

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 – 1:30 P.M.
County Administration Building
John R. "Jack" Durrance Auditorium
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met in special 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, County Attorney David Wagner, Assistant Clerk/Finance Director Todd Hutchison, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner DeLaney moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Byerly and Long out of the room.

CHOICES PRESENTATION

CHOICES Director Robert Bailey presented the above item.

Commissioner Long entered the room at 1:34 P.M.

Commissioner Byerly entered the room at 1:37 P.M.

Chair Pinkoson recognized County Manager Randall Reid, Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton, County Attorney David Wagner, and Assistant Clerk/Finance Director Todd Hutchison, who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved to direct staff to evaluate a range of trust fund concepts for the expenditure of remaining CHOICES funds that reduces services and extends the timeframe for expenditures up to a model which expends only interest.

Chair Pinkoson recognized CHOICES Director Robert Bailey, Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren, and Administrative Support Manager Bonnie Hinson, who presented comments to the Board.

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Commissioner Long requested that the CHOICES Advisory Board be consulted on the presentation and the proposed extension of CHOICES into an interest-supported program.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion

1. To direct staff to evaluate a range of trust fund concepts for the expenditure of remaining CHOICES funds that reduces services and extends the timeframe for expenditures up to a model which expends only interest.
2. To refer to the CHOICES advisory board for their recommendations on the presentation and the possible extension of CHOICES.
3. To direct staff to return with information on the drawdown of the fund balance (exit strategy).

Chair Pinkoson recognized County Manager Randall Reid, County Attorney David Wagner, CHOICES Director Robert Bailey, Dr. Allan March, Harold Monk, and Mary Anderson, who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion

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2. To refer to the CHOICES advisory board for their recommendations on the presentation and the possible extension of CHOICES.
3. To direct staff to return with information on the drawdown of the fund balance (exit strategy).
4. To direct staff to cease expending funds on advertising.
5. To direct staff to cease accepting applications for CHOICES.

Chair Pinkoson recognized CHOICES Director Robert Bailey and Harold Monk who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion

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2. To refer to the CHOICES advisory board for their recommendations on the presentation and the possible extension of CHOICES.
3. To direct staff to return with information on the drawdown of the fund balance (exit strategy).
4. To direct staff to cease expending funds on advertising.
5. To refer to the CHOICES Advisory Board the cessation of new applications and direct staff to return with the Advisory Board's opinion on this matter as soon as possible.

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Chair Pinkoson recognized CHOICES Director Robert Bailey and Dr. Parker Small who presented comments to the Board.

Chair Pinkoson stated the motion would be split with item one being voted on, then items two and three together, then item four, and finally item five.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on item one, to direct staff to evaluate a range of trust fund concepts for expenditure of remaining CHOICES funds that reduces services and extends the timeframe for expenditures up to the model that expends only interest. The motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Baird and Pinkoson voting nay.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on items two and three, to refer to the CHOICES advisory board for their recommendations on the presentation and the possible extension of CHOICES and to direct staff to return with information on the drawdown of the fund balance (exit strategy). The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Baird voting nay.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on item four, to direct staff to cease expending funds on advertising. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Long voting nay.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on item five, to refer to the CHOICES Advisory Board the cessation of new applications and direct staff to return with the Advisory Board's opinion on this matter as soon as possible. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Baird voting nay.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner DeLaney moved to approve up to \$25,000 to hire an expert consultant to advise the BOCC on the Sheriff's appeal and to accept the invitation of Corrections Corporation of America to make an informational presentation on privatization efforts at the County Jail.

Commissioner Long stated that the discussion from the morning's informal meeting was to consider all options concerning the future of the County Jail.

Commissioner DeLaney stated that the Board's authorization to hire a consultant is due to the necessity of expert advice on replying to the Sheriff's budget appeal.

Commissioner Byerly stated that another consideration in hiring the consultant is to prepare for the upcoming year's budget discussion.

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Commissioner Baird stated that she would not support hiring the consultant because it is adding additional costs to the budget appeals process. Commissioner Baird further stated that she would not support the second part of the motion.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the County Attorney state why he advised the BOCC to hire a consultant to advise the County on its response to the Sheriff's budget appeal.

County Attorney David Wagner stated that the reason he advised the Board to hire a consultant is because there is no one in the County staff who can address Law Enforcement operational issues as it relates to the deployment of the resources that the Sheriff has.

Commissioner Baird stated that the Board may wish to reconsider discussion of jail issues in light of the history of the jail.

Commissioner Long stated that the jail was once under the direct supervision of the BOCC and while he hopes the BOCC can work out an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff all options are on the table.

Commissioner Byerly stated that the preferred option is for the Sheriff to run the jail.

County Attorney David Wagner stated that the item in question is Law Enforcement – Road Patrol which the Sheriff has control over.

Chair Pinkoson stated that performance measures should dictate who runs the jail and that the Sheriff's Office is probably the organization to run the jail.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on the first part of the question, to approve up to \$25,000 to hire an expert consultant to advise the BOCC on the Sheriff's appeal. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Baird and Pinkoson voting nay.

Chair Pinkoson called the question on the second part of the question, to accept the invitation of Corrections Corporation of America to make an informational presentation on privatization efforts at the County Jail. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Baird voting nay.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 P.M.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
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Commissioners Susan Baird, Mike Byerly, and Rodney J. Long.

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

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Chair Pinkoson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE [AGENDA](#)

Commissioner DeLaney moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

I. [Sales Tax: Pavement Management Program](#)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: 1) Receive the report; 2) Support the placement of a referendum item on the 2012 election ballot requesting voter approval of a one-cent sales surtax for effective pavement management (Penny for Pavement).

County Engineer Dave Cerlanek presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly entered at 6:15 P.M.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable and County Attorney David Wagner who presented comments to the Board.

Public Comments

Chair Pinkoson recognized Richard Williams, Jack Hughes, John Reiskind, John Martin, Rod Tuttle, John Collins, Bruce Nelson, Walter Willard, Bill Rosen, Thomas Jordan, Darlene Pifalo, Laurie Newsome, John Sheet, Herbert Cook, Kevin Bailey, James

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Island, Walt Boyer, Harry Nichols, Karen Harrington, Jack Donovan, Stafford Jones, Rod Gonzalez, Matthew Hurst, Jeanne Calderwood, Wilber Holloway, Betsy Hurst, Judy Brumfield, and Richard Fletcher who presented comments to the Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.