

Friday, February 25, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.
County Administration Building
Health Department Auditorium
224 SE 24th Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Lee Pinkoson presiding, Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney;
Commissioners Susan Baird and Mike Byerly

Clerk of Court J.K. Irby, Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Property Appraiser Ed Crapo, Tax Collector Von Frasier, Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter, Chief Judge Martha Ann Lott, and Public Defender Stacy A. Scott.

ABSENT: Commissioner Rodney J. Long

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, Assistant County Attorney David Schwartz, Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

ADOPTION OF THE [AGENDA](#)

County Manager Reid advised the Board that staff wish to add an item regarding the Window Replacement Project at the Alachua County Jail.

Commissioner Baird moved adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion carried 4-0.

I. Welcome

Chair Pinkoson thanked all those who attended the meeting to work on the financial concerns of the County.

II. FY12 Budget Development – Calendar Review

Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable presented the above item.

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III. 2011 State Legislative Session – Potential Impacts County

The Supervisor of Elections advised the Board that the new voting machine legislation is still scheduled to take effect in 2016.

Sheriff Darnell stated that the mandatory certification for call dispatchers is required by the State. It is a six week course which the Sheriff's Office is already compliant with. The other thing that is going to affect the Sheriff's Office is the ban on bath salts and the Governor's initiative against pill mills.

IV. FY12 Fiscal Outlook for Alachua County

County Manager Reid and Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable presented the above item.

V. FY12 Budget Development – Review of Initial Budget Principles

Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly moved to maintain 5% reserve policy for major operating funds and that items using funding from the Reserve be placed on the Regular Agenda not the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Byerly moved to adopt that the County not anticipate strictly adhering to the split but instruct the County Manager to prepare a budget based on the past years budget allocations, reflective of the historic split, and based on existing millage and the simple majority.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Chief Judge Martha Lott, Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter, Clerk of the Court J.K. Irby, Eileen Roy, Laurie Newsome, Sally Dickinson, Jack Donovan, Rod Gonzalez, and Ed Brown who presented comments to the Board.

The motion failed 2-2 with Commissioners Baird and Pinkoson voting "Nay".

Chair Pinkoson stated that he will work with the County Manager to establish a schedule to change the Informal Meetings to noticed special meetings dedicated to working on the Budget to review each department and Constitutional Officer Budget for the year.

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Commissioner DeLaney moved to allocate one time funds towards reserves or one-time expenditures, continue to provide a two year budget, and pursue reserves for replacement in areas that are needed.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Sheriff Sadie Darnell who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-0.

Commission General and Informal Discussion

Commissioner Byerly presented charts that he felt more accurately demonstrate where Alachua County ranks compared to other Counties in regard to tax rates.

Commissioner Byerly requested the following information regarding the Sheriff's Budget for the upcoming discussion regarding funding:

1. What is the budget is for the radiation unit?
2. Listing of all non law enforcement or incarceration related programs and personnel along with their cost. This would include programs for inmates at the jail, school guard programs, and anything else performed in the Sheriff's budget not related to incarceration and non law enforcement functions.
3. List of all Special teams when created, cost, and how they are funded.
4. Budget for the Billboard Advertising Program.
5. Updated call load data for all of Alachua County law enforcement agencies.
6. Updated staffing data for law enforcement, with the number of sworn sheriff's personnel per capita for each county in the state and the number of sworn law enforcement personnel per capita for each county in the state. The update should include the 5 new officers hired by GPD.
7. At least 5 year crime trends for the unincorporated area and Countywide.

Commissioner Byerly inquired of the Sheriff if she intends to cut the School Crossing Guard program immediately or is it an end of the budget year time frame.

Sheriff Darnell stated that it will depend on the results of the Budget Appeal Process however the plan is to not immediately take action on the matter. She has simply identified the necessary cuts that will be made should the funding appeal process not resolve her budget matters.

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Commissioner Byerly stated that he would be interested in running the program if the Sheriff decides to not operate the program.

ADDED ITEM:

[Contract between Alachua County and Peter Brown to Perform Phase I and II of the County's Jail Window Project](#)

Chair Pinkoson recognized Facilities Manager Charlie Jackson and Andy Well of Peter Brown Inc., who presented the above item.

Commissioner Baird moved the following:

1. Approve the contract between Alachua County and Peter Brown Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$543,360.
2. Approve of the revision in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) authorizing a budget transfer of \$85,342 from the SOE Roof Replacement Project to the ACSO Jail Window Replacement Project.
3. Authorize staff to proceed with identifying funds to complete the window replacement project.
4. The County will assume \$25,000.00 aggregate builder's risk/installation floater deductible.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long absent.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.