

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.
Grace Knight Conference Room
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners met in special session to discuss Fire Services.

PRESENT: Chair Mike Byerly, presiding, Vice-Chair Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Commissioners Paula M. DeLaney, Rodney J. Long and Lee Pinkoson

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, County Attorney David Wagner, Deputy County Manager Richelle Sucara, Assistant Clerk/Finance Director Todd Hutchison, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

Chair Byerly opened the meeting at 10:17 A.M.

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Byerly requested that the Agenda be modified to include discussions on Alachua General Hospital (AGH) and the County's Advisory Boards.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to adopt the agenda, including discussions on Alachua General Hospital and the County's Advisory Boards. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

SHANDS AT ALACHUA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Chair Mike Byerly presented the above item.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the County Manager to set a date certain for a Public Hearing on Shands at AGH and authorize the County Manager to allow the CEO of Shands to access Channel 12 to discuss AGH following the Public Hearing.

By consensus, the Board requested that the County Manager set the Public Hearing after 5:00 P.M.

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

Chair Mike Byerly presented the above item.

Chair Byerly recognized County Attorney David Wagner who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Long moved

- 1) The Policy of the Board of County Commissioners will be that complaints regarding established scenic roads are to be referred to Codes Enforcement staff.
- 2) The transfer of the function of designating new scenic roads will be referred to the Scenic Roads Advisory Committee for their input.

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

Commissioner Chestnut moved to approve the sunset dates for the following Citizen Advisory Boards:

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| 1. | Rural Concerns Advisory Board | 09/30/2009 |
| 2. | Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council | 05/31/2010 |
| 3. | Veterans Services Advisory Board | 08/31/2010 |
| 4. | Health Care Advisory Board | 12/31/2010 |
| 5. | Alachua County Historical Commission | 04/30/2011 |
| 6. | Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee | 04/30/2011 |
| 7. | Environmental Protection Advisory Committee | 06/30/2011 |
| 8. | Affordable Housing Advisory Committee | 06/30/2012 |
| 9. | CHOICES Advisory Board | 06/30/2012 |
| 10. | Economic Development Advisory Committee | 12/31/2012 |
| 11. | Poverty Reduction Advisory Board | 01/31/2013 |

Chair Byerly recognized County Attorney David Wagner who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Long requested that the motion be amended to include a direction to staff to add a procedure regarding notification to the BOCC whenever any advisory board is set to expire.

Commissioner Chestnut moved the substitute motion:

1. To approve the sunset dates for the following Citizen Advisory Boards:

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2. Direct staff to draft a procedure to notify the BOCC whenever an advisory board is set to expire.

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to set eight years as the default time span for future sunset dates for the following advisory boards:

1. Rural Concerns Advisory Board
2. Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council
3. Veterans Services Advisory Board
4. Health Care Advisory Board
5. Alachua County Historical Commission
6. Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee
7. Environmental Protection Advisory Committee
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The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner DeLaney out of the room.

Commissioner DeLaney entered the room at 10:29 A.M.

Chair Byerly requested that the Board direct staff: 1) To cap advisory board membership for those boards which do not have membership requirements spelled out by BOCC Ordinances or State Statute to eleven members. 2) To make recommendations on reducing the size of those advisory boards with membership requirements.

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recommendations on reducing the size of those advisory boards with membership requirements. The motion carried 5-0.

FIRE SERVICES

County Manager Randall Reid and Deputy Public Safety Director Ed Bailey presented the above item.

Commissioner Long moved to include in the Fire Services Delivery Core Principles those modifications which have been called for by staff (additions are marked by underlining, deletions are marked by strikethrough):

Reciprocity: The recognition and reconciliation of service into another's political jurisdiction. Reciprocity applies to all fire-based first response (excluding ambulances) calls for service. This means the sending and receiving agencies shall pay based on the funding methodology identified in the Agreement.

Integrity of Fire Services Network (FSN): A countywide cooperative system established by the BOCC to ensure the safe and effective delivery of fire-rescue services through core fundamentals of incident command, common terminology, equipment, training, dispatch protocols, radio system, and response assignments. Any changes to the FSN shall not result in a degradation or duplication of service.

Regionalization of services: The County may establish contractual relationships with entities outside of Alachua County that may augment the delivery of emergency services within Alachua County.

Level of Service (LOS): Service standards shall be established by the Department of Public Safety specifying minimum levels required for contractual compliance. The minimum level of service shall be:

Unit response within one (1) minute of dispatch.

Personnel must meet Florida Firefighter certification requirements and current First Responder (Volunteer) or current Emergency Medical Technician (Paid).

Engine, brush, and squad staffed with two (2) personnel; tanker staffed with one (1) personnel.

When responding from Station, arrive on scene within twelve (12) minutes of dispatch 80% of the time.

Pay for Service Received: Will be paid from the MSTU-Fire Services Fund. ~~Payment methodology whereby monthly reconciliation of services occurs for the preceding month and no annual true-up is required.~~

System Funding Methodology: The MSTU-Fire Services Fund. ~~identification of specific budget allocations utilized in determining a cost per incident.~~

Governance: The sole entity responsible and accountable for the services provided. The governmental structure or entity through which all matters are resolved.

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~~Negotiation Communications: Each Team Chair shall be the communicator for all matters between the Teams during negotiations. No communications by staff or elected officials are formal without transmittal by Chair.~~

The motion carried 5-0.

Chair Byerly recognized County Attorney David Wagner and Assistant Public Safety Director Cheryl Anderson who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson moved to negotiate with the City of Alachua for a contract for Fiscal Year 2009-10. As part of the negotiation, the County will have the position that the City of Alachua will pay costs of fire services within the city and compensate High Springs and Gainesville for those events which require assistance from those cities to address their needs. 2. Negotiate that in subsequent years the City of Alachua join the fire MSTU with the requirement that the city build a new station.

Chair Byerly stated that he would separate the motion.

Chair Byerly recognized Deputy Public Safety Director Ed Bailey who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Pinkoson withdrew his motion.

Chair Byerly recognized County Manager Randall Reid who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Long moved to rescind the motion to accept the Core Principles. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Long moved to adopt the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners Fire Service Delivery Core Principles as articulated, dividing the question between Reciprocity, Integrity of Fire Services Network, Regionalization of Services, Level of Service, Governance, and Negotiation Communications; and Pay for Service Received and System Funding Methodology.

Chair Byerly called the question for the first part of the motion:

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Chair Byerly called the question on the second part of the motion:

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The motion carried 4-1, with Chair Byerly in dissent.

Chair Byerly recognized County Manager Randall Reid and Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable who presented comments to the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

J. K. "Buddy" Irby, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners