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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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## Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr. Building Dedication

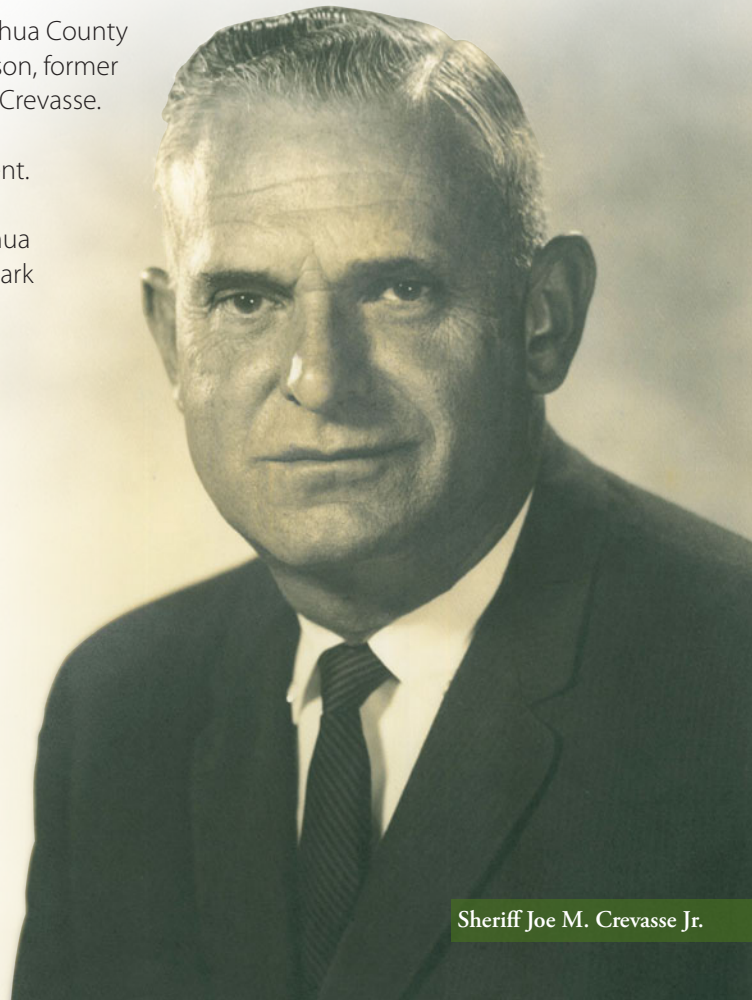
On Tuesday, April 26, at 4 p.m., the Alachua County Sheriff's Office building was dedicated to former Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr. for his twenty-one years of exemplary service as Alachua County Sheriff from 1955 to 1976 and as University of Florida's first Police Chief from 1947 to 1955.

Mr. Crevasse was born in Tampa, Florida in 1915. He received both a B.S. and an M.A. in Agriculture from the University of Florida. He is a lifetime member of the Florida Sheriff's Association and served on the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, and Youth Fund. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge #41, the Rotary Club, the Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, and the Exchange Club.

Speakers at the event included Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, and Mr. Crevasse's son, former Alachua County Sheriff's Captain Buddy Crevasse.

[Click here](#) to view a video of the event.

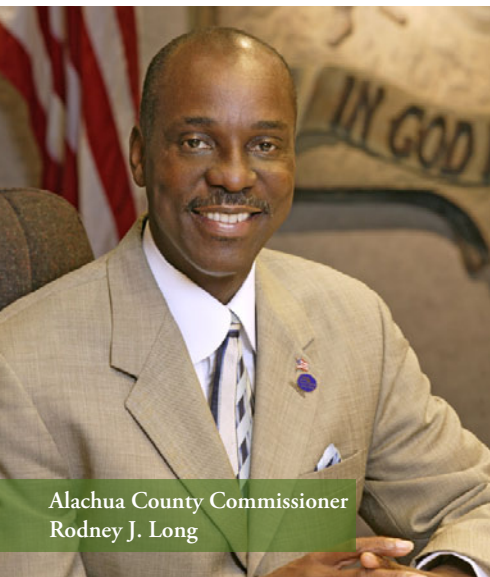
For more information, contact Alachua County Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton at 374-5204.



Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr.



## Rodney Long to Meet at White House



Alachua County Commissioner  
Rodney J. Long

Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long has been invited to represent the National Association of Counties (NACo) at a White House County Officials Meeting with President Barack Obama and several of his cabinet officials on May 3, 2011.

Likely topics of the meeting will include infrastructure, sustainable

communities, health reform implementation, and Medicaid.

Commissioner Long received the official invitation from the White House on Friday, April 22, 2011.

In speaking to the citizens of Alachua County, Commissioner Long said of the meeting, "As your County Commissioner, it's been an honor to represent you in the Florida Association of Counties as a two term president and member of the Executive Committee. In addition, I am also honored to represent you at NACo, as a part of its Leadership Team serving as Chairman of the Economic Development Sub-committee, member of the both the Audit and Finance Committee, member of the Credentials Committee and serving on the NACo Board of Directors."

For more information, contact the Alachua County Commissioners Office at 352-264-6900.

## 2011/2012 CAPP Poverty Reduction Funding

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from 501(c)(3) organizations for the Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP) poverty reduction funding program. Agencies must have a physical location in Alachua County and current 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Approximately \$920,000 is available for programs that reduce poverty among Alachua County residents. All documents pertaining to the grant are available online ([click here](#) to go to documents online) or from the Alachua County Office of Purchasing 3rd Floor, County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601, 352-374-5202.

Programs must fall into one of the following four categories: Food, Health Care, Housing/Supportive Living or Child Physical Safety or Academic Education. The categories and their criteria are explained in the application instructional document and will be covered in the pre-application workshop and the pre-application instructional video. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on May 25, 2011. Applications are to be turned in to the Alachua County Purchasing Division, 3rd Floor, County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601, 352-374-5202. No late applications will be accepted.

All applicants are required to attend the pre-application workshop OR view the online or DVD pre-application instructional video.

In-Person Workshop:  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Alachua County Health Dept.  
224 SE 24th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32641

Online Video:  
[http://alachua.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1660](http://alachua.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1660)



The deadline for submitting applications is 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2011. No applications past 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 will be accepted. Applications are time-stamped upon submission and none will be accepted past a 5 p.m. time stamp. Applicants are encouraged to allow time for very limited downtown parking.

Solicitation documents and details for receiving documents may be obtained through the Alachua County Purchasing Division, 3rd Floor, County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601, 352-374-5202 or online ([click here](#) to go to documents online).

## Recycling of Vegetable Oil Expanded

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is expanding the free drop-off and recycling of waste vegetable oil (WVO) at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC), located in the Leveda Brown Environmental Park and Transfer Station at 5125 NE 63rd Avenue, in Gainesville. WVO can also be dropped off at the five Solid Waste Collection Centers located throughout the County.

With resource assistance from a \$58,383 USEPA Region 4 Environmental Policy and Innovation Grant, ACEPD intends to increase collection of WVO from County residents and commercial businesses in order to increase the volume of biodiesel fuel produced at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center. The biodiesel fuel is used in County solid waste fleet operations at the Transfer Station and in diesel-powered equipment at the HWCC. The purpose is to offset the use of petroleum diesel fuel, reduce the County's carbon footprint, and improve the sustainability of Alachua County operations.

An educational campaign is underway to inform County residents of the importance of properly managing waste vegetable oil as well as

other fats, oils and greases that are byproducts of frying foods. The increased WVO collection and educational campaign in partnership with Gainesville Regional Utilities will reduce improper disposal of fats, oils, and greases down sinks or drains, reduce the potential for sewer line backups, reduce environmental pollution from sanitary sewer overflows and leaks, and promote the recycling of waste into a usable commodity. Additional activities include increased outreach to restaurants, special community events, and the establishment of more convenient drop-off locations at the Rural Collection Centers.

"The program will continue to enhance the reputation of the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center as a statewide leader for sustainability and innovation in the reuse and recycling of hazardous and household waste,"

HHWC Coordinator Kurt Seaburg said, "This effort builds on the recent solar power initiative and other recent innovative services.

Plans include utilizing the biodiesel to operate a diesel generator provide a supplemental energy capability as well as emergency power generation at the Hazardous Waste Collection Center."

