



Community Update



September 11, 2009

A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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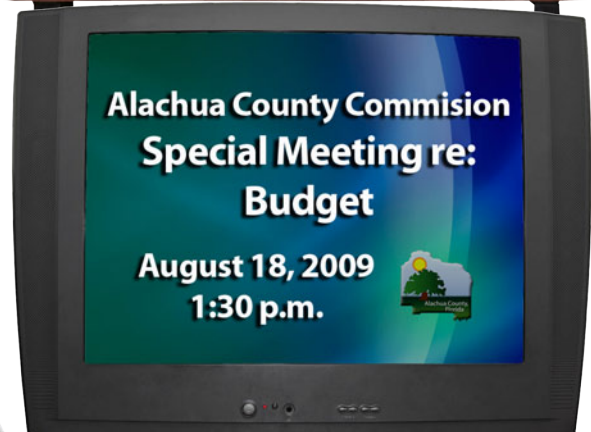
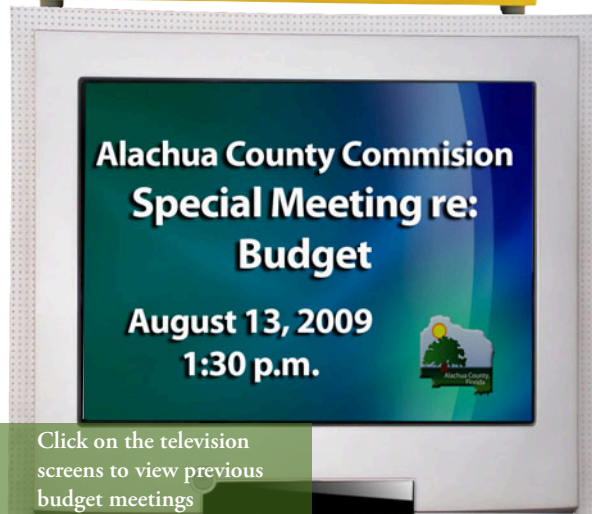
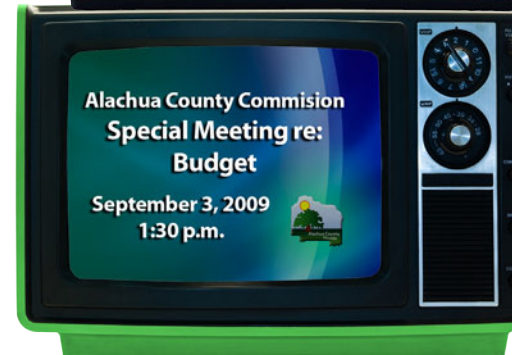
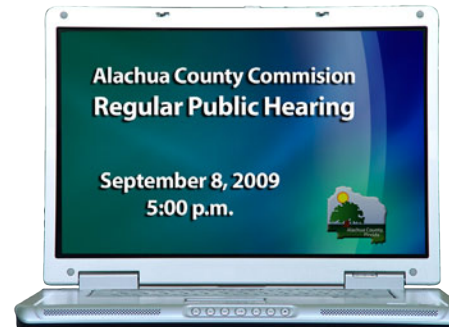


Final FY10 Budget Meeting

On September 22, 2009, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners will hold the final Public Hearing to adopt the county's FY10 budget, millage rate, and fee schedule. This public hearing begins at 5 p.m. and is the final opportunity for the public to address the proposed budget and proposed millage rate before they are adopted.

This meeting will air live on Cox Channel 12 and on the County's [Video on Demand](#) site. The meetings will re-air multiple times on Ch. 12 (click [here](#) for schedule). This and all previous meetings may be viewed on [Video on Demand](#) at the convenience of the viewer.

For more information, contact the Communications Office at 352-374-5204.

