

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Civic Engagement Activity Results – 2/23/09
Table Specific Data Collection

Table 1

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$2,800 from MGD (42%), \$400 was added to ES, \$2,000 from ED (30%), \$200 was added to HHS and \$1,800 from PS (27%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program

ED – Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

PS – Jail Management

In the adjusted budget, money was added to Regional Bus Service, Energy Conservation Initiatives, Enhanced Bus Service – Poverty Reduction, and Jail Diversion Program.

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Environmental Stewardship.

Table 2

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$3,400 from MGD (57%), \$200 from ES (3%), \$1,400 from ED (23%), \$1,000 from HHS (17%), and no cuts were made to PS.

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program, Sidewalk/Bike Path Expansion, Development Planning and Review

ES – Energy Conservation Initiatives

ED – Urban Redevelopment (CRA), Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Park Facilities, Animal Shelter Basic and Enhanced Adoption

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.

Comments:

- No new impervious surface, encourage alternate transportation.
- Sidewalks/Bike path expansion – nothing new.
- Energy Conservation Initiatives – should be self supporting.
- Urban Redevelopment – should be self supporting, there are underutilized county properties, public/private partnership.
- Fairgrounds/Industrial – no industry coming this year.
- Parks – Volunteer, neighborhood.
- Animal Shelter – enhanced, volunteer efforts.

Table 3

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,400 from MGD (23%), no cuts were made to ES, \$1,000 from ED (17%), \$500 from HHS (8%), and \$3,100 from PS (52%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – Affordable Housing Program, County Road Paving Program, Sidewalk/Bike Path Expansion, Development Planning and Review

ED – Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Animal Shelter Basic and Enhanced Adoption

PS – Ambulance Services, Jail Management, Jail Diversion Programs, Wildfire Management

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, three wanted to increase funding for Health and Human Services, two wanted the funds to go toward Managed Growth and Development.

Comments:

- Provide more time for discussion and explanation of what programs are.
- Health and Human Services should be reduced.
- Would like to discuss consolidation of services: roads, fire, and bus service.
- Central RTS operational center.
- Central City/County garage.
- Make groups smaller to allow for more discussion between group members.
- PLEASE consider modeling our jail after Marion County's – make prisoners grow their own food - and WORK – let them be on the road crew for Public Works, install energy conserving lighting, etc. in County buildings, train pets, give them a sense of purpose.
- Give taxpayers the opportunity to "donate" a certain percentage of their taxes to these areas. Give them "choices."
- Use clear packing tape over columns to avoid smearing of dry erase marker (remove when it's to be erased).

Table 4

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,200 from MGD (19%), \$200 was added to ES, \$1,000 from ED (16%), \$1,500 from HHS (24%), and \$2,500 from PS (40%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program, Development Planning and Review

ED – Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Park Facilities, Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced Adoption

PS – Jail Management, Law Enforcement Road Patrol Units

In the adjusted budget, money was added to Clean Water Program and Energy Conservation Initiatives.

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Environmental Stewardship.

Comments:

- Stop development of new student apartments in SW Gainesville, encourage diversely populated community in town.
- Jail/prison farms- gardens →Fairgrounds, IFAS.
- Use reserve funds to develop/enforce environmentally "green" facilities and infrastructure with municipal buildings.
- Animal Shelter – cut night runs and overtime for employees.

Table 5

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$2,000 from MGD (31%), no cuts were made to ES, \$2,000 from ED (31%), \$500 was added to HHS, and \$2,500 from PS (38%).

Line Items Receiving Cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program

ED – Fairgrounds/Industrial Park

HHS – Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced

PS – Fire Station, Ambulance Services, Jail Management, Wildfire Management

In the adjusted budget, money was added to Homeless One Stop Center, the At Risk Youth Program and the Jail Diversion Program.

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Environmental Stewardship, with a note to emphasize food security.

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Civic Engagement Activity Results – 3/2/09
Table Specific Data Collection

Table 1

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$2,500 from MGD (42%), \$0 from ES, \$2,000 from ED (33%), \$500 from HHS (8%), and \$1,000 from PS (17%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program, Sidewalk/Bike Path Expansion, Development Planning and Review

ED – Public Infrastructure, Urban Redevelopment (CRA), Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced Adoption

PS – Ambulance Services, Law Enforcement and Road Patrol Units

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Managed Growth and Development.

Table 2

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,200 from MGD (20%), \$250 from ES (4%), \$2,400 from ED (40%), \$2,000 from HHS (33%), and \$200 from PS (3%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program, Development Planning and Review

ES – Land Management – Wildlife Habitat Protection, Energy Conservation Initiatives

ED – Urban Redevelopment (CRA), Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Park Facilities, Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced Adoption

PS – Wildfire Management

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.

Table 3

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,200 from MGD (16%), \$100 from ES (1%), \$1,200 from ED (16%), \$1,500 from HHS (20%), and \$3,500 from PS (47%).

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program, Development Planning and Review

ES – Land Management – Wildlife Habitat Protection

ED – Urban Redevelopment (CRA), Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Park Facilities, Animal Shelter Basic and Enhanced Adoption, Health Department Funding

PS – Ambulance Services, Jail Management

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.

Comments:

- Utilize flat fee collection service.
- Tax fertilizer to cover environmental.
- Have kids chase dogs.

- Utilize local services to help local economy.
- Collect fair fees from cities.
- Felt the need to privatize/breakeven on: ambulances, animals, fairgrounds.

Table 4

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$800 from MGD (13%), \$900 from ES (15%), \$2,000 from ED (33%), \$2,300 from HHS (38%), and \$0 from PS.

Line items receiving cuts:

MGD – Sidewalk/Bike Path Program, Development Planning and Review

ES – Land Management – Wildlife Habitat Protection, Clean Water Program, Energy Conservation Initiatives

ED – Urban Redevelopment (CRA), Fairgrounds/Industrial Park Development

HHS – Homeless One Stop Center, Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced Adoption, Social Service Agency Funding, Mental Health Program, Health Department Funding, Enhanced Bus Service – Poverty Reduction

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.

Table 5

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,000 from MGD (17%), \$0 from ES, \$2,000 from ED (33%), \$1,500 from HHS (25%), and \$1,500 from PS (25%).

Line Items Receiving Cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program

ED – Fairgrounds/Industrial Park

HHS – Animal Shelter – Basic and Enhanced, Crisis Center

PS – Ambulance Services, Law Enforcement Road Patrol Units

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.

Table 6

Final score sheet summary: This table cut \$1,000 from MGD (17%), \$0 from ES, \$2,300 from ED (38%), \$200 from HHS (3%), and \$2,500 from PS (42%).

Line Items Receiving Cuts:

MGD – County Road Paving Program

ED – Public Infrastructure, Fairgrounds/Industrial Park

HHS – Enhanced Bus Service – Poverty Reduction

PS – Ambulance Services, Jail Management

When given the option to elect a core service to add money to, their response was to increase funding for Health and Human Services.