For more information on this free service to homeowners and businesses, contact 352-330-0440.



## RSVP Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The public is invited to join the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Advisory Council on May 21, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., for its Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Gator's Dockside Restaurant (3842 Newberry Road, Gainesville).

Tickets cost \$6.00 and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and orange juice, milk or coffee. All proceeds from the ticket sales go to support RSVP.

RSVP of Alachua County matches persons ages 55+ that have time to share their skills, knowledge, and talents, with opportunities for volunteering. RSVP has partnerships established with over forty non-profit, government, and health care agencies where people can volunteer to make positive impacts to communities.

[Click here](#) to view the event flyer.

[Click here](#) to visit the RSVP website.

For more information about the breakfast, or tickets, contact Cindy Flowers at 352-316-1310 or [cindyflowers@comfortkeepers.com](mailto:cindyflowers@comfortkeepers.com).



## What's On "Alachua County Talks"



The new edition of "Alachua County Talks" features an in-depth interview with renowned artist Margaret Ross Tolbert. Tolbert discusses her new book "Aquiferious," which took a Florida Book Awards gold medal in the non-fiction category and silver medal in the fine arts category.

Aquiferious is a unique and enlightening book that explores North Central Florida's springs through Tolbert's paintings, writings,

and the writings of a distinguished and accomplished group of springs experts from many fields.

In speaking of the interview host Mark Sexton said, "I encourage anyone interested in art, science, and our environment to tune in. Ms. Tolbert's perspective and decades long, intimate relationship with the springs makes for a fascinating conversation."

The show premieres on Friday April 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. on Cox channel 12.

To view this edition of Alachua County Talks immediately on Video on Demand, click [here](#).

To view the complete Channel 12 schedule, click [here](#).

The latest editions of Alachua County Talks air at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. every night except Thursday, and at 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. and 12 a.m. every day. Special or regular County Commission and Gainesville City Commission meetings may preempt any showing.

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

## May Family and Consumer Sciences Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Family & Consumer Sciences Programs, for May, 2011. 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).

Before You Tie the Knot – May 16 & 23, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Before You Tie the Knot is a premarital preparation course.

Topics include: Communication, Conflict Management & Resolution, Financial Responsibility & Spending Plans, and Children & Parenting Responsibilities

Completion of this course is required to receive a \$32.50 reduction of marriage license. 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 May 11 by calling 352-337-6209.

Building Your Financial Future (A personal financial management program - for those filing bankruptcy only) – May 24,

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Attendees will learn 4 basic concepts that will aid in handling financial resources responsibly and building a financially secure future. This program has been approved to issue certificates evidencing completion of a personal financial management instructional course in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code. You must bring your case number with you.

Topics include: Develop Your Budget, Money Management Skills, Use Credit Responsibly, and Consumers Rights and Responsibilities.

Cost to attend this class is \$10.00 (cash only) for course materials. Pre-register by May 20 by calling 352-955-2402. For alternate class dates, or view the complete brochure, visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml>

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.

## Upcoming CERT Program

Alachua County Emergency Management is enrolling citizens for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The program's seven sessions are on Tuesday evenings, and each runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sessions are held at the Alachua County Emergency Operations Center (1100 SE 27th Street, Gainesville), and begin Tuesday, May 3, 2011. The registration deadline is May 2nd.

Ebbin Spellman, Alachua County Emergency Management Coordinator said, "It is never too early to begin preparing for the 2010 Hurricane Season, and there's no better way than to attend the CERT program."

The CERT sessions cover the following topics:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- CERT Organization and Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT

He continued, "CERT teaches citizens how to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters."

Residents who miss the May CERT program will be able to attend later sessions beginning July 5, and September 6, 2011.

For more information and to register, [click here](#) or call 352-264-6500.



# Supervisor Of Elections Provides Voter Education to High School Seniors

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office is visiting area high schools educating seniors on the importance of voting. Students will learn about the electoral process, have an opportunity to cast a ballot on the County voting equipment, and most importantly have the opportunity to register to vote.



Students from Professional Academies Magnet at Loften School, completing the Elections Myth Buster Ballot, during last year's voter education program.

