

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

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October 27, 2021

Via Email: emmickle11@gmail.com Mrs. Evelyn Mickle 401 SE 1st Ave, Ste 367 Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mrs. Mickle:

On behalf of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, we are pleased to advise you that the Commission unanimously approved the following at our October 12 meeting:

- Increased our budget from \$10,000 to \$12,500 for unlit exterior signage installed on the top, front of the Criminal Courthouse (as designed by the DLR Group) contingent on being consistent with all local laws and regulations; and replacement of exterior way finding signs. Your County liaison, Assistant County Manager, Gina Peebles, has already selected a vendor through our established Procurement processes and will ensure the signs are installed prior to the County's Jan. 14, 2022 event.
- 2. Our Communications Office will design and print event programs and provide videography and photography services during the event. We are also happy to provide light refreshments for the public attending the event.
- 3. In coordination with the Community Remembrance Program Committee, design a static display in the first-floor phone booth area which ties together Judge Mickle's accomplishments while serving on the court with the County's Truth & Reconciliation efforts. We ask that you provide an architecture/maintenance plan to Ms. Peebles and she will present them to the Commission for final approval. Once approved by the Commission, Ms. Peebles will work with our Purchasing Department to obtain bids/quotes for the display. We understand that this will not be complete by the Jan. 14 event.
- 4. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the appropriate entity for the County to provide up to a \$50,000 match for the first-floor static display. Our Finance & Accounting Office (4th Floor - 12 SE 1 St., Gainesville, FL 32601) is ready to accept donations designated for this purpose. These donations are tax deductible and donors will receive a thank you letter from the County for tax purposes.

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The Commission appreciates the background information and plans presented to assist us with our deliberations. While we know you had requested approval for additional interior and exterior modifications, we are so happy that Judge Mickle's contributions to the greater Alachua County community will be forever memorialized in the Criminal Courthouse's first-floor static display.

Sincerely,

Ken Cornell, Chair Alachua County Commission Chr22.001

cc: Michele Lieberman, County Manager Sylvia Torres, County Attorney Gina Peebles, Assistant County Manager