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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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County Commission Says Good Bye to Cynthia Moore Chestnut

At the November 9, 2010 County Commission meeting, Board members and staff took the opportunity to say goodbye to departing County Commissioner Cynthia Moore Chestnut.

Commissioners Delaney, Long, Byerly, and Pinkoson each express their admiration for Commissioner Chestnut's many accomplishments and contributions during her long tenure as an elected official. Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren presented Commissioner Chestnut with a plaque acknowledging her support of the CHOICES program. County Manager Randall H. Reid presented Commissioner Chestnut with a plaque, acknowledging her service as chair during the previous year, and a gift from her fellow Board members and County staff.



Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Paula Delaney, Lee Pinkoson (Vice Chair),
Cynthia Moore Chestnut (Chair), Rodney J. Long, Mike Byerly



Above: County Commissioners give Cynthia Chestnut a standing ovation for her service to the Board.
Below: County Manager Randall H. Reid presents a gavel to Chestnut for her service as Commission Chair.

County Update 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

- Alachua County Codes Enforcement/Housing Program Assist Elderly Citizen's Home Repair
- Alachua County Remembers Wes Skiles
- Low Impact Development Techniques
- Alachua County/City of Gainesville Office of Homelessness Hosts 12th Annual Breakfast on the Plaza and Homeless Services Fair
- County Health Department Helps "Businesses Respond To Aids"
- Alachua County/City of Gainesville Break Ground for New Senior Center
- Creating Respect for People and Place: Poe Springs Park

Special Meeting - Swearing In

On Tuesday November 16, 2010, the Alachua County Commission will hold a special meeting at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is in the Jack Durrance Auditorium on the second floor of the County Administration Building located at 12 SE 1st Street, downtown Gainesville.

The purpose of the meeting is to swear in re-elected Commissioner Lee Pinkoson and new Commissioner Susan Baird and to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

The meetings can be viewed live on Cox Ch. 12 or on the County's Video on Demand site. To go to that site [click here](#).

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



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 Alachua County Growth Management Director Steve Lachnicht discuss the Growth Management Department, its duties, programs, and the services it provides.



Click above to watch Alachua County Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird discuss the Environmental Protection Department, its duties, programs, and the services it provides.

Food Security Summit

On November 10, the Alachua County - City of Gainesville Food Security Summit was held. The event took place at Trinity United Methodist Church, and was open to the public.

The Summit featured an update on the implementation of the 2009 Gainesville-Alachua County Hunger Abatement Plan ([click here](#) to view), a presentation by the Alachua County Healthy Communities Committee, and a presentation of the recently completed report by Florida Organic Growers entitled "Community Vision for Food System Development in Gainesville-Alachua

County: A Local Food Action Plan" ([click here](#) to view). Following these presentations was a discussion of the creation of a food policy council.

Julie Paradis, Administrator for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, was the keynote speaker at the Summit's stakeholders' luncheon.

For more information, contact John Skelly, Director, Alachua County Poverty Reduction Program at 352-264-6749 or jskelly@alachuacounty.us.



County Commissioner Rodney Long addresses the audience at the Food Security Summit.

Basic and Advanced Storm Spotter Class

Alachua County Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, is sponsoring a Basic and Advanced Storm Spotter class on Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The class is held at the Alachua County Public Health Auditorium (224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville).

According to Emergency Management Director, David Donnelly, "Severe weather is a fact of life in Florida and Alachua County is looking for a few good volunteers. The mission of the National Weather Service and local Emergency Management is to protect lives and property during severe weather incidents." He continued by saying, "Even with advancements in technology, such as Doppler radar, government officials still must rely on a network of trained volunteers to become their eyes and ears on the ground to provide better weather watch and warning services. You can be the one to make a difference and be an asset to our community."

For more information or to register, contact Alachua County Emergency Management at call 352-264-6500 or email acem@alachuacounty.us.



