

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - 10:00 A.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 Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, Vice Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson,  
Commissioners Ken Cornell, Mike Byerly, and Marihelen Wheeler

**ALSO PRESENT:** Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby, County Attorney Sylvia  
Torres, Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

CALL TO ORDER  
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

### **Items for Discussion**

1. FY20 Budget Development Meeting [19-0069](#)  
**Fiscal Consideration:** Accept or modify the FY20 Tentative Budget  
**Recommended Action:** Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget or proposed millage rates.

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above item.

### Millage Rate Chart

Mr. Crosby advised that the estimates used for the budget have been pretty accurate. The General Fund Millage rate is 8.2829 mills and the MSTU is 3.7240 mills.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

### FTE Review

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above item.

Mr. Crosby stated some of the numbers look like major increases in departments however you must consider that the County Manager has been reorganizing

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departments which accounts for many of the changes in FTE. Further custodial workers were brought back in house which is a large part of the increase in FTE.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Hutchinson,

#### Court Administration

Court Operations Director Bridget Baker presented a request for 1 FTE for assistance with Specialty Courts and the Alachua County Self Help Center. She stated that the Self Help Center opened in 2016 and in 2017 it assisted 4,000 citizens. In 2018 the Center assisted 7,800 citizens.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

#### Sugarfoot Oaks Special Assessment

Assistant County Manager Crosby and Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck presented the above item.

Mr. Crosby presented the budget adopted by the Sugarfoot Oaks Board adopted budget. The County Manager intends to include the newly adopted budget into the County Budget document. He advised that the bulk of the budget is capital projects which include sidewalks and lighting.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Wheeler, Jeff Clark, Joan Canton, Commissioner Wheeler,

**Commissioner Cornell moved** to proceed with the direction as presented and the County to adjust the tentative budget to approve what the Special Assessment District Board approved.

Community Support Services Director Claudia Tuck, Mary Gonzalez, citizen, citizen, Deputy County Manager Harriot,

**The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Closing Comments**

Public Comment

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Commission Comment

Mosquito Control

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the County currently has a contract for \$141,000.00 for mosquito control. He advised that the City of Gainesville, Newberry, and Alachua all have personnel with equipment for mosquito control. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that it may be necessary to develop a Mosquito Control District to deal with mosquito born illnesses and weather changes. He would still like spraying to be a last resort.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved** that staff be the convener of an Alachua County Mosquito Summit where the State, the Feds, the University of Florida, the Health Department in a room to ask the following: What is the state of the art method of mosquito control that balances out public health, environmental health, and other technical stakeholders hopefully cost efficiency and how should Alachua County be addressing this?

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the target time for this would be in October or November.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Inmate Labor Crews

Commissioner Byerly stated that the Board has received the reports by email regarding the information obtained by staff. The survey of inmates provides the insight that the inmates would like to continue the work release program. He would like to further discuss the matter with the Board at some point.

Acorn Memo

Commissioner Cornell advised that State Senator Bradly has responded that he does not see the State of Florida changing the decision regarding funding for the ACORN Clinic.

Assistant County Manager Crosby advised the Board on the current level of Choices funding. He stated that if the Board wish to assist ACORN then the Board could

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motion to support the clinic rather than send it to a Board such as Community Agency Partnership Program for a funding recommendation that the Board has already decided.

Camp McConnell

Commissioner Wheeler advised that she has had Communications with the Rabbi and that they have serious concerns regarding some of the restrictions being placed on the property. He is concerned that he would constantly have to return to the Board for permission or permits to operate the camp.

Commissioner Byerly, Assistant County Manager Crosby, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Hutchinson presented comments.

3 million budget cut exercise

Commissioner Cornell stated that he has been developing a list of items and is wondering how other Commissioners are proceeding.

Commissioner Byerly stated that there is one large item that he does not want in the budget and he is looking to fund enforcement function for many of the water policies adopted by the Board. He also stated that he would like the blinds in Grace Knight to also be placed in the Jack Durrance Board room.

Restrictions on Truck Travel

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she read an article that the Federal Government is looking to remove restrictions of semi-trucks which will further task the County's emergency services.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.