

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Joint Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson; Vice Chair Mike Byerly, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell, and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy County Manager James Harriot, Clerk of the Court J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Call To Order

Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Chair, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Chestnut not logged in.

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0 with City Mayor Poe and City Commissioner Ward not logged in.

Items For Discussion

1. COVID-19 UF Discussion 20-0658
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Have a discussion on the following COVID 19 items:
 - A. University of Florida Update




Dr. Charles Lane and Dr. Michael Lauzardo presented the above item.

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City Commissioner Simmons, City Commissioner Saco, City Manager Feldman, City Commissioner Ward, Assistant City Attorney Lee Libby, Chair Hutchinson, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Johnson, Health Department Director Paul Myers, County Manager Lieberman, City Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Cornell, City Commission Arreola, and City Commissioner Johnson presented comments.

B. Alachua County School Board Update 

Superintendent Karen Clarke presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Ward , City Commissioner Simmons , and City Commissioner Arreola  presented comments.

C. Alachua County Health Department Update 

Health Department Director Paul Myers presented the above item.



D. CARES Act Funds Update 

CRI Representative April Shuping presented the above item.

E. Emergency Management Update 

Emergency Management Director Hal Grieb presented the above item.

Chair Hutchinson  and Commissioner Cornell  presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to empower the Chair and staff to adjust the Emergency Order to limit indoor activities to 10 or less and outdoor activities to 50 or less where social distancing cannot be practiced. Authorize a Chair letter and request a the City produce a similar letter to encourage and support the university adding a student code of conduct violation for violating the social gathering conditions of the Emergency Order. 2nd Byerly  

City Commissioner Hayes-Santos, City Commissioner Arreola, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell

Public Comments via Telephone

Debbie Martinez and Nathan Skop presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Wheeler not logged in.

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Picnic Area on Commission Building Property

The Board discussed the concept of an outdoor dining area on the west lawn of the County Administration Building. No action was taken.

Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, and City Commissioner Arreola presented comments.

Public Comment

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

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Commission Comment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M.