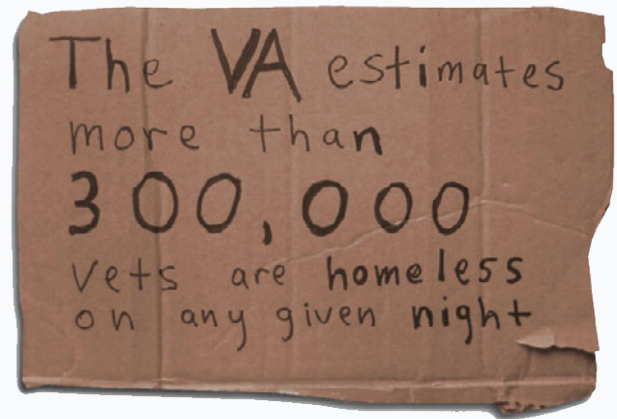
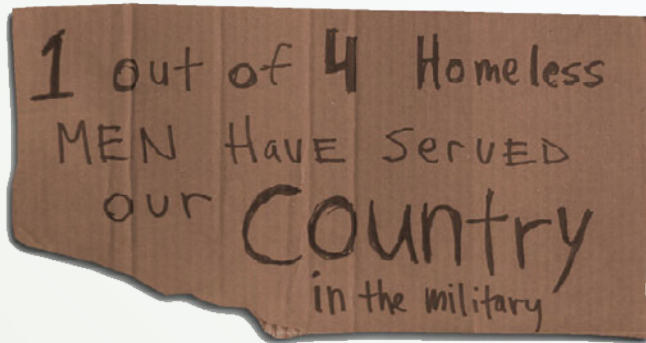


Click on the television screens to view previous budget meetings

Homeless Veteran Stand Down Event

The 2009 Homeless Veteran Stand Down Committee is pleased to announce this year's 2 day event. The Stand Down/Resource Fair will be held at the C.R. Layton Army Reserve Center (1125 NE 8th Avenue, Gainesville) on October 23 and 24, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. both days. Service providers wanting to participate may contact Mary Jane Deedrick at the Alachua County Veteran Services Office at 352-264-6740.

The annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down/Resource Fair offers services including: medical screening, dental screening, haircuts, VA enrollment, VA claim assistance, Food Stamp information/application assistance, Social Service assistance, job information, veterans' organizations and volunteers, VA Homeless Program, food and clothing. Lunch will be provided.



"Stand Down" is a term initiated in the military for soldiers to return to the rear from the front lines for personal care and relaxation.

For more information, contact Alachua County Poverty Reduction Program Director, John Skelly at 352-264-6749, or Florida Works Veterans Employment Representative, James Mash at 352-244-5102.

2nd County Resident Dies of H1N1 (Swine Flu)

The Alachua County Health Department (ACHD) has received notification of an H1N1 Swine Flu related death in an 82 year old male resident of Alachua County. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. "Our deepest sympathies are extended to family and friends," stated Jean Munden, Administrator of the ACHD. "We continue to receive and investigate reports of flu transmission in the County and urge citizens to exercise precautions against infection."

Influenza is characterized by a fever of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit accompanied with a cough and or sneezing. Some infected individuals may also experience a sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, diarrhea and vomiting.

Citizens are urged to stay home and away from others if they are ill, cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard it, or into their sleeve if tissues are not available. They should also stay away from others that are ill. If they require medical attention, they should contact their medical provider for instructions prior to presenting at their office or clinic.

For more information about influenza, call the Alachua County Health Department at 352-334-7981, or visit <http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com> or www.flu.gov.



National Seat Check Saturday

Alachua County Department of Public Safety and Safe Kids North Central Florida urge parents and caregivers to make sure their child safety seats are properly installed in their vehicles at the third annual "National Seat Check Saturday," on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Safe Kids and Alachua County Department of Public Safety will have certified child passenger safety technicians available to provide hands-on instruction on installing car seats and booster seats at Alachua County Fire Rescue Station #17 (3509 NW 143rd Street, near the corner of 241 and NW 39th Avenue, Jonesville) from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Also, free bicycle helmets will be fitted to youth ages 5-13 as long as supplies last.

"It's the responsibility of every parent and caregiver to make sure their children are safely restrained – every trip, every time and at every age," said Debora Regan, Director of Safe Kids. "We are urging everyone to have their child checked to be sure they are using the right restraint—a car seat, booster seat or seat belt. When it comes to the safety of a child, there is no room for mistakes."

Safe Kids coalitions around the country are joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in National Seat Check Saturday activities to kick off Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs from September 12 through 18. Safe Kids Buckle Up, the child passenger safety program of Safe Kids USA in partnership with General Motors, holds child safety seat checkups and other vehicle safety events throughout the year. Nationwide, the Safe Kids Buckle Up program has reached more than 20 million people and has inspected more than 1.1 million car seats.

For more information, [click here](#) or contact Debora Regan at 352-231-4636 or email regand@shands.ufl.edu.

