

Tuesday, December 1, 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 Ken Cornell; Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

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

Called to order at 1:30 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner Chestnut moved** adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Wheeler out of the room.

Items for Discussion

1. CARES Act Plan 20-1039

**Fiscal Consideration:** All of the Funds will be covered by funding of the CARES Act from the State of Florida, however, approximately \$26 Million will be on a cost-reimbursement basis.

**Recommended Action:**

- 1) Approve an inter-fund loan from the General Fund of \$26 Million to the CARES Act fund until reimbursement from the State of Florida is received.
- 2) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to reallocate funds between approved programs (including from contingency) and between any eligible subrecipients/recipients within each program, including new subrecipients if they are eligible, to expedite funding with the intent of maximizing funding delivery to eligible recipients and subrecipients.
- 3) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to file, submit, prepare online, and approve budget adjustments or any like action to amend the adopted Alachua County CARES Act Plan in accordance with the Plan.
- 4) Authorize the Manager or Chair to sign subrecipient agreements for any amounts, memoranda of understanding, and similar documents necessary for these changes.
- 5) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to sign and file any needed documents with the State of Florida, including FDEM, to expedite the receipt of funds and approval of the plan, regardless of

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amount, as long as it is consistent with the Board's approved modified Alachua County CARES Act Plan.

- 6) Approve all decisions of the Manager relating to this CARES Act plan since the last CARES Act meeting.

**Recommended Action for 12012020 CARES Act Agenda:**

- 1) Approve an inter-fund loan from the General Fund of \$26 Million to the CARES Act fund until reimbursement from the State of Florida is received.
- 2) Authorized the County Manager, or delegated staff, to: (a) reallocate funds between approved programs (including from contingency to an approved program), (b) approve grant funding awards to eligible sub-recipients and grant award recipients in accordance with approved programs, and (c) amend approved sub-recipient agreements and grant awards in accordance with approved programs, to increase or decrease the amount awarded in the amount requested by the sub-recipient/grant award recipient.
- 3) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to file, submit, prepare online, and approve budget adjustments or any like action to amend the adopted Alachua County CARES Act Plan in accordance with the Plan.
- 4) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to sign and file any needed documents with the State of Florida, including FDEM, to expedite the receipt of funds and approval of the plan, regardless of amount, as long as it is consistent with the Board's approved modified Alachua County CARES Act Plan.
- 5) Ratify the sub-recipient agreements executed by the Manager that are discussed at this meeting and delivered to the Clerk's office to be included in the minutes.

Commissioner Wheeler entered at 1:33 P.M.

Assistant County Manager Crosby and CRI Representative Diane Shuping presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia presented comments.

**Commissioner Chestnut moved** the following:

- 1) Approve an inter-fund loan from the General Fund of \$26 Million to the CARES Act fund until reimbursement from the State of Florida is received.
- 2) Authorized the County Manager, or delegated staff, to: (a) reallocate funds between approved programs (including from contingency to an approved

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program), (b) approve grant funding awards to eligible sub-recipients and grant award recipients in accordance with approved programs, and (c) amend approved sub-recipient agreements and grant awards in accordance with approved programs, to increase or decrease the amount awarded in the amount requested by the sub-recipient/grant award recipient.

- 3) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to file, submit, prepare online, and approve budget adjustments or any like action to amend the adopted Alachua County CARES Act Plan in accordance with the Plan.
- 4) Authorize the Manager, or designated staff or consultant, to sign and file any needed documents with the State of Florida, including FDEM, to expedite the receipt of funds and approval of the plan, regardless of amount, as long as it is consistent with the Board's approved modified Alachua County CARES Act Plan.
- 5) Ratify the sub-recipient agreements executed by the Manager that are discussed at this meeting and delivered to the Clerk's office to be included in the minutes.
- 6) Staff to report back to the Board with recommendations for COVID safety measures of County Buildings in January such as air filtration and temperature monitoring stations and approve the \$171,000 for the School Board to upgrade the Board room capabilities.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wheeler

Commissioner Alford, Chair Cornell, Assistant County Manager Crosby, and Chair Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, and Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

#### Public Comments

Anthony Johnson, Nathan Skop, Deputy County Manager Harriot and Assistant County Manager Crosby presented comments.

**The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **ADDED ITEM:**

Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that the Health Department Director Paul Myers is requesting to stockpile rapid testing COVID kits for future use. Staff is researching if this is an allowable use of the COVID funds and it is an \$800,000 expense.

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CRI Representative April Shuping stated that the guidance received is that the expense would not be allowable. She and staff however are continuing to pursue the matter.

Chair Cornell presented comments.

Closing Comments

Public Comment

Nathan Skop presented comments.

Commission Comment

Commissioner Wheeler stated that a citizen suggested require panhandlers wear a reflective vest.

County Attorney Torres provided an overview of the County Ordinance regarding safety and panhandling.

Commissioner Prizzia requested that food systems/food security and homelessness and related issues be placed on the agenda for the Joint Meeting with the City of Gainesville.

Commissioner Alford inquired regarding joint meetings with the other municipalities besides the City of Gainesville.

Commissioner Wheeler inquired if a space can be on the agenda for the municipalities to present items to the County Commission

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 P.M.