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A Report on the Activities of Aachua County Government

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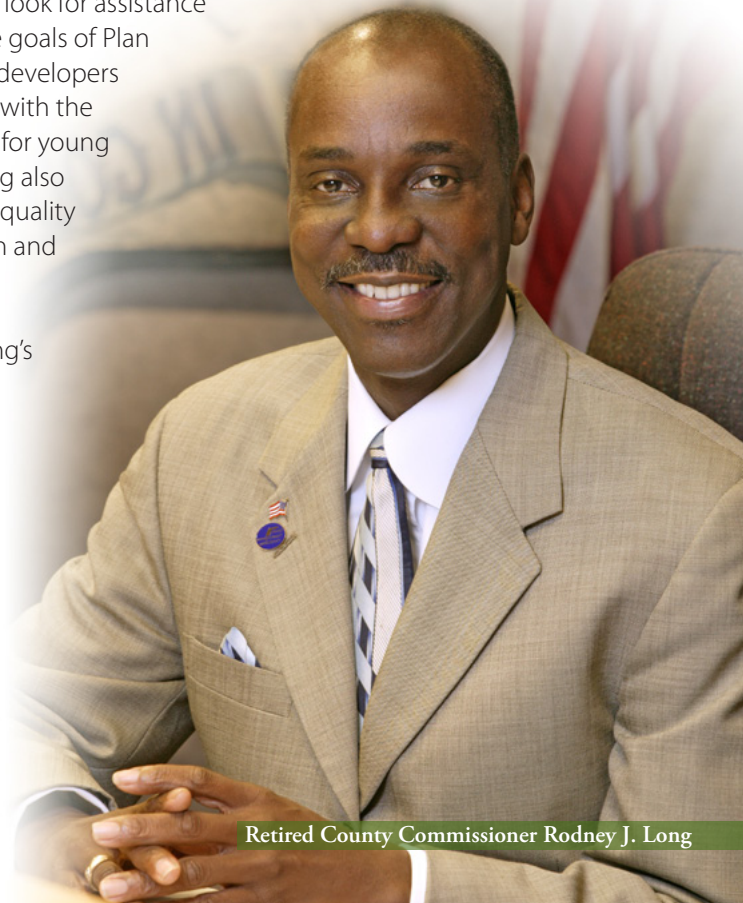
Aachua County Board of County Commissioners  
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## Commissioner Rodney J. Long Retires

Aachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long has retired, as of December 15.. This retirement comes after nearly 32 years of political and civic service.

In an email to friends and colleagues, Commissioner Long discussed his retirement. He said he intends to concentrate his efforts to serve as an evangelist. Commissioner Long also intends to continue working on issues of poverty reduction (including eliminating homelessness, eradicating hunger, ex-felon re-entry, and creating a charter school with an emphasis on at-risk kids and entrepreneurship, equal rights and civil rights, fighting against injustices wherever they may be, and to empower those to empower others on how to get things done in the community). He also plans to re-tool and grow his personal businesses and develop new ones. Commissioner Long will work collaboratively, through public private partnerships, to continue implementing many of the programs and initiatives that he has been involved with during my tenure in public office. He will look for assistance from the private sector to implement the goals of Plan East Gainesville by finding investors and developers to invest in the community. He will work with the public sector to create job opportunities for young people and ex-felons. Commissioner Long also plans to write his memoirs and to spend quality time with his wife Carole, and his children and grandchildren.

[Click here](#) to view Commissioner Long's Retirement Speech.



Retired County Commissioner Rodney J. Long



## What's On "Alachua County Talks"



Click the television to view this edition of "Alachua County Talks." it features an in-depth interview with Alachua County Court Services Director Tom Tonkavich. The subject is the Court Services Department, its duties, programs, and the services it provides.

Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the [Channel 12 Show Schedule](#).

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

## Alachua County Jail Survey

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has retained a consulting firm to conduct an operational and staffing study of the Alachua County Jail. As part of this process, the County is seeking input from members of the community who are former inmates at the jail, or have visited inmates at the jail.

Former inmates and visitors are encouraged to participate, as their input is a crucial part of this process. Completing the survey takes just a few minutes and the information shared is completely anonymous. Both surveys close on Friday, December 23, 2011 at 2 p.m.

1. Inmate Visitors –To complete this survey please visit:

<http://luminosity-solutions.com/src.html>

Enter the following user name and password to be directed to the survey. The username and password are case sensitive.