According to Safe Kids, parents and caregivers should follow a few basic guidelines for determining which restraint system is best suited to protect their children in a vehicle:

- For the best possible protection keep infants in a back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible—up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. Never turn a child forward-facing before age 1 and at least 20 pounds, although keeping kids rear-facing until age 2 is safer and preferred if the seat allows.
- When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in a back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular harnessed seat. Many newer seats exceed the old 40 pound weight limit.
- Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride on booster seats, in a back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly.
- Seat belts fit properly when the child can pass the Safety Belt Fit Test: the lap belt lays across the upper thighs, the shoulder belt rests on the shoulder or collar bone and the knees bend naturally at the seat's edge (usually when the child is between 8 and 12 years old, approximately 4'9" tall and 80 to 100 pounds).
- After children fully outgrow their booster seats, they should use the adult seat belts in a back seat. The lap belt should lay across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits rests on the shoulder or collar bone.



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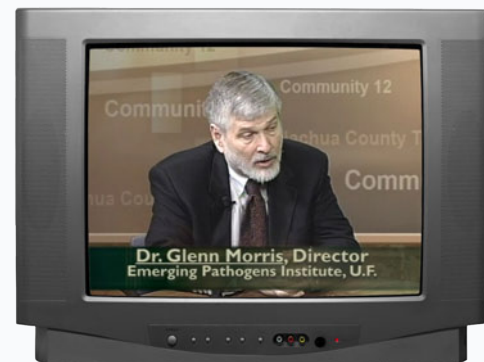
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CHOICES
Health Services
352-264-6772 www.ACchoices.com

What's On "Alachua County Talks"

Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the [Channel 12 Show Schedule](#). Or click on the images to the right to view streaming video of the episodes.



Click above to watch Sol Hirsch, Library Director of the Alachua County Library District discuss Library District's services, volunteer organizations, expansion projects, and how libraries are using new and emerging technologies to better serve citizens.



Click above to watch Alachua County Public Health Unit Administrator Jean Munden & Dr. Glenn Morris, Director of the Emerging Pathogens Institute at the University of Florida discuss the coming flu season, vaccinations, swine flu, & extended hours at the County Health Department.

CALL BEFORE YOU CLEAR!

If your property is within unincorporated Alachua County, a site evaluation by county staff may be required prior to clearing, underbrushing, tree removal or other development activities in or adjacent to natural areas.

Contact the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department to schedule a site visit **before** commencing work

CALL 352-264-6800
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
<http://www.alachuacounty.us/epd/nr>

Free Spay and/or Neuter Coupon for low income families

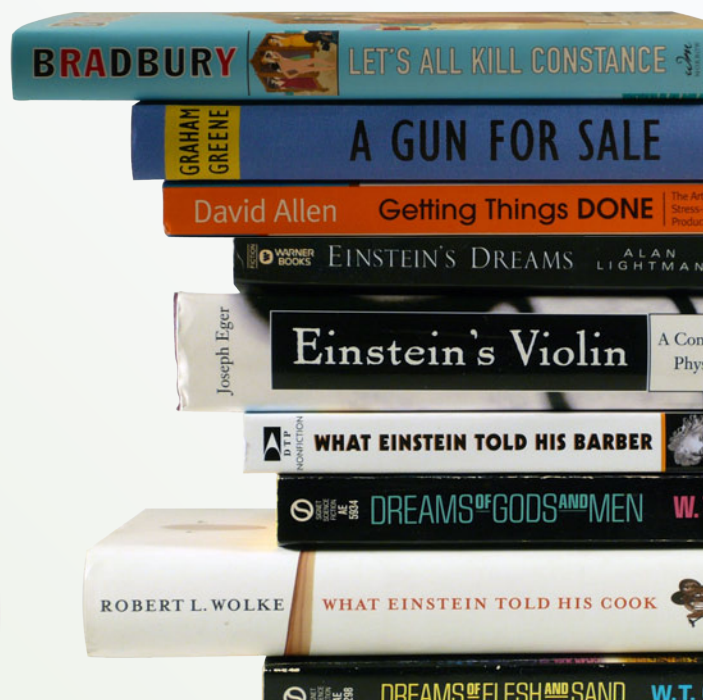
Take this coupon to Alachua County Animal Services
 3400 NE 53Ave - Gainesville

CALL TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY
(352) 264-6870

Children's Book Drive Results

As part of President Obama's "United We Serve" summer initiative, the Alachua County Division of Senior Services (Foster Grandparent Program and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) participated with the United Way of North Central Florida in a children's book drive to benefit participants in the Success by Six initiative. From July 25 through August 8, 2009, books were collected at Books-a-Million, North Florida Regional Medical Center, Alachua County Communications Office, Visitor's Center, Equal Opportunity Division, and Exactech, Inc. The 533 books and eight book storage crates collected through this effort will be used to create home libraries for children ages birth to six as well as distributed to selected child care centers in Gainesville's 32609 zip code area.

