

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 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 via ZOOM, 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

Approval of Agenda

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

Items for Discussion

1. Emergency Rental Assistant Program (ERAP) Update **21-0408**
Fiscal Consideration: N/A
Recommended Action: Hear Emergency Rental Assistant Program (ERAP) Update

Board Meeting Procedures

Chair Cornell presented the above item.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Chestnut, County Attorney Torres, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Emergency Rental Assistant Program (ERAP) Update

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart and CRI Representative April Shuping presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Prizzia, and County Manager Lieberman presented comments.

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Chair Cornell requested that at the next meeting how much money has gone to the different utilities and how much has gone to landlords. He further stated that he is in favor of expanding the licensing for the help desk.

Commissioner Prizzia stated that she would like to see if there is anything that can be done to support citizens trying to apply with technology or the requirements.

County Manager Lieberman stated that there is a cap on administrative cost on the grant. She would have to see if there is room under the cap or if additional funding sources would be needed.

The consensus of the Board was to refer to the County Manager the matter of expanding the licensing for the help desk.

Mrs. Shuping stated at the next team meeting she will discuss the possibility of any improvements or technological assistance that could be made to the program.

2. Board Strategic Guide 2021 **21-0320**

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Adopt the Board Strategic Guide 2021

Assistant County Manager Tommy Crosby presented the above item.

Operational and Strategic Planning Manager Donna Bradbrook, Commissioner Alford, and Commissioner Prizzia presented comments.

Commissioner Alford moved to approve the following amendments to the Strategic Guide and return to the Board for a final approval:

Guiding Principles:

- ~~We prefer to~~ Address the root cause of issues and inequalities.
- ~~We prefer to~~ Utilize a collaborative approach where we seek to hear from all the voices, consider other points of view, and coordinate and leverage relationships

Under the four categories start each bullet point with an action word "verb".

Examples:

- Promote proactive, collaborative leadership to make the most of the resources Alachua County has
- Create an inclusive process that gets all the voices heard

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- ~~Drive the discussion regarding~~ Build a central receiving facility as a way to deliver coordinated services, with the intent of getting it implemented
- ~~Desire to~~ Include agricultural lands as well.
- Invest intentionally in the public
- Coordinate proactively with agencies, municipalities, and other entities
- Create transparent priorities and progress dashboard
- Implement and refine adopted energy, water and environmental conservation and preservation plans to benefit all inhabitants. Should mention aligning or alignment of these policies with Climate Action Plan and other strategic initiatives across these priorities.

Public Safety

Create another bullet under Achieve Social and Economic Opportunity for All and Accelerate Progress on Infrastructure for public safety.

The motion carried 5-0.

3. Career Source Model **21-0386**

Fiscal Consideration: NA

Recommended Action: Direct staff to move forward with the model presented and return with legal documents for final approval

Assistant County Manager Crosby presented the above item.

Commissioner Prizzia, Career Source Attorney Rochelle Daniels, and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Commissioner Chestnut moved to direct staff to move forward with the model presented and return with legal documents for final approval.

Commissioner Alford, Phyllis Marty, Laura Guy-Rice, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Public Comments

Chair Cornell recognized Kali Blount who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Closing Comments

Public Comment

John Vander, Danielle Chances, and County Attorney Torres presented comments.

Transportation Planning Manager Jeff Hays stated that the West End application is on hold by the applicant's choice. They have till sometime in August to proceed with the application or it will expire.

Commission Comment

Cuscawilla Sponsorship

Commissioner Wheeler stated that \$100 will sponsor a child for Camp Cuscawilla for one week. She challenged her fellow Commissioners or anyone else in the community to sponsor a child for summer camp.

Commissioner Prizzia and Chief of Staff Gina Peebles presented comments.

High Springs Bike Trail

Commissioner Alford stated that she took a tour with management from the City of High Springs of the proposed rail trail from High Springs to Newberry. She stated that she intends to champion the cause for the trail even though it is not in her district.

Day of the Immigrant

Commissioner Prizzia stated that she participated in the Day of the Immigrant event hosted by the City of Gainesville. She stated that it was a wonderful event and hoped that the County will have a role in the next event.

Schedule of Meetings

Chair Cornell stated that the Mrs. Gainey has provided each Commissioner with a schedule of upcoming meetings. He advised that the next City of Gainesville meeting will be hosted by Gainesville and the Board will attend by ZOOM. The other municipal meetings have been pushed back to June but will be attend in person.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 P.M.