Username: AlachuaCounty

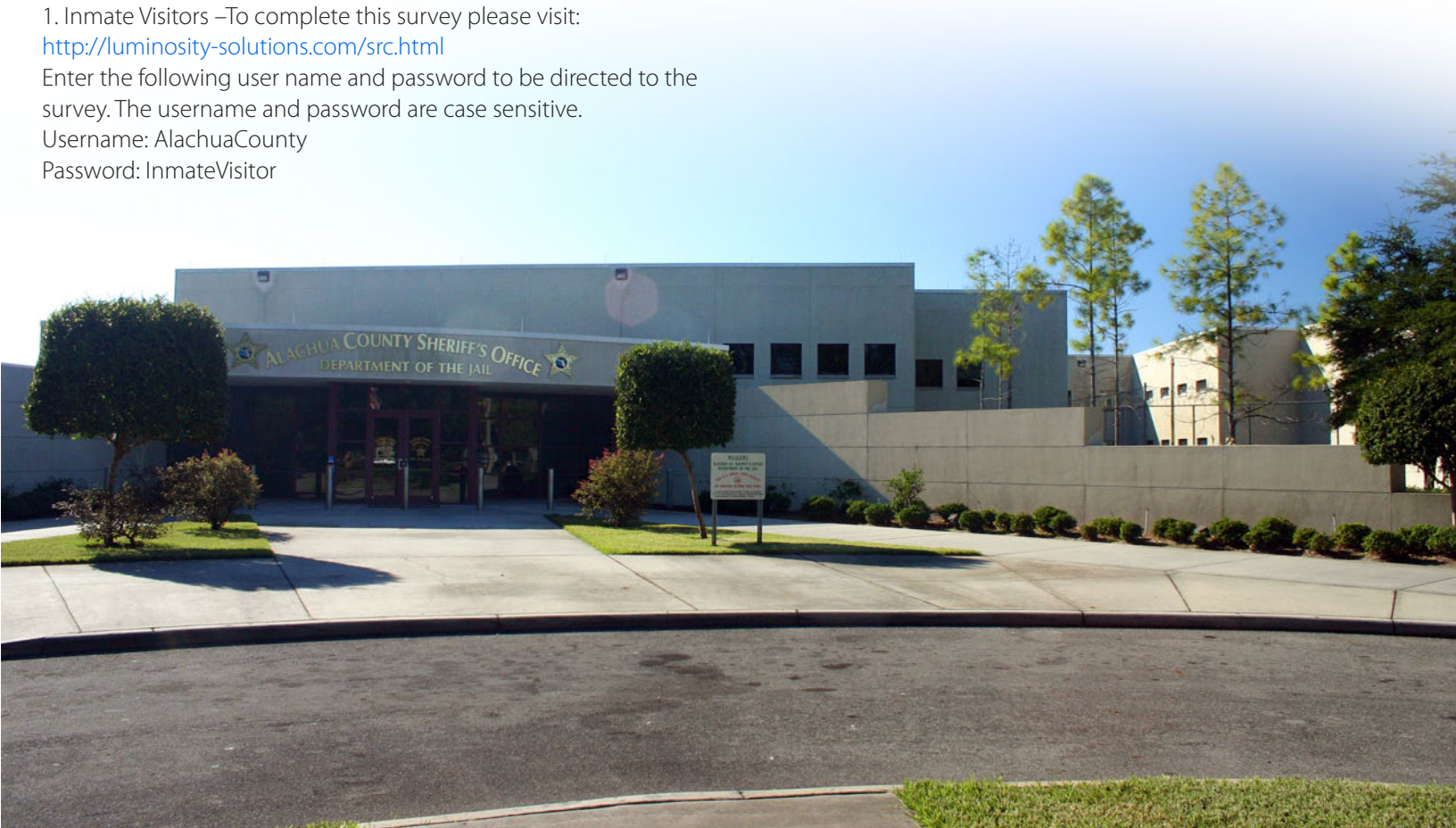
Password: InmateVisitor

2. Prior Inmates – To complete this survey please visit:

<http://luminosity-solutions.com/src.html>

Click on the statement that reads, "Citizens Previously Incarcerated in the Alachua County Jail Please Click Here." No username or password is needed for this survey.

For more information, contact Alachua County Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton at 352-374-5204.



# Paws on Parole

On Friday, December 2, The Alachua County Paws on Parole Program held their graduation for the 17th dog academy. The program began in March, 2009, and has graduated 102 dogs, and has maintained a 100% graduation rate for dogs in the program.