For more information, contact Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program Coordinator Norma Berger 352-264-6757 nberger@alachuacounty.us.



Alachua County Senior Volunteers Needed

The Alachua County Foster Grandparent Program is currently seeking interested seniors to serve special-needs children in our community, especially in local childcare centers and after-school programs. The next training session for new volunteers will be held October 19-30, 2009.

Alachua County residents ages 55 and over who live on a limited income are encouraged to apply. Volunteers serve 15-40 hours per week, working one-on-one with special-needs children in schools, after-school programs, and other nonprofit organizations throughout the County. In return for their service, volunteers receive an hourly stipend of \$2.65, a daily meal, assistance with transportation, an annual physical examination and supplemental insurance.

For more information, contact Norma Berger, Alachua County Foster Grandparents Coordinator at 352-264-6731.



Buy SMART in September

Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives representatives will be at local grocery stores every Thursday in September from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., offering shoppers information about how to "Buy S.M.A.R.T." (Save Money And Reduce Trash).

"Buy S.M.A.R.T." is a County campaign teaching about the 4 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink). All shoppers who wish to receive tips on how to buy S.M.A.R.T. will receive a free reusable shopping bag or jar opener made of recycled tires and a Buy S.M.A.R.T. pocket guide.

For more information, contact Jennifer Seitz, Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives at 352-374-5245 or email jseitz@alachuacounty.us.

County Update TV on Channel 12



County Update is a half hour news program providing in-depth information on County programs, services and initiatives. County Update airs on [Community 12](#) and the [Video On Demand](#) website. Click on the image to view this month's show.

Features This Month

- Jonesville Fire Rescue Ribbon Cutting
- County Emergency Response Team Course
- Renovated Farmers Market
- Waste Alternatives' Buy SMART
- Parks Get Pet Waste Disposal Stations
- Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

The following is a list of locations and dates where we will be this September:

- September 12: 441 Farmers Market (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) - NW 34th St. and Route 441, Gainesville
- September 17: Hitchcock's - 15560 NW US Highway 441, Alachua
- September 17: Hitchcock's - 24220 W Newberry Rd., Newberry
- September 21: Tioga Farmers Market (4 p.m. - 6 p.m.) - Tioga Town Center, 105 SW 128th Street, off of Newberry Rd. (Route 26), Tioga
- September 24: Pearl's Country Store and Barbecue - 106 NE Highway 441, Micanopy

Health Dept. Offers Seasonal Flu Vaccine

The Alachua County Health Department (ACHD) is offering the seasonal influenza vaccine to citizens. "Receiving an influenza vaccine is a primary preventive measure against influenza infection," stated Jean Munden, Administrator of the ACHD. "In addition to getting a flu shot, staying home when ill, practicing proper cough etiquette and washing your hands are effective personal means to protect yourself and the community from a variety of illnesses."

Flu shots are being offered at the following locations.

- Health Department's main Gainesville clinic - 224 SE 24th Street, phone number 352-334-7950. Walk-ins are accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- City of Alachua satellite clinic located - Hitchcock's shopping plaza, 15530 NW US Hwy 441, phone number 386-462-2542. While citizens will need an appointment and these can be made by calling 386-462-2542.

The cost for the vaccine is \$25. If citizens have Medicare part B, there is no charge as long as they bring their Medicare B card and any supplemental insurance cards with them. Pediatric doses, (those for children 18 years of age and under) have not arrived but are anticipated to be available in early October. Citizens who normally receive their vaccines from providers other than the Health Department should contact them for vaccine availability.

The seasonal flu vaccine is effective against many circulating strains of flu but not against the novel strain of H1N1 Swine Flu. The vaccine that will provide protection against H1N1 Swine Flu is scheduled to be offered in late fall or early winter. The Alachua County Health Department will provide additional information on H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine as it becomes available.

For more information, visit <http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com/> or contact Sherry Windham at 352-334-7950.



Sexual Assault Awareness

Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center urges citizens to stay vigilant about their safety and the safety of others when it comes to the crime of sexual assault.

