

Tuesday, January 07, 2020 – 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 Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson, Vice Chair Mike Byerly, Commissioners, Charles “Chuck” Chestnut and Ken Cornell

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Michele Lieberman, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

### **Approval of Agenda missiles**

1. Approve the agenda – 20-0006

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** A Motion to Approve the Agenda: (a) approve any amendments to the Agenda; and (b) adopt the Agenda

**Commissioner Cornell moved** approval of the agenda as printed.

Chair Hutchinson recognized Jim Konish who presented comments.

**The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.**

### **Items for Discussion**

2. Potential Site Locations for an Aquatics Center – 19-0810

**Fiscal Consideration:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Provide staff with direction for further action to identify a site for an aquatics center.

Park and Conservation Lands Director Charlie Houser presented the above item.

Commissioner Chestnut entered at 1:42 P.M.

Chair Hutchinson and Planner Mike Castine presented comments.

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By consensus, the Board requested the Special Area Study be provide for the Wacahoota Preserve Property.

David Huelsman, Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Byerly, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

**ADDED ITEM:**

County Manager Lieberman advised the Board that the 515 building is no longer a viable site for the mural project. She is requesting that the County Administration Building be authorized as a viable site for the mural.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to authorize the County Administration a viable option for the mural project. The motion carried 4-0.

**Closing Comments**

3. Public comments – **20-0007**

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

4. Commission Comment – **20-0008**

County Airboat Ordinance

County Attorney Torres advised the Board that the ruling against the County Ordinance will probably require an appeal of the decision based on it being found in conflict with State Statutes.

Chair Hutchinson, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Byerlypresented comments.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** the following:

1. Direct the County Attorney to appeal the recent court decision regarding the airboat curfew.
2. Notify other jurisdictions in the State of Florida that have Ordinances of a similar type of the County's actions and inviting their input.

**The motion carried 4-0.**

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Proposed Legislation Requiring Ideological Inventory

Commissioner Byerly advised that a State Legislature is proposing legislation that would require an Ideological Survey of all university staff to ensure that there is a diverse culture of opinions.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to refer the matter to staff/Mark Sexton to determine what the legislation would entail and report back to the Board. The motion carried 4-0.

Housing Vouchers

Commissioner Byerly requested clarification of the Housing Vouchers data and tables provided. He stated that the numbers and the tables do not seem to match. Commissioner Byerly requested that Assistant County Manager Smart be prepared to answer questions during Commission Comments at the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2019.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to direct that Assistant County Manager Carl Smart be prepared to address and answer questions regarding how many people throughout the County including within municipalities have vouchers (Housing Vouchers, HUD-Vash Voucher, Section 8 etc.) in the last full year and were unable to redeem them because of a lack of housing availability. The motion carried 4-0.

Flowers on 91<sup>st</sup> Street

Commissioner Cornell stated that he received an email from Matthew Hurst regarding the Wildflowers on 91<sup>st</sup> Street. He forwarded it to staff and was wondering if there is an update available.

County Manager Lieberman informed the Board the Deputy County Manager Harriot has a meeting scheduled with Betsy Hurst tomorrow regarding the matter.

Dignity Village

County Manager Lieberman advised the Board that the plan to close Dignity Village is proceeding. There were delays due to the fencing project delays.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 P.M.