Paws on Parole is a program that teaches and allows prison inmates to train adoptable dogs. The inmates learn the methods and train the dogs in the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizens Course. At the end of the training course, the dogs are available for adoption.

Alachua County Animal Services' Public Education Program Coordinator, Hilary Hynes said of the program, "This is the type of program that creates a 'win..win' situation and everyone involved benefits in some way." She continued, "I have enjoyed watching the Paws on Parole program grow and grow."

For more information [click here](#), or contact Hilary Hynes at 352-264-6881 or [heh@alachuacounty.us](mailto:heh@alachuacounty.us).



Top: Sheriff Sadie Darnell giving "Froggy" (dog) and his handler the Canine Good Citizen certificate  
Bottom: Dogs "Durango" and "Timberland" being trained by prisoner trainers



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## Job Openings

Alachua County currently has open positions. Click on the links for each position to find out more about job functions and requirements. Please take note of application closing dates. All of the positions listed below are full-time openings.

### Current Openings (click on job title to find out more)

[Administrative Support Manager/Court Services Department- Administration](#)  
[Animal Services Officer/Public Works Department- Animal Services](#)  
[Assessment Technician/Public Works Department- Waste Collection](#)  
[Firefighter/EMT 56 or Firefighter/Paramedic 56- Fire Rescue Services](#)  
[Senior Programmer Analyst/Information & Telecommunication Services](#)

Applications are due for these positions by December 2, 2011. The County's employment webpage is updated regularly. [Click here](#) to see all of the current job openings.

## Election Information

Voter Registration Deadline

January 3, 2012

Presidential Preference Primary Election

January 31, 2012

City Of Gainesville Election

January 31, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote or Change Party Affiliation

January 3, 2012

Voter Registration Deadline For Upcoming Elections

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 is the last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary Election and the City of Gainesville Election. You must be a City of Gainesville resident to vote in the Gainesville City Election. Voters are encouraged to verify and update their registration status online at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com) by clicking on "My Voter Information Page". The Supervisor of Elections Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. to accept voter registration applications. The Supervisor of Elections Office located at 111 S.E. 1st Avenue has an after-hours mail drop located at the main entrance. Voter registration applications received through the mail drop will be accepted up until midnight on the 3rd.

You may use the on-line application form at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com) to register to vote, update your voter information or update your signature. Be sure to fill out the form completely and check the correct box. You will then need to print the application form,



sign it, and return it to the Elections Office. You may also register to vote in person at the Supervisor of Elections Office, by mail or at one of our scheduled community voter registration drives. For a list of other facilities in the county where voter registration application forms may be obtained or to view a calendar of our community voter registration drives, please visit our website or call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 352-374-5252. To vote in the Presidential Preference Primary Election and the City of Gainesville Election, mail-in applications must be postmarked no later than the January 3rd deadline.

You can also update your address, update your name or change your party affiliation by notifying the Elections Office by using a signed written notice that contains the voter's date of birth or voter registration number. If you have moved, you can update your address in person, by phone, by mail, by e-mail, by fax, or by a written signed notice provided that the change is made directly to the Supervisor of Elections in the county of your residence. Otherwise, you will be required to make your change of address on a voter registration application form.

Only City of Gainesville voters living in District 1 may vote in the District 1 race. All City of Gainesville voters may vote in the At-Large 1 race.

### Florida Is A Closed Primary State

Florida is a closed Primary State. In a Florida Primary Election, you may vote only for candidates of the political party in which you are registered, unless all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. All registered voters may vote in non-partisan elections,

## Election Information *continued*

on issues, and for any candidate in the General Election. Party changes must be submitted no later than 29 days prior to a Primary Election. The deadline to make a party change for the Presidential Preference Primary Election is January 3, 2012.

### Vote By Mail

To request a ballot and Vote by Mail, voters may make their request online at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com) or call the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 374-5252. Voters will need to make sure their address and signature on file with the Supervisor of Elections are current. Your mail ballot may not count if the signature does not match the signature on your voter record. The last day to request your ballot be mailed is Wednesday, January 25, 2012 by 5 PM.

To request a ballot for another voter, you must be a designated member of the voter's immediate family or a legal guardian. Requests can be made online, in person, by mail, by telephone or by fax. All requests must include the voter's name, residence address, and date of birth. The request must also include the requestor's name, residence address, relationship to the voter and driver's license number if available. Mail or fax request must also include the requestor's signature.

A voter may designate in writing another person to pick up an absentee ballot starting Thursday, January 26, 2012. The designee must have a note signed by the voter, a picture identification of the designee and must complete an affidavit. The affidavit is available for download at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com). The designee may not pick up more than two absentee ballots per election, not including the designee's own ballot and ballots for members of his or her immediate family.

Absentee ballots are available at the Supervisor of Elections Office for voters who may have emergencies that will not allow them to go to their polling place to vote on Election Day.

If your signature has changed, your ballot may not count as we compare the signature in your file with the one on the envelope you return. You may update your signature by filling out a voter registration application form in person or online at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com). All signature updates for use in verifying absentee and provisional ballots must be

received in the Elections Office prior to the start of the canvassing of absentee ballots by the Canvassing Board.

All absentee ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00 PM Election Day.

### Vote Early

Early Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election and the City of Gainesville Election will be available starting Saturday, January 21, 2012 through Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the County Administration Building at 12 S.E. 1st Street, Gainesville.

Saturday, January 21st: 9am to 5pm

Sunday, January 22nd: 11pm to 5pm

Monday, January 23rd thru Saturday, January 28th: 9am to 5pm (Early Voting Ends)

Florida Law requires voters to present picture and signature ID in order to vote, or vote a provisional ballot.

### Vote At Your Precinct

Any voter may vote in the precinct of their residence between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, January 31st. Florida Law requires voters to present picture and signature ID in order to vote, or you may vote a provisional ballot. If you need to locate your precinct, go to [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com).

### Poll Workers Needed

If you are interested in serving as a Poll Worker, you may complete the Poll Worker Application on our website at [www.VoteAlachua.com](http://www.VoteAlachua.com) or call the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 374-5252.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 374-5252.

### Early Voting Sites

Supervisor of Elections Office  
County Administration Building Location  
12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville

Millhopper Branch Library  
3145 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville  
Tower Road Branch Library  
3020 SW 75th Street, Gainesville



# Commission Highlights

## December 13, 2011 Board Meeting



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

### 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](#)

### Raymond E. Griffin's Retirement

The Board recognized Raymond E. Griffin's retirement from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (Public Works Department, Fleet Manager) after 29 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Alachua County.

### Strike Out Hunger

Commissioner Long recognized participants in the Alachua County "Strike Out Hunger" Community-wide Food Drive

### Interim County Manager

The Board selected Assistant County Manager Richard Drummond to be the Interim County Manager.

### Firefighter Classifications

The Board approved the creation of the four new classifications, Non-Certified Firefighter EMT/40 hour (\$13.9569 per hour); Non-Certified Firefighter EMT/56 hour (\$8.7686 per hour); Non-Certified Firefighter Paramedic/40 hour (\$15.4755 per hour) and Non-Certified Firefighter Paramedic/56 hour (\$9.7227 per hour) and approve the addition of these classifications to the IAFF Bargaining Unit pay Plan.

Attachment: [IAFF BAR PAYPLAN prop 9 6 2011.pdf](#)



## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

### Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District

The Board held the Public Hearing and adopted the Resolution of Intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for collection, disposal, recycling and management of solid waste throughout Alachua County and for community maintenance in the Sugarfoot Oaks/Cedar Ridge Preservation and Enhancement District for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Attachment: [ResInt\\_11\\_for\\_12\\_13\\_Public\\_Hearing.pdf](#)

The Board approved staff recommendation to:

1. Execute the Third Amendment to the Option Contract to purchase a Conservation Easement on the Lake Forest Creek - Kincaide and Tabone Tract
2. Exercise the Option Contract
3. Accept the donation of a Conservation Easement on the adjacent Lake Forest Creek - Kincaide and Tabone (Thomas) Tract
4. Direct staff to execute documents as necessary to close the transactions

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

Attachment: [Exhibit 3 Lake Forest Creek Assessment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 5 Lake Forest Farms Restrictive Covenants.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 7 ACQUISITION LIST STATUS REPORT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Kincaide Tabone Smith presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 8 Kincaide Tabone 3rd Amend Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Executed Kincaide and Tabone Option Contract as amended.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [Exhibit 6 Lake Forest Plat Covenants Amendment 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Kincaide Tabone Smith.pptx](#)

### Lake Forest Creek - Smith Tract

The Board chose to exercise the Option Contract to purchase a Conservation Easement on the Lake Forest Creek - Smith Tract and authorize staff to execute documents as necessary to close the transactions.