The Center encourages the community to visit the RAINN (Rape, Incest, and Abuse National Network) website at www.RAINN.org for tips on reducing one's risk of sexual assault. "This is the time of the year when we remind the public, especially our teens and young adults, that sexual assault is a reality in our community," says Laura Kalt, Alachua County Victim Services Community Education Coordinator. "We want people to consider situations which could increase their risk and take steps to avoid these situations. However, we also want to emphasize that no matter what, it's never the victim's fault. The responsibility always lies with the perpetrator."

Free services are available to all survivors of sexual assault, even those who are not sure about reporting the crime to police. These services include a forensic exam, phone and face-to-face counseling, criminal justice support, confidential HIV testing, and assistance filing for victim compensation. "Not many people are aware that all survivors can receive a free forensic exam, which provides post-assault treatment and collects evidence in case the victim decides to report the assault that day or at a later time," says Kalt.

The Center offers confidential phone counseling 24 hours a day at 352-264-6760 or toll-free 866-252-5439. Callers can remain anonymous.

For more information about the Center's educational presentations, contact Laura Kalt, at 352-213-0996.

Commission Highlights

September 8, 2009 Board Meeting



Commissioner Paula M. DeLaney
 Commissioner Lee Pinkoson
 Vice Chair Cynthia Moore Chestnut
 Commissioner Rodney J. Long
 Chairman Mike Byerly

Video:



Part 1



Part 2

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Pain Awareness Month

The Board proclaimed September 2009 as "Pain Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [September is Pain Awareness Month.pdf](#)

Gainesville Latino Film Festival

The Board proclaimed September 15th through October 24th, 2009 as "Gainesville Latino Film Festival Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Gainesville Latino Film Festival Month.pdf](#)

U.S. Census

The Board accepted the presentation on the update of the U.S. Census 2010 count given by Karen Kagalis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Guardian ad Litem's Personal Services Budget

The Board took no action on the request to approve the General Fund reserve use and the corresponding budget amendment to increase the Guardian ad Litem's Personal Services budget. Administrative Services Director Betty Baker said the funds could be found in her budget.

Attachment: [Reserve adjustments for FY09 GAL Sept 8 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget Amendment GAL Personal Services.pdf](#)

Archer Braid Trail Update

The Board accepted the follow-up report from staff on the FDOT Transportation Enhancement Priority Projects list concerning the Archer Braid Trail Update.

Attachment: [FDOT ARCHER BRAID EMAIL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Archer Braid_Road Trail Map.pdf](#)

Water Conservation Strategies Report

The Board authorized staff to prepare a Water Conservation Strategies report as outlined in the attached implementation plan.

Attachment: [Water Conservation Strategies Report Implementation Plan.pdf](#)



Commissioner Lee Pinkoson read into the record the Proclamation declaring September 2009 as "Pain Awareness Month."



Victoria Condor-Williams accepted the Proclamation of September 15th through October 24th, 2009 as "Gainesville Latino Film Festival Month" in Alachua County.

Commission Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

Traffic Management System

The Board heard the presentation on the Traffic Management System update and approved the Traffic Management System Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville

Amount: \$2,232,978.76

Attachment: [TMS County Presentation.ppt](#)

Attachment: [Gville Traffic Mngt Final.pdf](#)

Community Development Block Grant Housing

Concerning the Alachua County FFY 2008 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Contract with Department of Community Affairs, the Board approved the Applicant Ranking; included list of applicants in the meeting minutes; and disclosed any conflicts of interest members of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners have with any applicants in the Ranking list

Attachment: [FY2008CDBG_ApplicantRankingFinal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FY2008_CDBG_NSP_ConflictOfInterest.pdf](#)

Letter to Koppers Customers

The Board instructed the Manager send letters to all customers of Koppers including Clay Electric, GRU, Florida Power and Light and City of Alachua, to encourage them to ask Koppers to use safer chemical treatments in their utility poles.

Fire/Rescue #17 & Dry Cleaner Property

The Board authorized staff to proceed with sale of old Fire/Rescue #17 and the Dry Cleaner property on SW 24th Ave and SW 34th Ave using competitive bid process and allocate \$240,000 to the FY 10 budget and the remainder to the FY 10 general fund reserves

Billboards Replacement

The Board authorized staff to work with attorney to affect the criteria being developed by FDOT and FHA that will be used as the basis for replacing billboards that were destroyed by hurricanes on I-75.

Gainesville Golf & Country Club

The Board direct staff to make changes to the ordinance concerning the pursuit of a special assessment district for roadway improvements to the Gainesville Golf and Country Club neighborhoods, and to return for the final motion.

