

Tuesday, August 12, 2021 – 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 Special Meeting.

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Wheeler moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Prizzia out of the room.

Items for Discussion

1. FY22 Budget Development Meeting -Animal Services and Code Enforcement, Community Support Services, Court Services, and Fire Rescue 21-0684
Fiscal Consideration: Accept or modify the proposed budget for Code Enforcement and Animal Services, Community Support Services, Court Services, and Fire Rescue.

Animal Services

Mr. Williams presented the above budget proposal. Twelve new tough book computers to replace computers and docking stations in the officer's vehicles. The current computers are seven years old which is beyond life expectancy.

Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Code Enforcement

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Fire Rescue

Fire Chief Harold Theus presented the above item.

1. Third assistant chief responsible for fire operations.
2. Transfer coordinator
3. Mobile radios to replace the outdated radios

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4. Tanker 21 replacement as part of the vehicle replacement fund
5. Extrication equipment for squad 23 as part of the vehicle replacement funding
6. GIS Coordinator
7. A second plans reviewer position

Court Services

Court Services Director Michael Arizmendi presented the above item.

1. EM GPS for work release program
2. Monitor to connect program
3. Metamorphosis

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

Community Support Services

Director of Community Support Services Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

Crisis Hotline Director Alexandra Martinez presented the Crisis Hotline budget request.

Commissioner Prizzia and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Background:

This is the third in a series of presentations since the County Manager has presented a budget based on a millage rate of 7.8622.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the County Manager's budget or proposed millage rates.

2. Presentation of an Overview of a Central Receiving Facility for Alachua County 21-0690

Fiscal Consideration: Estimated \$923,000 in annual operating costs. Total operating costs expected to be \$1.1 million, however revenue is expected from Medicaid for uninsured or underinsured, others. Under consideration is the use of \$1.5 million potentially from American Rescue Plan Funds.

If the Board decides to move forward with the Central Receiving Facility, then funding will need to be identified.

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Recommended Action: Receive the Presentation and Discuss the Opportunity for Development

Criminal Justice Liaison Stewart Wagner presented the above item.

Public Comment

Chair Cornell recognized David Johnson who presented comments.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Chestnut and Chair Cornell all presented comments.

Commissioner Prizzia moved the following:

1. Direct staff to find and organize the funding to move forward with a central receiving facility for Alachua County and the surrounding area.
2. Authorize the Chair to transmit a letter inviting the City of Gainesville and area hospitals to participate in this program both operationally and financially.
3. Staff to develop and operational and oversight committee for the central receiving facility and bring back to the Board.
4. Request staff and Meridian work to produce a three to five year plans that show potential partners and funding sources so that the program is not supported by the General Fund in three to five years.

The motion carried 5-0.

Closing Comments

Public Comment

Joe Clark, Robert Sullivan, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Commissioner Alford, Fire Chief Harold Theus, Commissioner Alford and Commissioner Prizzia all presented comments.

Commissioner Prizzia moved to appoint a member from FAMU, Santa Fe and the urban community impacted by food security to the joint food policy committee of the City of Gainesville and the County.

Commissioner Alford 2nd motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commission Comment

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Vaccine Events

Commissioner Prizzia stated that some of the musicians that participate in the City of Gainesville free concerts. She inquired if there was any interest in a partnership with the City of Gainesville, County, and the Health Department to turn the concerts into a vaccine effort event.

Commissioner Alford stated that other areas have had bars offer a free shot for those who receive a vaccine shot.

By consensus, the matter was referred to the County Manager.

Community Mental Health Center

Chair Cornell stated that the central receiving center in Appalachia is referred to as a Community Mental Health Center. He requested that the Board consider a name that would not have stigma associated with it for the County facility.

Adjourned at 4:22 P.M.