

## **Manager's Talking Points**

**October 13, 2020**

### **RFP 21-239 Annual Northeast Flatwoods Preserve Hunting Agreement**

- The BoCC approved the Hunting Business Plan for Alachua County Forever Properties on January 22, 2013. This plan includes a strategy to allow limited hunting privileges to private entities in exchange for caretaking services to offset management costs on preserves.
- The County solicited bids for a multi-year hunter/caretaker agreement for the Northeast Flatwoods Preserve, through RFP 21-239. Five bids were received and ranked at a public meeting held on September 16th 2020 and the ranking committee moved to recommend Doug Mercer.
- This is the second competitively bid hunter/caretaker agreement on the Northeast Flatwoods Preserve. Douglas Mercer won the bid for the first agreement in 2015. Mr. Mercer has consistently provided high quality service to Alachua County on Northeast Flatwoods Preserve.