Health Department Offers Haiti Travel Guidance

Relief workers and other travelers to Haiti are advised to contact their medical providers and foreign travel clinics for information related to communicable disease threats in that country. "Recent events in Haiti have resulted in increased public health concerns to travelers," stated Paul Myers, Assistant Director of the Alachua County Health Department. "Minimizing adverse health impacts associated with travel to Haiti can be achieved by consulting with medical providers and foreign travel clinics".

After the devastating Haiti earthquake in January of this year, significant numbers of relief workers including those from North Central Florida responded to the country's public health needs. Hurricane Tomas recently worsened already poor sanitary conditions. Risks to travelers include but are not limited to mosquito borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever, and the recent epidemic of cholera, an acute bacterial disease that has sickened thousands and killed hundreds.

Travelers to Haiti are encouraged to contact the Alachua County Health Department's Foreign Travel Clinic well in advance of their trip at 352-334-8849.

For more information about the Alachua County Health Department, [click here](#).



Cooperative Extension Programs

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Family & Consumer Sciences Programs, for October 2010. These programs are offered by Dr. Brenda Williams, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent. All of these programs are held at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville).

Food Safety and Quality Program (ServSafe®) – November 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This program is dedicated to providing training which enables food managers and staff to offer Florida consumer's food that is prepared in a clean and safe environment. For further information and to register, please visit <http://foodsafety.ifas.ufl.edu>, or call toll-free at 1-888-232-8723.

Before You Tie the Knot – November 29 & 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Before You Tie the Knot is a premarital preparation course.

Completion of this course is required to receive a \$32.50 reduction of marriage license fee and a waiver of the three day waiting period. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion and a copy for the Clerk of the Court. There is no cost to attend this two evening class. Pre-register by October 5 by calling 352-337-6209.

For more information about these programs call 352-955-2402. Visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml> for additional programs offered by the Extension Office.

Personal Financial Management Series

Basic Estate Planning – November 15, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Topics include: Planning for health care issues including long-term care insurance and disability insurance. Getting your assets where you want them to go.

There is no cost to attend these classes. Pre-register one week in advance by calling 352-337-6209.

For more information about these programs call 352-955-2402. Visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml> for additional programs offered by the Extension Office.

November Environmental Horticulture Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Environmental Horticulture Program for November 2010. This program is offered by Wendy Wilber, Environmental Horticulture Agent along with Art Shriver of SEM Nursery.

Growing Shitake and Oyster Mushrooms – November 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39 Avenue, Gainesville).

Learn the basics of shitake mushroom and oyster mushroom growing for the home garden. Shitake mushrooms are grown on oak logs. Attendees will learn how to prepare and inoculate the logs for shitake mushroom production.

There is no cost to attend this class. Pre-register by calling 352-337-6209. For more information, call the Extension Office at 352-955-2402.

November Commercial Horticulture Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Commercial Horticulture Programs, for November 2010. These programs are offered by Aparna Gazula, Commercial Horticulture Agent. All of these programs are held at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville).

Green Industries Best Management Practices Workshop
November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost \$25.00 (includes materials and lunch). Please pre-register by calling 352-337-6209.

For more information about these and other programs, contact Aparna Gazula, Commercial Horticulture Agent, 352-955-2402.

Fall Small Ruminant Workshop

The Alachua County Cooperative Extension Office is pleased to announce the "2010 Fall Small Ruminant Workshop" on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at the Alachua County Cooperative Extension Office (2800 NE 39 Avenue, Gainesville), beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Registration fee is \$5.00, and includes meal. Participants must register by November 12 by calling 352-955-2402 or e-mail cbsanders@alachuacounty.us.

For more information, contact Cindy Sanders, Alachua County Cooperative Extension Director/Livestock Agent at 352-955-2402.

Commission Highlights

November 9, 2010 Board Meeting



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

Video:



Regular Meeting
 morning session



Public Hearing
 evening session

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Announcements

The Board heard announcements by Mark Sexton Communications Coordinator

Attachment: [Announcements](#)

County Attorney's and County Manager's Annual Performance Reviews

The Board conducted the County Attorney's and County Manager's annual performance reviews.

