

May 3, 2021

Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Ms. Lieberman,

Below please find the FY21 adopted budget and the FY22 preliminary budget for the Alachua County Tax Collector's Office.

	FY 20/21 Adopted Budget	FY 21/22 Preliminary Budget
Personal Services	\$6,413,542	\$6,643,870
Operating Expenditures	\$1,690,485	\$2,128,866
Capital Outlay	\$ 506,500	\$ 159,008
**Total Budget	\$8,610,527	\$8,931,744
FTE's	81.00	81.00
BoCC General Fund – Expense	\$4,543,421	\$4,670,768
BoCC General Fund – Revenue	\$ 267,519	\$ 143,735

****The Total FY 21 Adopted Budget does not include \$4,350,000 of Northwest Complex project construction expenses funded through a BOCC loan.**

For your information, we submitted a budget which utilized the following criteria as provided in your Budget Guidelines, in establishing the FY22 budget:

- 3% compensation adjustment – \$134,000 increase
- Estimated retirement rates based on state budget proposal - \$50,000 increase
- Health insurance rate increase -\$45,000 increase

Our office strongly supports the 3% pay adjustment which is currently proposed for our employees as we must continue to compensate our skilled employees with competitive wages.

Our FY22 preliminary budget also includes funding (\$522,000) for the BOCC loan repayment associated with the new Northwest Complex. Also included is funding (\$159,000) for equipment and furnishings for the new Northwest Complex which is expected to be completed in November 2021. Due to operational efficiencies, we still anticipate generating more fees than our expenses. The resulting return to the taxing authorities for FY22 is estimated to be over \$200,000. We are proud of the efficient services our office provides the citizens of Alachua County and look forward to continued success.

Be advised the FY22 budget is preliminary and additional adjustments may be necessary based on discussions with the Department of Revenue who still needs to review and approve our budget. Additionally, BOCC decisions made on millage rates will have an impact on revenue and expenses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jon Costabile, Chief Deputy.

Sincerely,



John Power, CFC
Tax Collector serving Alachua County

cc: Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager for Budget & Fiscal Services