

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
Grace Knight Conference Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

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

PRESENT: Vice Chair Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson, Commissioners Mike Byerly, Ken Cornell and Marihelen Wheeler

ABSENT: Chair Charles “Chuck” Chestnut

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey and Minutes Clerk Loretta Adams

Meeting called to order 1:03 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Agenda; and (b) adopt the Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved approval of Agenda as printed. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Chestnut absent.

Action Items

2. FY20 Budget Discussions – Social Services
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: To be determined by the Board of County Commissioners during the FY20 Budget Development

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented above item.

Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) Funding

Assistant County Manager Crosby and Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

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Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Claudia Tuck Director of Community Support Services, and Commissioner Hutchinson provided comments.

Commissioner Byerly moved the following:

1. That we not fund the three programs that were part of the Children's Services Advisory Board for the coming physical year and notify the Children's Services Council that is our intent.
2. That we do fund the programs geared to the children that are in our CAPP (Community Agency Partnership Program) process for the coming year in line with our contractual obligations and notify the Children's Services Trust that for the following year we want to have a discussion with them about to what extent we may want to pull back or augment.
3. Request that Community Support Services provide us with a list of any of services that we provide that could be duplicated by the Children's Trust.

Commissioner Cornell presented comment

The motion carried 4-0.

Homelessness/Rapid Rehousing

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Wheeler, and Commissioner Byerly,

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. That we ask Staff to come back to the Board at a future budget meeting with their highest and best use for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing , Case Management and Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Teams over the next 3 years starting with \$500,000.00 this year increasing to \$1,000,000.00 in year two and increasing to \$1,500,00.00 in year 3 for further discussion.
2. That we empower the County Manager to speak to the Director of Tacachale and the Agency for Persons with disabilities about affordable housing options and to bring back thoughts and ideas from what comes out of that meeting.

County Manager Michele Lieberman, Mona Gil de Gibaja, Commissioner Cornell, Vice Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, and Assistant

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County Manager Smart, Community Support Services Director Tuck presented comments.

The motion carried 4-0.

Energy Management

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented above item.

Mr. Crosby advised the Board that a Request for Proposals (RFP) is will go out shortly to hire a vendor to perform this function for the County. There should be someone in place by July, 2019.

County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Wheeler, Deputy County Manager Harriot and Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell requested that staff provide a review on how the solar projects on the fire stations are performing when this item comes back to the Board.

FEMA Reimbursement

Assistant County Manager Crosby advised the Board that the FEMA Reimbursement will not be completed by the next budget cycle. The bulk of the County's claim is debris cleanup. The process for reimbursement is proceeding but it is a long process.

TRIM Notice

Commissioner Byerly and Cornell presented comments regarding the decision to set the millage rates for the TRIM Notice and that the Board would like the opportunity to review the TRIM Notice before it is sent out to the public.

Mr. Crosby will try to see if that is possible with the timeline. The TRIM Notice is a collaboration between several taxing authorities such as the School Board and the Water Management Districts as well.

Closing Comments

3. Public comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Public Comment

No one present wished to address the Board.

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4. Commission comments
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Commission Comment

Commissioner Ken Cornell got notice that the Senate is having a workshop tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. to discuss The Valdosta Spills which he would like to attend. However, this would conflict with the Self Insurance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Wheeler inquired about the bridge repair in the Fairbanks area. She advised that the citizens are looking into a special assessment as a way to finance the project and inquired if it is possible.

Vice Chair Hutchinson advised that the cost of the bridge is so high that the assessment would be too expensive for the residents to afford and result in the County foreclosing on their properties. One of the other issues is that the roads in the area are private roads not public which prohibits tax dollars being spent on the project.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman and Deputy County Manager Harriot presented comments.

County Manager Lieberman advised the Board that the Governor's Office is actively reviewing the County's Children Services Board appointments.

Commissioner Hutchinson commented on the status of a previous discussion on the administrative rezoning of certain properties to conservation that would enable Alachua County Trust (ACT) to then comply with the grant requirements which will allow them to receive current grants.

County Manager Lieberman advised that staff just received the motion recently but she is not aware of the status on the project.

County Attorney Sylvia Torres provided comment.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.