Amount: \$470,860.06

Attachment: [Board_GGCC_SAD_presentation_comp.pptx](#)

Non-Ad Valorem Assessment

The Board adopted the Resolution of Intent to continue to use the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment, set the rate, and authorize the provision of notice to affected property owners on the Notice of Proposed Taxes (TRIM).

Amount: \$49,980.00

Attachment: [proof of publication Gainesville sun.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PEBudgetNarrative2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [proof of ad gainesville sun.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PE Rate Resolution Final FY 0910.pdf](#)

Commission Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution

The Board adopted the Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and authorized the Chair to certify the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Tax Collector.

Amount: Revenue: \$11,017,132.44

Attachment: [FY0910_FinalRateRes_Packet.pdf](#)

FY10 Millage Rates

The Board conducted the public hearing and approved the proposed FY10 millage rates and adjusted tentative budgets for the General County, MSTU - Unincorporated Services, MSTU - Law Enforcement Funds, MSTU - Fire Protection Services and Alachua County Forever Debt Service Funds. Approve the FY10-14 Capital Improvement Program and adopt the FY10 Financial Policies.

Attachment: [1 09-XX Reso Financial Policies 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 4-1 Adopted Comprehensive Financial Policies FINAL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [4 09-XX General County Millage Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [6 09-XX MSTU Uninc Millage Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [7 09-XX MSTU Uninc Budget Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [8 09-XX MSTU Law Enf Millage Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10 09-XX MSTU Fire Millage Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [3 Binder FY10 CIP Section for Board Meeting Sept 1 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5 09-XX General County Budget Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [9 09-XX MSTU Law Enf Budget Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Attachment: [11 09-XX MSTU Fire Budget Reso 10 1st PH.pdf](#)

Unified Land Development Code

The Board conducted the public hearing and approved the proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code.

Attachment: [ULDC_9_08_09_PowerPoint.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Updates_9_08_09_Exhibit_A.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Evaluation_on_the_Cost_of_Housing.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_9_08_09_PowerPoint.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2nd_Hearing_Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_REV_ORDINANCE.pdf](#)

Rezoning Request

The Board approved the summary item and adopted Resolution Z-09-11 the rezoning request from Business highway to Business retail sales.

Attachment: [Circuit City Backup Material.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0609 Powerpoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0609 Staff Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RESM0609.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Neighborhood Meeting Material.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0609.pptx](#)

Advisory Board Appointments

Charter Review Commission:

Mr. Robert Ackerman

Mr. Rob Brinkman

Ms. DJ Ferguson

Mr. Mitch Glaeser

Mr. Armando Grundy-Gomes

Mr. J.K. "Buddy" Irby

Dr. Joseph Little

Mr. AuBroncee Martin

Mr. John Martin

Mr. Bill Richards

Mr. James L. Stringfellow

Mr. B Rodman Tuttle

Ms. Lura Williams Martin

Mr. Ashley Wood

Mr. Guy York

Alachua County Advisory Boards

Get Involved

The Alachua County Commission is committed to citizen involvement on its advisory boards and is soliciting applications for the following vacancies:

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: One citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing, one Alachua County resident

Alachua County Housing Authority: One Alternate Tenant-Commissioner; this position requires residency in public housing or that applicant is on the Alachua County Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program, one citizen-at-large

Alachua County Historical Commission: Three citizens-at-large

CHOICES Health Services Advisory Board: One CHOICES program participant (Alternate), one Nurse, three citizens-at-large, one Managed Care employee, *one certified public accountant, one health policy professional, one hospital employee*

Citizens Disability Advisory Committee: Four citizens-at-large

Code Enforcement Board: One architect

Community Agency Partnership Program: One citizen-at-large, *two citizens-at-large*

Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee: One director of a local substance abuse treatment program, One director of a community mental health agency

Economic Development Advisory Committee: One Alachua County resident

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee: One alternate

Fair Housing Human Rights Board: One residential rental manager, one citizen-at-large

Health Care Board: One low-income health care consumer

Health Facilities Authority: *Three citizens-at-large*

Housing Finance Authority: Two citizens-at-large (one knowledgeable in labor, finance or commerce)

Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission: One citizen-at-large

Veterans Service Advisory Board: *Four citizens-at-large (Veteran), one Vietnam Veteran, one alternate*

Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Program Advisory Council: One alternate, three citizens-at-large

Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee: One county resident (alternate)

[Click here for an application](#)

Applications are also available at the County Manager's Office on the 2nd Floor of the County Admin. Building, 12 SE 1st St., Gainesville. For more info., call 352-264-6904.