

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 1:30 P.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 Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson; Vice Chair Mike Byerly, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell, and Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

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

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

#### Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner Byerly moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 5-0.

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#### Items for Discussion

1. CARES Act Funding Plan 20-0524 Approval of resolution and budget amendment will allow for the county to account and track the \$11,736,482 in initial funds received. Budget will need to be amended if amounts exceed initial funds. Accounts: 154.00.0060.525.12.00, 154.00.0060.525.52.00, 154.00.0060.525.64.00 and 154.00.0060.525.81.00

**Fiscal Consideration:** Approve Resolution for Unanticipated Revenues and Budget Amendment to receive and account for these funds.

**Recommended Action:** Approve Engagement of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC as the consultants to assist with processing CARES Act funding. Adopt Staff's recommended plan.

County Manager Michele Lieberman presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Byerly, Chair Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, Commissioner Wheeler, Assistant County Attorney Forziano, Commissioner Chestnut, Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby,

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Chair Hutchinson, County Manager Lieberman, and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

**Commissioner Cornell moved** the following:

Approve Staff Recommendations 1 through four with the following amendments:

1. Approve of the expenditure of CARES Act funds as outlined in this CARES Act Plan which were not budgeted as of March 27, 2020;
2. Approve the use of a third party administrator to implement programming and monitor funds for the programs outlined in this plan;
3. Approve the Resolution and budget amendment for unanticipated revenues and budget amendment to receive and account for these funds
4. Authorize the execution of Sub recipient Agreements by the Chair with any entity or agency receiving funding from the County

Amendments:

- Reallocate 10 million in third bullet Small Business Back to Work Grants with 2.5 to small business for a total of 7.5 million for small business the remaining 7.5 million to individual assistance for a total of 21.1 million in funding.
  - Include that assistance for complying with the County Public Health Ordinance is an eligible expense and asks that the Companies warrant that they are complying with the County Executive Order.
5. Staff to work with all stakeholders' utilities, landlords, etc. to get the word out to citizens regarding the County's Assistance Program. The intent is to work with all agencies to get the word out for bills to be paid and the Chair is authorized to sign Chair Letters to assist with the effort.
  6. Provide an update at the first meeting in August and all subsequent meetings in August of the funding program for the Board to determine if it wishes to reallocate.
  7. Report to the Board on the July 14, 2020 meeting on the Code Enforcement activities of County staff and each of the municipalities' enforcement activities.
  8. Allow for individuals to apply for up to \$5,000.00 and cap the award at \$2,500 per household for the initial round.

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

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Public Comment via Telephone

Pat Lavery, Cory Williams, Jeremiah Tattersall, Theresa Beachy, Max Tipping, Citizen, and Mark Pearson presented comments.

Chair Hutchinson requested that Mr. Tipping provide the survey his survey results to the Board.

Commissioner Cornell and Chair Hutchinson presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

Closing Comments

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments offered.

Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she has received complaints from citizens with the testing process and receiving the results. She stated that they are reporting very long waits to get the results.

Chair Hutchinson stated that the Health Department advised that there was an issue with one of the main labs that the Health Department uses to process the test. However, the issue has been resolved and the test results should be available in one to two days now.

Commissioner Byerly inquired where cloth mask can be obtained. He stated that he still receives emails that people are unable to locate a mask.

Commissioner Wheeler stated that she still has masks available and will be happy to provide a mask to those that need them.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.