPD Director Hofstetter, Commissioner Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, Growth Management Director Hays, Commissioner Wheeler, and Chair Chestnut presented comments.

Public Comments

Chair Chestnut recognized Brian Bisher, Kali Blount, Soorya Lindenberg, Kristin Rubin, and Brandon Balanis who presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to summarize the County notice requirements and each municipalities notice requirements and provide the summary via email to the Board. The motion carried 5-0

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

2. Stormwater Code Evaluation Update - 25-00406

Water Resources Program Manager Stacie Grecko and Alachua County Water Engineer Mary Szoka presented the above item.

The presentation focused on strengthening the stormwater quality code regulations and procedures and recommendations for eliminating the self-certification process.

Ms. Greco stated that she would like to send another Chair Letter to the City of Alachua and the Water Management District regarding the Mill Sink Project since there have been a lot of changes. There have been changes to the City Commission, so she feels it is worth the effort.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Wheeler, Chair Chestnut, EPD Director Hofstetter, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Direct staff to do the following things:

- a. Require a Check List at Preliminary
- b. Require soil amendments in Landscaping Code once there is a local source.
- c. Pilot test reviewing applications in sensitive areas
- d. Update Code to change submittal deadlines based on review of municipalities processes and bring that back.

2. To direct staff to update the most recent Chair Letter to the City of Alachua and discuss the progress we have made along with any further recommendations prior to the next hearing.

3. Ask that staff meet with the Water Management Districts specifically the Suwannee Water Management District to bring back recommendations for upcoming the State Stormwater requirements and see how we can work together.

4. Explore additional code updates to the Landscaping Code that would include opportunities for low impact development, native landscaping and reductions in clearing and reductions in overall impacts using the IFAS land procedures and other sources for the unincorporated areas.

5. Staff to make recommendations for ways in which the legislation can be changed to protect the water resources for the County legislative delegation.

Chair Chestnut recognized Soorya Lindberg, Kristin Rubin, Brandon Balanus, and Brian Bisher who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

3. Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Topics 1. Accessory Structures including Carports 2. Chicken Allowances in Single-Family Zoning Districts. - 25-00389

Accessory Structures

Planner Angela Jacobs and Growth Management Director Jeff Hays presented the above item.

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

Commissioner Prizzia moved to direct staff to bring back appropriate setbacks standards, height, area, lot size and any character considerations moving forward with allowable structures in the front yards.

2nd Commissioner Alford

Chair Chestnut recognized a citizen who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Chicken Allowances

Planner Angela Jacobs and Growth Management Director Jeff Hays presented the above item.

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

Commissioner Prizzia moved to allow 10 hens or ducks within the urban cluster on lots of 1 acre or less and identify EMP's for stocking rates on a lot of an acre or more in the agricultural/rural areas the focus best management stock rates for fowl. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Commissioner Alford

C. Closing Comments

1. Public Comment

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

2. Commission Comment

Scenic Roads

Commissioner Cornell stated that he received an email requesting that Lake Shore Drive be turned into a scenic road. He agrees with the citizen and would like to look into what steps need to be taken to designate the road a scenic road.

Commissioner Cornell moved to investigate turning Lake Shore Drive into a scenic road and staff to discuss with the city a park at Palm Pointe and park improvements that would include a dock.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Florida Association of Counties (FAC)

Commissioner Cornell inquired who would be attending the FAC conference?

Chair Chestnut stated that the County's road projects program actually made the Florida Association of Counties newspaper. He felt that was a good sign for the progress the County has made on the road concerns.

National Association of Counties Annual Conference (NACO)

County Manager Lieberman inquired who would be attending the NACO conference?

There was a notice regarding the conference and who will carry the vote for the County.

Commissioner Alford stated that she will be attending and would be happy to vote on behalf of the County.

D. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.