The following school visits are scheduled:

- May 6th, Newberry High School, 8:30 am until 2:40 pm
- May 10th, Hawthorne High School, 10 am until 12 pm
- May 11th, Santa Fe High School, 9:00 am until 3:10 pm
- May 16th, P.K. Yonge School, 9:40 am until 2:40 pm
- May 17th, Buchholz High School, 8:25 am until 2:40 pm
- May 18th, Buchholz High School, 8:25 am until 2:40 pm

The Supervisors' Office visited Eastside High School on April 26th and registered 90 students to vote.




## Plentiful Pits

THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Come adopt an American Pit Bull or Pit Bull mix

# \$45

Adoption Counselors are available at the Alachua County Animal Services Headquarters  
3400 Northeast 53rd Avenue, Gainesville



More information  
Hilary Hynes  
352-264-6881

**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**

# Commission Highlights

## April 26, 2011 Board Meeting



Commissioner Rodney J. Long  
 Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney  
 Commission Chair Lee Pinkoson  
 Commissioner Susan Baird  
 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

Attachments: [Announcements](#)

### Eat Local Month

The Board proclaimed May 2011 as “Eat Local Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [2011 Alachua County Eat Local Month Proclamation.pdf](#)

### Fair Housing Month

The Board proclaimed April 2011 as “Fair Housing Month” in Alachua County, Florida

Attachment: [FairHousingProc2011.pdf](#)

### Administrative Professionals Week and Day

The Board proclaimed April 24-30 and April 27th as “Administrative Professionals Week and Day” in Alachua County, Florida, respectively.

Attachment: [Administrative Professionals Day 2011.pdf](#)

### Alachua County Forever Timber Harvesting Business Plan

Concerning the Alachua County Forever Timber Harvesting Business Plan the Board instructed staff to reconsider the business plan and separate out the land mgt. policy implications. They asked staff to address the following issues: naturally reoccurring disturbances and mgt. objectives. The Board authorized staff to conduct another harvest until business plan is authorized.

Attachment: [ACF Timber harvesting business plan 110412.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC110412 Timber Plan.pptx](#)

### Historical Commission

The Board adopted the Resolution extending the sunset date by seven years for the Historical Commission and specifying the reporting process.

Attachment: [Historical Commission 001.pdf](#)

Attachment: [reso sunset historical comm.pdf](#)

Attachment: [historic commission.pdf](#)

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Local Agency Program Agreement

The Board adopted a Resolution to add funds as noted in the Local Agency Program Agreement (LAP) Supplemental Agreement No. 5. They approved the supplemental agreement No. 5 for the LAP with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for SW 62nd Boulevard/4 Lane Arterial Connector.

**Amount:** \$25,000.00

Attachment: [Budget Amend LAP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAPsupp3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [lapsupp5resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAPsupp1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAPsupp2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAP mod 5 62nd Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAPA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAPsupp4executed.pdf](#)

### Combined Communications Center

The Board heard a presentation by Sheriff Darnell's Combined Communications Center Manager Linda Jones about creating an equipment replacement fund. No action was taken.

### County Incentive Grant Program

The Board authorized staff to submit applications for the SW 8th Avenue/SW 143rd St and NW 23rd Avenue projects to the County Incentive Grant Program.

Attachment: [NW 23rd Ave Map.pdf](#)

Attachment: [NW23rdAveCIPGAPP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SW 8th Ave CIPG App.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDOTLtrCIGP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SW 8th Ave Map.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2030CIE.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2035LRTP\\_Update.pdf](#)

### Archer Braid Bike Path/Trail

The Board adopted the Resolution and authorized the county to enter into a memorandum of agreement with FDOT and execute the Agreement for the proposed Archer Braid Bike Path/Trail from the City of Archer to SW 91st Street and authorized the Chair to execute any additional documents, approved by the County Attorney, necessary to complete this transaction.

Attachment: [AREA MAP ARCHER BRAID PH1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MOA RES Archer Braid Phase 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Archer Braid MOU.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LOCATION MAP ARCHER BRAID PH1.pdf](#)

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Archer Braid Bike Path/Trail

The Board adopted the Resolutions and approved the Budget Amendment authorizing the County to enter into a LAP agreement with FDOT and execute the Agreement for the proposed Archer Braid Bike Path/Trail from the intersection of SW 91st Street and Archer Road and authorized the Chair to execute any additional documents, approved by the County Attorney, necessary to complete this transaction.

