

Monday, August 3, 2020 – 1:30 P.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 Regular 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, , and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Items for Discussion

1. CARES Act Plan **20-0599**
Fiscal Consideration: All of the Funds will be covered by funding of the CARES Act from the State of Florida, however, 25.2 Million (75%) will be on an reimbursement basis. OMB & F&A will monitor available cash during October and November prior to property tax collections.
Recommended Action: 1. Approve the application processes and criteria for awarding CARES funds to eligible applicants (individual, business, and Category 1-4 Government Agencies) 2. Authorize a \$5 Million inter-fund loan from the General Fund for the reimbursement share of the funding and limit the County's exposure to the \$5 Million. 3. Adopt the Resolution for Unanticipated Revenue and Budget Amendment to align expenditures with the proposed plan. 4. Approve the Addendum to the consultant (CRI) to obtain services of a call center for the expected high initial call volume. 5. Authorize the Manager to move funds within Categories 1-4 to better match the needs of other Government agencies without reducing their overall allocation.

County Manager Lieberman, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, and Carr, Riggs, and Ingram Audit Partner April Shuping presented the above item.

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Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Cornell, Health Department Director Paul Myers, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell requested a copy of the contract the Health Department has with private labs to conduct COVID 19 testing.

RTS Request for Funding

County Manager Lieberman request from the City of Gainesville for RTS cleaning cost, PPE, and for increased buses for social distancing. Mrs. Lieberman stated that she is not recommending the Board honor the request. She has advised that RTS and the City of Gainesville have received CARES ACT Funding and have access to FEMA reimbursement. RTS has received twelve million in CARES Act Funding from the State Department of Transportation.

Homeless Services Funding

County Manager Lieberman advised that the City of Gainesville has received 49.5 percent of the Cares Act Funding based on population. The City of Gainesville is requesting that the \$500,000 for homelessness issues be appropriated using the last point in time data which will allocate 95% of the funding to the City of Gainesville. However, the County and the City split the homelessness efforts in a 50/50 split. Mrs. Lieberman's recommendation is that the County retain its allocation of Homelessness Funding and it be used for permanent supportive housing.

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

1. Approve the application processes and criteria for awarding CARES funds to eligible applicants (individual, business, and Category 1-4 Government Agencies)
 - A. Staff to work with the Local Department of Health to develop performance metrics and weekly report deliverables for both testing and tracing and return to the Board for approval prior to August 17, 2020 date which is when the program is to go live. Nothing in this motion is to slow the funding to the Department of Health so they can implement the program.
2. Authorize a \$5 Million inter-fund loan from the General Fund for the reimbursement share of the funding and limit the County's exposure to the \$5 Million.
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4. Approve the Addendum to the consultant (CRI) to obtain services of a call center for the expected high initial call volume.
5. Authorize the Manager to move funds within Categories 1-4 to better match the needs of other Government agencies without reducing their overall allocation.
6. Staff is to provide a complete summary of the local Cares Act Program at the first meeting in September and recommendations of any changes to allocations based on individual, business, and government agencies applications and awards.

Commissioner Byerly and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

Public Comment via Telephone

A citizen and Pat Lavery presented comments.

CRI Representative April Shuping, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Chair Hutchinson, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

Jail HVAC Purification System

Assistant County Manager Crosby requested that the Board approve the Emergency Procurement and the Contract for the installation of the air purification system at the County Jail to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

Commissioner Chestnut moved approval of the Emergency Procurement and contract for the Alachua County Jail AHU GPS Air Purification Install.

Public Comment via Telephone

Nathan Skop and Assistant County Attorney Dave Forziano presented comments.

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Commission Comments

Haile Plantation Email Homeowners Association

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she has received emails from citizens in Haile Plantation residents regarding being harassed excessively by the Homeowners Association.

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Commissioner Cornell stated that he forwarded the email to the Growth Management Director Missy Daniels who stated she was going to make contact with the HOA and see what could be worked out.

Public Comments

There were no citizens who offered comments.

Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton stated that his office will be making a full media effort to push the information regarding the CARES Act Funding program to assist residents.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.