

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – 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: Chair Marihelen Wheeler (via zoom); Vice Chair Anna Prizzia, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Ken Cornell

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Casey Miller

Vice Chair Prizzia called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Chestnut moved approval of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Cornell

The motion carried 3-0 with Chair Wheeler not present.

Items of Discussion

1. Board Discussion of Policy

Chair Wheeler joined the meeting via ZOOM at 1:39 p.m.

Policy Discussion

Commissioner Prizzia stated that she asked for the meeting to discuss ways to keep the special meetings on the calendar for the Board so they can discuss items they would like on the agenda.

County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell and Chair Wheeler all made comments.

County Manager Lieberman stated that some meetings were canceled due to lack of items for discussion on the agenda. Items ready to be presented to the Board were presented. Ms. Lieberman stated from a staff perspective there are a lot of vacancies and the current staff working on the projects are doing double duty. She recommends having the meetings once a month starting at 9:00 am – 11:00 am for open mic time for the Board to have discussion prior to the Regular Meeting. This would prevent staff from having another day of their work week being used for meetings.

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Commissioner Prizzia stated she likes the idea of having the meeting in the beginning before the Regular Meeting.

County Manager Lieberman and Commissioner Prizzia presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell stated he likes the idea of coming in early but it should be scheduled as a separate special meeting 9:00 am – 11:00 am with a break in-between and then have the Regular Meeting at 11:30 am with adoption of the agenda.

Commissioner Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Cornell, Chair Wheeler, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, and Commissioner Chestnut all presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell stated that he believes the special meeting should be held June 21st 2022 regarding Animal Services.

County Manger Lieberman stated the date of June 21st is already blocked off and on the schedule.

Commissioner Cornell, Chair Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia, County Manager Lieberman, Deputy County Manager Carl Smart and County Manager Lieberman all presented comments.

Advisory Boards

Commissioner Prizzia stated she believes that some of the advisory boards are utilized really well and some are underutilized or not utilized at all. She would like the Board to review the advisory boards in general.

County Manager Lieberman stated that there were sunset clauses placed in all the boards. Some boards only meet when called upon. There are also Boards that are purely advisory boards and some required by State statutes that serve a legislative function.

County Attorney Torres, County Manager Lieberman and Commissioner Prizzia, all presented comments.

County Attorney Torres stated staff will provide a list of the advisory boards to the Board, combined with their work plans, reports and resolutions that create the rules, with the intent the Board will have the opportunity to review and make a decision how they wish to proceed.

Strategic Plan

Commissioner Prizzia stated at the last budget meeting the strategic plan was presented to the Board and the jail was under social and economic opportunity which she did not approve of and would like to discuss further at a policy meeting. She further

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stated she would like to have a conversation about what they are doing to ensure they are making progress with the new strategic goals and what metrics are being monitored.

County Manager Lieberman stated that a presentation can be done at a Regular Meeting that reviews the strategic plan and the statistics that are tracked. This way the Board can have an understanding of how things are done and the Board can make any decisions or modifications.

Commissioner Cornell stated his thought on the strategic plan is that it was initially reviewed in March after there was a new board. It should be done every two years in March once there is a new Board.

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Chestnut and County Manager Lieberman all presented comments.

County Manager Lieberman stated that she will have Mrs. Bradbrook send an email with how and what is tracked so that the Board can familiarize themselves with the process.

Health Equity Advisory Board

Commissioner Prizzia stated the Health Equity Advisory Board was going to bring recommendations to the Board regarding Health Equity and just wanted to check if it was on the agenda.

County Manager Lieberman stated it is on the agenda for a Regular Meeting but they will check to make sure. The Advisory Board has been working on a lot.

Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Prizzia and Commissioner Chestnut all presented comments.

County Manager Lieberman stated the Health Equity will be coming back in August or possibly be put on first meeting in July.

Commissioner Prizzia and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

Public Comment

Commissioner Prizzia recognized Journey Meon who presented comments.

Commission Response

Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, County Attorney Torres, Commissioner Prizzia and Communications Coordinator Sexton presented comments.

Adjourn

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There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:05
P.M.