

Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.
County Administration Building
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Lee Pinkoson presiding, Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney Commissioners Mike Byerly and Rodney J. Long

ABSENT: Commissioner Susan Baird

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, Deputy County Manager Richelle Sucara, County Attorney David Wagner, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE [AGENDA](#)

Commissioner Byerly moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

II. [Additional Regional Transit System Funding for FY12](#)

Amount: \$268,892.00

Recommended Action: Approve the concept of maintaining existing levels of service for bus service in FY12 for RTS Base Service and enhanced Route 75 with the funding source being Gas Taxes and that the Board agenda a discussion of the hourly rate charged by the City at the joint City/County Commission meeting of August 29th.

Chair Pinkoson stated that in the Gas Tax Agreement states that the portion of the gas tax would cover a base level of service for the County. The request from the City of Gainesville is stating the County will pay for the base level of service as well. He would like staff to determine what that base level of service is and report to the Board.

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Chair Pinkoson further expressed concerns regarding the cost of depreciation and that the County will be charged a higher rate than the University of Florida and Santa Fe College.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Public Works Representative Michael Fay and Assistant County Attorney Richard Drummond who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Pinkoson stated that he would work with staff to determine whether this matter will be scheduled for the August 16, 2011 meeting or the August 23, 2011 meeting.

I. [Discussion on Current Budget Issues](#)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Review of current budget issues and related discussion. Information only – no action requested.

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

III. [FY12 Budget Development – Sheriff Funding Information](#)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Hear overview of current budget issues. Provide direction for future budget discussions.

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

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

Chair Pinkoson recognized County Attorney David Wagner who presented comments to the Board. Mr. Wagner wanted to make clear that the plan is to take no action on compensation until the legal challenge to the FRS case is concluded. This process could take years and does not want staff to anticipate a salary increase at the beginning of the budget year.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Jeff McAdams, John Martin, Laurie Newsome, Bruce Nelson, John Sheehy, and Rod Gonzalez who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner DeLaney requested an update on the current situation regarding the budgets of the Housing Authorities since this will affect County citizens.

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Commissioner Byerly presented a financial sheet that shows 10 year trends in County funds. He advised the Commission that he intends to use this sheet throughout the budget process and would encourage his colleagues to review the document.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.