

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.
County Administration Building
Grace Knight Conference Room
Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special budget session.

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, Deputy County Manager Richelle Sucara, Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond, County Attorney David Wagner, Agenda Coordinator Darlene Ryon, Clerk of the Court Irby, Assistant Clerk/Finance Director Todd Hutchison, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

The meeting was televised live on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner DeLaney moved adoption of the [agenda](#) as amended. The motion carried 5-0.

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.

II. [Update on Jail Study Process](#)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Update on Jail Study Process

County Manager Reid presented the above item.

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

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COMMISSION RECESSED AT: 11:54 A.M.

COMMISSION RECONVENED: 1:30 P.M.

III. [Review and Discussion of FY12 Tentative Budget Tier 1 and Tier 2 Budget Issues](#)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Review and discuss FY12 Tentative Budget Tier 1 and Tier 2 budget issues. Informational only – no action requested.

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

Item #1: Elimination of Well Florida Funding

Commissioner Byerly moved to place Well Florida on the list of proposed budget cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #2: Elimination of Youth Employment Service (YES)

Commissioner Byerly requested information on the YES program on how employers are selected, how many people are served by the County's funds, how many people are served overall, and what type of work they are performing.

Item #3: 5 % Reduction in Health Department Budget

The Board took no action.

Item #4: 5% Reduction Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

The Board took no action.

Item#5: Reduction in General Fund Tip Fee Waivers for Waste Management

Commissioner Byerly moved to add the Tip Fee Waiver on the list of proposed budget cuts. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Baird and Pinkoson voting "Nay".

Item #6: Reduce CAPP by 5%

No action was taken

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Item #7: Court Administration Reduction in Overtime

Added to the list by consensus.

Item #8: Decrease County Attorney Operating Budget

Commissioner Baird moved to add the County Attorney Operating Budget to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #9: Reduction in General Fund Transfer In to Gas Tax

Commissioner Baird moved to add the Reduction in General Fund Transfer In to Gas Tax on the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting "Nay".

Item #10: Eliminate On Call and Shift Differential in ITS

Commissioner Byerly moved to add the Eliminate on Call and Shift Differential in ITS to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #11: Reduction Mowing Contracts for Parks

Commissioner Byerly moved to add the reduction mowing contracts for parks to the list of proposed cuts and direct staff to return to the Board with which specific areas will not be mowed prior to the Board consideration of the list. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #12: Reduce Prescribed Fire Capital Expense in EPD

Commissioner Baird moved to add the Prescribed Fire Capital Expense in EPD to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #13: Facilities Reduction in Building & Grounds Maintenance

No action taken.

Item #14: Facilities Reduction in Building & Grounds Maintenance

Commissioner Baird moved to add Facilities Reduction in Building & Grounds Maintenance to be added to the list of proposed cuts.

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Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion to direct staff to provide a break out of the maintenance cost. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #15: Reduction in Network System Maintenance Agreements (reduced from \$45,000 as requested by Department)

Not on the list of cuts by consensus.

Item #16: Facilities Reduction in HVAC Contractual Services (reduced from \$40,000 as requested by Department)

Commissioner Byerly moved to add the Facilities Reduction in HVAC Contractual Services to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #17: Reallocation of Planner Workload to Grant Funds in Growth Management

Commissioner Baird moved to add Reallocation of Planner Workload to Grant Funds in Growth Management to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #18: Reallocate Staff Salary and Reduce Operating Costs

Commissioner DeLaney moved to Reallocate Staff Salary and Reduce Operating Costs. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Pinkoson voting "Nay".

Item #19: Eliminate 1.00 FTE (T) - Sr. Staff Assistant in Community Support Services

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to provide a list of the effects of cutting this position would be. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Baird voting "Nay".

Item #20: Eliminate 1.00 FTE (V) Jail Pop Mgt CST Screener

Commissioner Byerly moved to fill the vacancy of 1.0 FTE Jail Pop Mgt. CST Screener. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #22: Eliminate 1.00 FTE (V) Work Release Corrections Counselor

Commissioner Baird moved Eliminate 1.00 FTE (V) Equal Opportunity Specialist

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Commissioner Long moved to fill the vacancy of 1.0 FTE Work Release Corrections Counselor. The motion carried 5-0.

Item # 21: Eliminate 1.00 FTE (V) Equal Opportunity Specialist

Commissioner Baird moved to add 1.0 FTE Equal Opportunity Specialist to the list of proposed cuts. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #23: Reduce .25 FTE HR Technician in Human Resources

Commissioner Baird moved to add .25 FTE HR Technician in Human Resources to the list of proposed cuts. The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Byerly, DeLaney, and Long voting "Nay".

Item #24: Reduce .50 FTE Sr. Staff Assistant in Purchasing

Commissioner Baird moved to Reduce .50 FTE Sr. Staff Assistant in Purchasing. The motion failed for lack of a second.

No action was taken.

Item #25: Reclassify Purchasing Supervisor to Purchasing Agent

No action was taken.

Item #26: Eliminate Deputy County Manager 1.00 FTE (F) (savings after severance package and reorg) (FY13 reduction is \$134,000)

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct that staff provide information on the work load of the position over the last 5 years and that they provide information on an alternative of hiring a lesser position to do some of the task of the current position. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #27: Eliminate 1.00 FTE (R) Administrative Support Manager in CSS

No action was taken.

Items # 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34 35 Commissioner Long moved that there be no service impacts to Items, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 35 and that Item #31 the position is to be filled. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Baird voting "Nay".

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Items #32 & 36: By consensus the Board requested more information about the Accounting Clerk position.

Items #37: No action taken.

Item #38: Reduction in General Fund contribution to Capital Projects

No action taken.

V. [Retired and Senior Volunteer Program \(RSVP\)](#)

Amount: \$0- \$157,000.00

Recommended Action: Staff has provided 3 options to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren presented the above item.

Commissioner Long moved to accept staff recommendation Option #3 to eliminate the program as it currently exists, effective 09/30/2011 and efforts will be made to reassign the 2.2 FTE Positions in to vacant positions that need to be filled and staff to develop a transition strategy and report back to the Board at their earliest convenience. The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. [Closing of First Street for Game Day Celebration](#)

County Manager Reid presented the above item.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the County Manager to sign on behalf of the County Commission in support of the closure of the street on behalf of the County Commission and encourage City of Gainesville to reserve parking lot spaces in their lot for citizens needing to take care of government business. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner DeLaney moved to continue the remainder of the August 16, 2011 items to the end of the Tuesday August 23, 2011 morning agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Items [#4, Sales Tax: Pavement Management Program](#), [#6 RTS Funding for FY12 bus service](#), and [#7 Review of Expenditures and Revenue History Reports](#) were continued per the above listed motion.

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Citizen Comments

Chair Pinkoson recognized Armando Grundy, Cathleen Shiverlette, and Nate Scott who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Baird moved to direct the County Manager to request information from GRU regarding the Biomass Plant and schedule for a future meeting the effects of the GRU Biomass Plant on the County operations and County unincorporated area rate payers.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Rob Brinkman who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.