



City of High Springs Water Line Extension

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

September 14, 2021

Background

- City of High Springs would like to extend a potable water line from within its City limits to serve a property that is also within its City limits.
- Due to configuration of City boundary, the water line would need to cross in front of one unincorporated parcel to reach the parcel that the City wishes to serve.
- Pursuant to Policy 3.1.5 of Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer Element, the BoCC must approve any extensions of water or sewer lines through the unincorporated area outside of the Urban Cluster.
- Approval must be based on a finding that one of four possible criteria in Policy 3.1.5 have been met.

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Proposed 30 Lot Subdivision (City of High Springs)

Cinnamon Hills Subdivision (City of High Springs)

Possible Criteria for Finding by the BoCC

Per Policy 3.1.5, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer Element

The Board of County Commissioners finds that:

- (a) the absence of such facilities would result in a threat to the public health or safety; or
- (b) extension of such facilities is necessary to enhance the safe, effective, and efficient delivery of central potable water or sanitary sewer service within an existing urban service area; or
- (c) extension of such facilities would serve a purpose consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, such as the retention and expansion of existing business and industry or the attraction of new business and industry in accordance with the Economic Element of this Plan, or the service of institutional or tourist/entertainment uses consistent with the Future Land Use Element; or
- (d) extension of such facilities is needed as part of a comprehensive expansion of public services to encourage urban development in a new area as part of a comprehensive plan amendment.

Staff Recommendation

If the Board wishes to approve the City of High Springs proposed water line extension through a portion of the unincorporated area outside the Urban Cluster in accordance with Policy 3.1.5 of the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Element, then staff recommends that the Board do so based on the finding that the proposed water line extension is necessary to enhance the safe, effective, and efficient delivery of central potable water service within the existing urban service area of the City of High Springs.