**Amount:** \$150,000 (Revenue)

Attachment: [LAP Archer Braid Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Archer Braid Phase 2 Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LOCATION MAP ARCHER BRAID PH2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MOA RES Archer Braid Phase 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAP Agreement Archer Braid Budget Resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AREAMAP ARCHER BRAID PH2 2011.pdf](#)

### CHOICES Options Presentation

The Board heard the CHOICES options presentation and requested more information from staff including 1) Request presentation from Health Care Dept re: If \$2M per year were provided by the County, what services could be provided to CHOICES-eligible citizens? 2) Request presentation from the County Attorney on necessary steps for implementing the change. Attachment: [CHOICESTrustPresentation.pptx](#)

### Jail Energy Reduction and Water Conservation Project

The Board heard a presentation and update on the Jail Energy Reduction and Water Conservation Project. The Board chose Option A (link below)

Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation

### Monopole Personal Wireless Service Facility

The Board approved Resolution Z-11-04 allowing construction of a 178 foot monopole personal wireless service facility at 14806 NW 36th Avenue on tax parcel number 04178-003-000.

Attachment: [Public\\_Comments.PDF](#)

Attachment: [RF\\_Review\\_Findings20100111.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PowerPoint\\_Presentation\\_4\\_26\\_11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Old\\_PowerPoint\\_ZOS0211.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2nd\\_RF\\_Review\\_Findings.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Applicant\\_ComPlan\\_ULDConsist\\_stmt.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Env\\_Res\\_Assess\\_Rpt.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nghb\\_WorkshopMinutes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sprint\\_RF.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOS0211\\_Mailing\\_list.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Survey.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PHOTOSIMULATION.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WorkshopMailer.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Plans.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sprint\\_RF\\_Site\\_Information.pdf](#)

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Springhills Development of Regional Impact Development Order

The Board approved the Resolution rescinding the Springhills Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Development Order (Res. 05-26)

Attachment: [Map H.pdf](#)

Attachment: [380\\_115\\_FS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [380\\_06\\_29\\_FS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Developer\\_Agreement\\_2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Applicant\\_Request\\_Letter\\_Sprhills.pdf](#)

Attachment: [163\\_3164\\_FS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PowerPoint\\_Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DO updated 2005.pdf](#)

## Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. Ruben O. Ramos was appointed to the Value Adjustment Board as a Citizen owning Homestead property in Alachua County to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Mr. James L. Thomas was appointed to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending August 31, 2013.

Ms. Debra Stucki was appointed to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending August 31, 2014.

Mr. Victor Perez was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Board as an Alternate to a term ending January 31, 2013.

Mr. Harry G. Nichols was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Board as a Citizen from the unincorporated area of Alachua County or one of the small municipalities to a term ending March 31, 2015.

Ms. Faith Umoh was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Board as a Rep. - Faith Based Organization to a term ending January 31, 2015.

Ms. Alice Primack was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Board as a Citizen with a disability to a term ending January 31, 2015.

# 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, one Alachua County resident, one alternate, one representing employers within the county, one representing laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction.

**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.

**Board of Adjustment:** Two citizens-at-large

**CHOICES Advisory Board:** One managed care employee, one certified public accountant, one health policy professional, one nurse, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one small business owner, one attorney (with expertise in health care), one citizen-at-large

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

**Community Agency Partnership Program:** Three citizens-at-large (call for special requirements)

**Environmental Protection Advisory Committee:** Three citizens-at-large, one alternate

**Fair Housing/Human Rights Board:** One residential rental manager, one citizen-at-large, one attorney, one lending institution representative

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

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

**Historical Commission:** One citizen-at-large

**Poverty Reduction Advisory Board:** One low-income resident

**Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee:** Five citizens-at-large

**Regional Transit System Advisory Board:** One senior citizen, one Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Representative

**Rural Concerns Advisory Committee:** One citizen involved in Silviculture/Agriculture, two citizens from unincorporated areas outside of the urban cluster, one citizen-at-large

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

*Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before July 22, 2011.*

[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.