



Alachua County Special Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Mayor Hope briefly made remarks.

Commissioner Prizzia called the meeting to order at 6pm.

B. Welcome

C. Introduction

1. Mayor, Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
2. Chair, Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commission

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved approval of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Alford

The motion carried 3-0 with Chair Cornell and Commissioner Wheeler not present.

E. Items For Discussion

1. Fiscal Update

City Manager Mr. Martin with the City of Archer provided a brief update regarding the audit.

City Manager Mr. Martin states everything has been done and filed on time, JLAC is satisfied with the filing. Also, currently state oversight agencies are not withholding any funds from the City of Archer. State oversight agencies do have a couple questions for the city of Archer, and they have given the city 45 days to respond to them. Some are findings, some are general questions, and some questions relate to current procedure.

Commissioner Wheeler entered the meeting at 6:02pm.

2. Action Plan Schedule for WSPP Repayment From FY23 & FY24

Mayor Hope briefly discussed the repayment plan and stated that the commission has had multiple discussion from the Dias regarding the repayment plan and the surplus properties identified and the interested parties to buy it are ready. Mayor Hope believes the sales should be able to be accomplished by FY26.

City Manager Mr. Martin presented remarks.

3. Joint Planning Agreement - 26-00124

Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels briefly presented the above item to the commission and answered any questions.

Vice Mayor Iris Bailey, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

4. Development Process/Approvals Update

Commissioner Prizzia stated the county wanted to give an opportunity to the city to have a brief discussion checking in on their development process and approvals making sure they have all the support they need. She also asked for an update on all development process.

Mayor Hope presented updates to the County.

City Commissioner Karen Fiore, Mayor Hope, City Manager Mr. Martin, City Attorney, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Alford, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Chair Cornell entered meeting at 6:28pm

5. Introduction of Forward Focus Initiative - 26-00122
6. Status Update on SR24 4-Laning

Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Works Assistant Director Brian Kauffman presented the above item to the commission.

Commissioner Alford, Chair Cornell, and City Commissioner Marilyn Green presented comments.

- The baseline survey for the first phase has been completed by George F. Young, Inc. under contract with Alachua County
- An initial traffic impact study has been completed by Kimley-Horn, also under contract with Alachua County
- ACPW is conducting the required topographic survey using its in-house survey crew. Field work is approximately 30% complete, with completion scheduled for March 1, 2026.
- The Board is again requesting an additional \$2.25 million state appropriation this year to complete the remaining design work.
- Preliminary Engineering Report (60% Design plans) summer 2027.

Mayor Hope, and Public Works Assistant Director Brian Kauffman presented comments.

F. Public Comment

Chair Cornell recognized Shane Carter, Jean Arnold, Ann Green, Bill Londowski, and Eugena Campbell who presented comments.

Mayor Hope, Chair Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Prizzia, Marilyn Green, City Manager Martin, and County Manager Lieberman all responded to citizens comments.

G. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

1. County Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler praised how wonderful Archer Schools are doing and she believes the great schools will help the community continue to grow.

Commissioner Alford wanted to say thank you to the city of archer for having the County and she stated she appreciates coming to the meetings. Commissioner Alford would also like to welcome any feedback and opportunity to talk about any concerns at any time.

Commissioner Prizzia wanted to say thank you for having the county and let everyone know about the Ag easement program.

Chair Cornell apologized for being late to the meeting and states the county looks forward to helping where they can. Chair also would like to say thank you for having the county tonight.

2. City Commission Comment

Mayor Hope says they look forward to the annual meetings and would like to say thank you to the county for attending the meeting. He apologizes for not having more on the agenda but states the city looks forward to becoming more financially viable with the changes that they are making.

City Commissioner Kathy Penny would like to say thank you to the County Commission for coming to the city of archer and she enjoys working with everyone.

City Commissioner Karen Fiore states she is looking forward to working with everyone and thank you to the County for visiting the city of Archer.

City Commissioner Marilyn Green wanted to say thank you commissioner wheeler for pointing out Archer schools. Commissioner Green states they are the number 1 school in the county, no referrals or kids getting kicked out. Also thank you to al County Commission and staff for attending the meeting,

Vice Mayor Iris Bailey says thank you for coming to the city of Archer and always being available.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

To adjourn the meeting.