**Amount:** Acquisition \$77,602. Stewardship \$550

Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Kincaide Tabone Smith.pptx](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Executed Smith Option Contract as amended.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [Exhibit 4 Smith Cost Estimates 111213.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 5 Lake Forest Farms Restrictive Covenants.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 6 Lake Forest Plat Covenants Amendment 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 7 Acquisition List Status report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Kincaide Tabone Smith presentation.pdf](#)

The Board chose to:

1. Execute and Exercise the Option Contract to acquire the Lochloosa Creek - Little Orange Creek Tract,
2. Execute the Cooperative Agreement with Alachua Conservation Trust to manage the Tract,
3. Execute the Notice of Grant Requirements, and
4. Authorize staff to close the transaction.

**Amount:** Acquisition \$855,213. Stewardship \$550.

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Little Orange Creek Evaluation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 4 Map Binder.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 7 ACQUISITION LIST STATUS REPORT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Little Orange Creek.pptx](#)

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Attachment: [BoCC111213 ACF Little Orange Creek presentation.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Little Orange Option for Sale Final.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Exhibit 3 Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods Assessment.pdf](#)

### Subdivision of Sections 15 and 22

The Board adopted the Resolution to vacate a portion of the “Subdivision of Sections 15 and 22, Tp 11 S, R 18 E” plat.

- Attachment: [Plat\\_Vacation\\_SD\\_15\\_22\\_11\\_18\\_Power\\_Point.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Plat\\_Vacation\\_SD\\_15\\_22\\_11\\_18\\_RESOLUTION.pdf](#)

### Unified Land Development Code

Concerning ULDC: Amend Table 403.04.1 of the Unified Land Development Code to eliminate the lot depth dimension requirement in the A-RB (Agriculture/Rural Business) district, the Board convened as the Land Development Regulation Commission (LDRC) and found the proposed changes consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Board then reconvened, heard the item, and approved Ordinance 11-xx eliminating lot depth requirements for the A-RB district.

- Attachment: [ARB Ordinance.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Background Materials ULDC Ordinance.pdf](#)

## Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. John Glanzer was appointed to the Tourist Development Council as an Alternate to a term ending November 30, 2015.

Mr. Donald Robertson was appointed to the Tourist Development Council representing the Tourist Industry/Tourist Development to a term ending October 31, 2015.

Ms. Lucie Regensdorf was appointed to the Tourist Development Council as a Hotel Owner/Operator to a term ending October 31, 2015.

Mr. Christopher Kehn was appointed to the Tourist Development Council as a Hotel Owner/Operator to a term ending October 31, 2015.

Ms. Carolyn Wade was appointed to the Tourist Development Council as an Elected Official to a term ending October 31, 2015.

Mr. Nam Henderson was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending September 30, 2013.

Mr. Bob Stevens was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large (alternate) to a term ending April 30, 2014.

Ms. Dottie Baker was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2013.

Ms. Georgianna Thompson was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2013.

Ms. Lois Nevins was appointed to the Victim Original Florida Tourism Task Force as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending April 30, 2014.

Ms. Anna Mikell was appointed to the Victim Original Florida Tourism Task Force as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending April 30, 2013.

# 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 as a for-profit provider of affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing, one alternate, one representing laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction

**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)

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

**CHOICES Advisory Board:** One managed care employee, one certified public accountant, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one attorney (w/ expertise in health care), one small business owner (< 100 employees)

**Code Enforcement Board:** One alternate, one citizen-at-large

**Community Agency Partnership Program:** Two citizens-at-large

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

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

**Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board:** One citizen-at-large

**Health Care Board:** One low-income health care consumer, one dentist, one pharmacist, one attorney, one alternate, two health care professionals.

**Historical Commission:** Three citizens-at-large

**Housing Finance Authority:** One citizen-at-large (knowledgeable in labor, finance or commerce), one citizen-at-large, one alternate

**Human Rights Board:** One residential rental manager, one alternate

**Land Conservation Board:** Two citizens-at-large, one Natural Resources professional

**Poverty Reduction Advisory Board:** One representative of a faith-based organization

**Regional Transit System Advisory Board:** one Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Representative

**Rural Concerns Advisory Committee:** Three citizens involved in agriculture and/or silviculture, one Alachua County Agricultural Extension Office representative, one citizen residing in the unincorporated area outside of the urban cluster, one Preservation of Rural Property Values member

**Tourist Development Council:** One citizen Involved in Tourist Industry/Tourist Development

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

**Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizens Oversight Committee:** One Alachua County Resident (alternate)

*Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before March 13, 2012.*

[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.