

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 - 1:30 P.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: County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres,
Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

CALL TO ORDER
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cornell moved adoption of the agenda with the addition of the
RTS proposal.

Chair Chestnut recognized Kristen Young who requested to add a brief discussion
of an RTS ridership proposal.

The motion carried 5-0.

1. Pet Breeder Regulation 19-0158

Fiscal Consideration: None

Recommended Action: Authorize advertisement of an ordinance establishing a
Breeder's License program with the following standards:

- Differential licensing for all animals, with costs established in the fee schedule,
to curb "accidental breeders" and incentivize sterilization

- A breeder's permit program for hobby, and commercial, breeders of dogs
subject to:

- 1) Retention of all veterinary and transaction records for 1 year from sale;
- 2) Consent to inspections of premises housing breeding operations and
animals;
- 3) Standards of husbandry and veterinary care for animals;
- 4) Maximum number of adult intact animals at a breeding facility'
- 5) Fees (established by fee schedule) depending on intensity of breeding

Animal Services Director Ed Williams presented above item

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Commissioner Hutchinson moved the following: 2nd Wheeler

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- 5) Fees (established by fee schedule) depending on intensity of breeding
- 6) Staff and the attorney to bring back a separate proposal to seek the cooperation of the veterinary community in the registration and licensing of all animals.

Public Comments

Chair Chestnut recognized James Trainer, Gene Mattmore, Aaron Doria, Jason Kenley, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Attorney Corbin Hanson, Commissioner Cornell, County Manager Lieberman, Sarah Wingfield, Commissioner Cornell, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Assistant County Hanson, Commissioner Byerly, County Attorney Torres, President of Florida Association of Kennel Clubs Susan Smith, Peggy Nittel, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Michele Lieberman, Assistant County Attorney Hanson, County Manager Lieberman, and County Attorney Sylvia Torres, Commissioner Byerly, County Manager Lieberman,

Commissioner Hutchinson moved the following amended motion:

1. To refer back to staff to develop potential exemptions for areas where the County is not concerned with having to conduct inspections.
2. Come back with more specificity about fee schedules
3. Convene a stakeholder meeting where they can provide direct input
4. Seek the cooperation of the veterinary community in the registration and licensing of all animals.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Hutchinson, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

ADDED ITEM:

Kristen Young presented a citizen proposal to provide free RTS ridership for children ages 6 to 18 years of age. The projected cost of the program would be \$129,300.00 for 2019.

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

2. FY20 Budget Development Meeting 19-0068

Fiscal Consideration: Accept or modify the FY20 Tentative Budget

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff for any adjustment to the tentative budget.

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Mr. Crosby informed the Board that the General fund will be \$700,000 more than anticipated in the General Fund based on new projections from the State.

Commissioner Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell,

Court Services Information

County Manager Michele Lieberman stated that the Board had requested information regarding the Court Services Department. She provided the requested information and explained that the number change daily

List of Potential Funding Reductions

County Manager Lieberman provide the list of items available for reduction within the proposed County Budget. Mrs. Lieberman advised that she is not recommending the reductions but provided the list as the Board directed.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, and Chair Chestnut presented comments.

Accreditation

County Manager Lieberman presented the proposed plan to regain accreditation in Courts Services. She advised that the employee has been reviewing the operation of Court Services and setting goals and standards to achieve accreditation.

Assistant County Manager Smart and Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the County seek ways to get some reimbursement from Private Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and other providers for

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Metamorphosis and OPUS services and any other billable cost. Staff should approach small community based non-profits to investigate if the billing service could assist them as well.

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Indigent Burials

County Manager Lieberman advised that State Law requires the County to offer cremation. The County policy offers both cremation and burial. The County could save \$34,000 by offering cremation only.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that staff bring back more information on our policy of cremation or burial for indigent deceased resident of Alachua County and the number of each provided. The motion carried 5-0.

Vacancy

Assistant County Manager Crosby and County Manager Lieberman presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell moved to bring back additional information regarding the Vacancy Funds for the Equal Opportunity Office and Human Resources. The motion carried 5-0.

Service Area – Fire Rescue

County Manager Michele Lieberman presented the above item.

Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Hutchinson, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

911 Operators

Commissioner Hutchinson discussed 911 Operators and their pay level. The Sheriff is having a difficult time hiring and retaining Operators with the current salary. The City of Gainesville has so far refused to budget for their portion of the necessary increase.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the County Manager continue negotiating with the City and with the Sheriff to come up with a way to get these employees up to \$16.00 an hour this year. Authorize a Chair letter to the City stating the County commitment and request the City of Gainesville to match the commitment. The motion carried 5-0.

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Unified Land Development Code

Commissioner Cornell moved that staff provide a calendar for the completion of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) by next week. The motion carried 5-0.

Funding Enhancements

Commissioner Cornell moved the following:

Staff to prepare and bring back to the Board for review at an August meeting:

1. \$147,000.00 for Airboat and Truck MSTU Fund Balance (One Time Charges MSTU Fund Balance)
2. \$100,000.00 for Dignity village closing from General Fund Reserves or Fund Balance

From the \$700,000.00

- a. \$150,000.00 for millage reduction
- b. \$110,000.00 for sheriff personnel
- c. \$68,000.00 for the environmental specialist
- d. \$30,000.00 for the law library
- e. \$20,000.00 for the Planned Parenthood

The motion carried 5-0.

County Manager Lieberman stated that staff feels that the meeting schedule for Thursday is not need based on the work done today so the meeting will be canceled.

Chair Chestnut stated that he was approached by several of the Constitutional Officers who stated that working with the County Manager and staff has been a pleasure. He advised that has not been the response from the Constitutional Officers in the past.

Commission Comments

Commissioner Cornell stated that he was asked to enter his name for nomination by the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) to set on the National Association of Counties Board bit will need a letter of support from the Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the letter of support. The motion carried 5-0.

Lake Dwellers

Commissioner Cornell stated that he will be meeting with the Lake Dwellers Association and providing an update on the phosphate mine matter.

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Senate Bill 168

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that he was approached to see if the County would like to enter into a lawsuit to oppose Senate Bill 168.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to direct the County Attorney to provide some advice on any benefits she sees to the County engaging in legal action to challenge Senate Bill 168. The motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.