Attachment: [County Manager Evaluation Form.pdf](#)

Attachment: [County Attorney Evaluation Form.pdf](#)

Support Letter for RTS

The Board approved support letter to allow RTS to apply for the 5311 Grant funds for Alachua County.

Attachment: [RTS_5311_Grant_Letter.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RTS_5311_Grant_PowerPoint.pdf](#)

Memorial Markers

The Board received the information regarding the Public Works program for memorial markers on County Rights-of-Way

Attachment: [Alachua County Mem Marker Sign.pdf](#)

World Diabetes Day

The Board proclaimed November 14, 2010 as "World Diabetes Day" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [World Diabetes Day2.pdf](#)



Kathryn Parker accepted the "World Diabetes Day" proclamation



Commissioner Rodney Long read into the record the "Veterans Day" proclamation

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Hospice Month

The Board proclaimed November 2010 as “Hospice Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Hospice Month November 2010.pdf](#)

Veterans Day

The Board proclaimed “November 11, 2010 as Veterans Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [November 11 2010 as Veterans Day V1.pdf](#)

Budget Amendments

The Board conducted the public hearing, adopted resolutions and approved budget amendments to amend the FY11 budget for carry forward, re-appropriations and other fund balance adjustments.

Attachment: [6 FY11 CF Consolidated BA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5 Resolution for FY11 Carryforward MSTU Fire Protection Services Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10 Encumbrance SuperFund.pdf](#)

Attachment: [11 Encumbrance Department.pdf](#)

Attachment: [12 FY11 PO MASTER LIST BY Superfund .pdf](#)

Attachment: [9 FY11 Carryforward Capital Project Information.pdf](#)

Attachment: [3 Resolution for FY11 Carryforward MSBU Refuse Collection Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [4 Resolution for FY11 Carryforward Gas Tax Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [7 FY11 Carryforward AD.pdf](#)

Attachment: [8 FY11 CF Funds w Narratives.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 Resolution for FY11 Carryforward MSTU Unincorporated Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 Resolution for FY11 Carryforward General County Budget.pdf](#)

Barr Hammock - Perry Tract

The Board accepted and exercised the Option to Purchase the Alachua County Forever Barr Hammock - Perry Tract, and authorize the Chair’s signature; and authorize staff to execute documents as necessary to close the transactions.

Amount: Acquisition \$375,456. Annual Stewardship \$2,900.

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Perry Evaluation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 3 Barr Hammock Assessment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC101109 ACF Perry.pptx](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Assign of Option Perry Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 4 Cost Estimates.pdf](#)

Lochloosa Flatwoods Connector - Crevasse Tracts

Purchase of the Lochloosa Flatwoods Connector - Crevasse Tracts by Alachua County Forever. (Amended)

Recommended Action: Approve and exercise the Option Contracts to Purchase the Alachua County Forever Lochloosa Connector Crevasse “Ranch” Tract and the Option Contract to Purchase the Conservation Easement on the CBI Tract, and authorize the Chair’s signature; and authorize staff to execute documents as necessary to close the transactions. Further, the Board should execute the attached Cooperative Agreement with Alachua Conservation Trust

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to manage the Crevasse Ranch Tract and authorize the Chair's signature.

Amount: Acquisition \$776,544. Annual Stewardship \$1,100.

Attachment: [Exhibit 5 Map.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 ACT Crevasse Ranch Option.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 8 Florida Statutes ch 497 270 summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 4 Lochloosa Forest Levy Prairie Assessment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 6 Crevasse Mngt Plan Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 3 Crevasse Tracts Evaluations.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC101109 ACF Crevasse.pptx](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Crevasse Option Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 7 Cost Estimates.pdf](#)

Update on Other Available Properties

The Board postponed this item to the Nov. 23, 2010 meeting and requested an update on other available properties.

Below is the staff recommendation:

Accept and execute the Option Contracts to Purchase the Alachua County Forever San Felasco Hammock Additions - Rolling Meadows Tract, and authorize the Chair's signature; and authorize staff to execute documents as necessary to close the transactions. Further, the Board should execute the attached Lease Amendment with the State of Florida Division of Recreation and Parks to manage the Rolling Meadows Tract and authorize the Chair's signature.

