

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met for the Special Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell; Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Attorney Bob Swain, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Alford moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

2nd Chestnut

Items for Discussion

1. Judiciary Budget Request and County Manager's Recommendation 21-0675
Fiscal Consideration: NA
Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Judicial Officers and Branches in the FY 22 Budget:

Public Defender

Public Defender Stacey Scott presented the Public Defender's budget request.

Guardian Ad Litem

Assistant County Manager Crosby advised the Board that the Guardian Ad Litem budget is a continuation budget with no enhancements requested.

State Attorney

State Attorney Brian Crammer presented the State Attorney's budget request.

Court Administration

Trial Court Administrator Paul Simon presented the Courts budget request.

Regional Conflict Council

Assistant County Manager Crosby advised the Board that the Guardian Ad Litem budget is a continuation budget with no enhancements requested.

4. Property Appraiser Budget Request & County Manager's Recommendation 21-0678
Fiscal Consideration: NA
Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Property Appraiser in the FY22 Budget

Property Appraiser Ayesha Soloman presented the Property Appraiser's budget request.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

5. Tax Collector Budget Request and County Manager's Recommendation 21-0677
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Tax Collector in the FY 22 Budget

Chief Deputy Tax Collector John Constable presented the Tax Collector's budget request.

6. Clerk of the Court Budget Request and County Manager's Recommendation 21-0676
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Clerk of the Court in the FY22 Budget

Clerk of Court J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq. presented the Clerk of Court's budget request.

Clerk Irby advised the Board that this year the Clerk's Office is requesting an enhancement for a new accountant position. He advised that this position is needed since the County is taking over operations of the Career Center. There are several grants and funding sources that will need to be accounted for and there was not capacity to do it with existing staff.

County Manager Lieberman stated that the policy is to hold the Constitutional Offices harmless for increases in Florida Retirement System (FRS), County Minimum Wage, Cost of Living increase, and cost of insurance increases.

Commissioner Prizzia, Assistant County Manager Crosby, and Chief Financial Officer Todd Hutchison presented comments.

2. Sheriff Budget Request & County Manager's Recommendation 21-0680

Fiscal Consideration: NA

Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Sheriff in the FY22 Budget

Sheriff Clovis Watson and Chief of Staff Daniele Judd presented the Sheriff's Office budget request.

Sheriff Watson requested the following enhancements in the request:

- Body Worn Camera: \$500,000 2nd Phase, Test & Evaluation (T&E)
- School Resource Officers: \$358,484
- Ransomware: \$240,000 1st Phase
- Replace Six (6) Motorcycles: \$85,000

Chief of Staff Daniele Judd, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

3. Supervisor of Elections Budget Request & County Manager's Recommendation 21-0679

Fiscal Consideration: The amount in the County Manager column was the value presented by the County Manager in her presentation. Subsequently, the Supervisor of Elections requested an additional \$9,500 for redistricting costs. These tasks would have been conducted in house, but the staff member has passed away, and the work needs to be contracted out.

Recommended Action: Include the County Manager's budget recommendation for the Supervisor of Elections in the FY22 Budget, plus the additional \$9,500 subsequently requested for redistricting.

Supervisor of Elections Kim Barton presented the Supervisor of Elections budget request.

Supervisor of Elections Barton requested the following enhancements:

- Additional Early Voting Site at the County Fairgrounds
- Purchase 2 I.C.E. Voting Equipment
- Staffing for the early voting site \$14,500
- Accessible voting by mail system \$16,950 annually
- A new F.T.E. for an Executive Assistant Position \$67,000.00
- Battery replacement for equipment \$41,500 the on call staff will be an additional expense of \$9,280
- \$19,550 for GIS services for the redistricting
- Cost for mailings due the redistricting are as follows Postage Cost estimated at \$50,000 and cost of printing new Voter Information Cards is \$60,000.

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- \$25,000 for sample ballots
- \$3,000 for voter guides
- \$13,000 Comprehensive Preparedness Guide
- \$25,000 for advertising
- \$10,000 for Outreach Officer
- \$85,000 for Senate Bill 90 funding needs
- Funding for mailings to inform voters to changes in vote by mail request

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Comment

Chair Cornell recognized Mrs. White who expressed concerns regarding the flooding that occurred at her home after the Tropical Storm Elsa came through Gainesville.

Chair Cornell recognized Nathan Skop who presented comments to the Board.

Closing Comments

Fellowship Baptist Church

Public Work Director Ramon Gavarrete presented the counter offer for the purchase of the Fellowship Baptist Church property to the Board.

Chair Cornell and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

There was no action taken on this item.

Flooding Issues

Chair Cornell in response to Mrs. White's comments inquired when Public Works Director Gavarrete would have his recommendations prepared to go to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Gavarrete stated he could try to make the August 24, 2021 agenda but cautioned all the data may not be available by that time.

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Commission Comment

There were no comments offered.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 P.M.