Amount: Acquisition \$2,793,342. Annual Stewardship \$550.

Attachment: [Exhibit 3 San Felasco Hammock Additions Assessment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 5 Cost Estimates.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Rolling Meadows Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 4 1st Amend FDEP Lease Rolling Meadow final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC101109 ACF Rolling Meadows.pptx](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Rolling Meadows Investments Evaluation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 6 Recorded PD Documents.pdf](#)

SE 193rd Avenue

The Board adopted the Resolution authorizing the vacation of that portion of SE 193rd Avenue as requested. The Chair was authorized to execute any additional documents approved by the County Attorney necessary to complete this transaction.

Attachment: [SE_193_Ave_Resolution_Denying_11_9_2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SE_193_Ave_Resolution_Vacating_11_9_2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SE_193_Ave_location_maps.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SE193rdAV_STREET_VAC_11_9_2010.pdf](#)

Celebration Pointe Transit Oriented Development

The Board approved, with conditions, the Preliminary Development Plan for Celebration Pointe Transit Oriented development, project number 2010021001_P: CONDITIONS:

1. Final Design of roadways and dedicated transit lanes is subject to a Final engineering review. Approval of all roadway location, right of ways and required elements at the Preliminary Stage is done so on a conceptual basis.

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Significant changes to the transportation network may require a Revised Preliminary Development Plan Review.

2. Inconsistencies between the western property boundary, as shown on the boundary survey submitted with the preliminary development plans and the property appraiser's GIS layer, will need to be worked out prior to final development plan submittal, as any change in the western boundary will likely modify conservation management areas/conservation easement set aside for the project.

Attachment: [CP_MPDP_SP1_00.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_TNUP_SP3_01.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Celebration_Point_aerial.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Celebration Pointe Prel_SR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_Location.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_MPDP_SPN0_00.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_MPDP_SP1_01.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_OSP_SP2_00.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_TNUP_SP3_00.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CP_OSP_SP2_01.pdf](#)

Advisory Board Appointments

Ms. Linda Weseman was appointed to the Meridian Behavioral Health Care Board of Directors as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending November 30, 2013.

Ms. Susan McQuillan was appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to Serve on Local Planning Agency to a term ending June 30, 2014.

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 citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing

Alachua County Housing Authority: One tenant-commissioner, one alternate tenant-commissioner (these positions require residency in public housing or that applicant is on the Alachua County Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program), one Alternate.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board: Two citizens-at-large

Board of Adjustment: One citizen-at-large

CHOICES Health Services Advisory Board: One Managed Care employee, one certified public accountant, one hospital employee, one nurse, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one small business owner, *one attorney, one dentist, one pharmacist, one physician*

Citizens Disability Advisory Committee: Two citizens with disabilities, two citizens-at-large

Code Enforcement Board: One businessperson, *one sub-contractor*, one alternate

Economic Development Advisory Committee: Three citizens actively engaged with economic development organizations, *one Alachua County Resident*

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee: Two citizens-at-large

Gainesville/Alachua County Arts in Public Places Trust: One art historian, one professional in the field of art

Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board: Three citizens-at-large

Health Care Board: One low-income health care consumer, *one health care consumer*

Health Facilities Authority: One citizen-at-large

Land Conservation Board: *Three natural resources professionals*

Original Florida Tourism Task Force: Two citizens-at-large, one citizen-at-large (alternate)

Poverty Reduction Advisory Board: One citizen 55 or older, one low-income resident, one representative of a faith-based organization, *one citizen with a disability*

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee: One citizen involved in Silviculture/Agriculture, three citizens-at-large (preference will be given to citizens from unincorporated areas of Alachua County)

Tourist Development Council: One hotel owner/operator

Value Adjustment Board: One citizen (must own homestead property in Alachua County)

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

Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before December 31, 2010.

[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.