

Community Update

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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government





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Commissioner Rodney J. Long Makes Retirement Speech

Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long spoke to the public on Wednesday June 15th, in the Alachua County Administration Building, Jack Durrance Auditorium. He spoke about his decision to retire from the County Commission by not seeking re-election in November of 2012.

Commissioner Long has been involved civically and politically in Gainesville and Alachua County since 1978. In March 1988, Commissioner Long was elected

Top: Commissioner Rodney J. Long delivering his

Bottom: His family joins him at the podium

retirement speach



In November 2000, Commissioner Long was elected to serve on the Alachua County Commission, becoming the first African American to serve on both the City and County Commissions. He served three consecutive terms as a County Commissioner

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

Click here to view the remarks on video on demand.

Click here to read a transcript of the remarks.



The Downtown Farmers Garden

As the Downtown Farmers Garden approaches its one year anniversary, the County and its partners are taking a moment to look at the accomplishments to date in 2011.

With the assistance of Travis Mitchell, Florida Organic Growers Food Project Coordinator, approximately 100 volunteer hours logged, a host of successful community events, international aid assistance and \$500 worth of produce donated to charitable groups the Downtown Farmers Garden is becoming a hub of urban agriculture.

Community partners include: Florida Organic Growers, Alachua YouthBuild, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Americorps, Grow Gainesville, University of Florida Office of Sustainability and the Downtown Rotary Club. These groups work to make the garden a success.

To read all the accomplishments, click here.

Alachua County Community Support Services

Director Elmira Warren



Elmira Warren to be Secretary to NACHSA

Alachua County Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren has been chosen by the National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA) to serve as secretary of its organization that represents county human service agencies

nationwide. NACHSA works to promote and strengthen networks of county and community human services that protect children, families and the elderly, and that move disadvantaged families into self-sufficiency.

As secretary Ms. Warren will be responsible for recording minutes of the organization's meetings serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Her responsibilities will begin in July, when she will attend the national meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon from July 15th to 19th, which be part of the National Association of Counties Annual Conference.

Ms. Warren will represent Alachua County on monthly calls and updates on federal legislation and will gather and share information about county human service policies, financing, and operations. Most recently NACHSA was requested by the Obama Administration to gather information from the nation's counties to identify regulatory and statutory barriers confronted by agencies when administering programs to serve their residents.

Based in Washington, D.C., NACSHA supports the professional development of administrators committed to delivering quality services to county residents. It provides information from a variety of sources to help counties navigate the ever changing federal landscape. The organization also educated federal policymakers on the roles and responsibilities of county human services systems.

For more information about NACHSA, click here.

For more information, contact Alachua County Community Support Services at 352-264-6700.

What's On "Alachua County Talks"

Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the <u>Channel 12 Show Schedule</u>.



This edition of "Alachua County Talks" features an in-depth interview with Dr. Theresa B. Harrison, the Executive Director of Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network.

Click here to view this episode.

Two Road Projects

The Alachua County Public Works Department is beginning construction on two roadway projects.

The first project is the resurfacing of NW/SW 91st Street from SW 8th Avenue to Newberry Road. This project includes milling and resurfacing the existing roadway, widening and relocating the existing sidewalk, and adding curb and gutter to portions of the road. A construction contract was awarded to DAB Constructors, Inc. for \$1.3 million. Work will begin on June 13, 2011, and last through October 2011. The public should expect daily daytime lane closures and delays when traveling through this area.

The second project is the Main Street resurfacing and signalization project from NW 8th Avenue to NW 23rd Avenue. This project includes placing the final layer of asphalt on the roadway from NW 14th Avenue to just north of 16th Avenue, the reconstruction of the signals at NW 10th Avenue and NW 16th Avenue, sidewalk construction, and the placement of fiber-optic cable to connect the signals to the Traffic Management Center. A construction contract was awarded to APAC-Southeast for \$1.2 million. Work will begin on June 20, 2011, and last through December 2011. Most of the work between NW 8th Avenue and NW 16th Avenue will take place at night, but the public should still expect delays when traveling through this area.



The new edition of "Alachua County Talks" features an in-depth interview with Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson, the Executive Director of Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT)

Click here to view this episode.

For more information on both of these projects, contact Chris Zeigler with the Alachua County Public Works Department at 352-548-1271.



National HIV Testing Day

June 27, 2011 is National HIV Testing Day. The Alachua County Health Department (ACHD) encourages residents to take the test and take control of their health. It is an opportunity for everyone in the community to find out their HIV status. Every nine and a half minutes someone in the United States is infected with HIV. Thirty years after The Center for Disease Control reported the first AIDS cases in the United States the epidemic continues.

ACHD in support of this important health initiative will be providing free screenings on June 27, 2011 at the following locations:

Pride Center 3131 NW 13 St. Gainesville, FL Suite 61 Free HIV rapid and STD testing 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Alachua County Health Department 224 SE 24 St.

Gainesville, FL

Free HIV rapid test by appointment. Call 352-334-7960 to make an appointment.

To find a testing site near you, text your zip code to 477493 or visit http://www.wemakethechange.com/.

For more information, contact Bobby Davis at (352) 334-7964 or Robert Davis@doh.state.fl.us.



A Walk in the Woods

On Saturday June 4th, the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department teamed up with the Florida Trails Association to lead a nature hike for National Trails Day at the County's Mill Creek Preserve. The event was a success with over 30 attendees ranging in age from young children to older adults. Dennis Miranda, the Executive Director of the Florida Trail Association and Chris Bird, Director of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, kicked off the event with short presentations on the benefits of hiking, the Alachua County Forever Program, and the importance of conservation lands in protecting water resources, wildlife habitats and natural resource-based recreation.

The roughly 3 mile hike meandered along trails in the 1,230 acre Mill Creek Preserve. Swallow-tailed kites, summer tanagers, blue purse web spiders, and the beech magnolia slope forest were star features of the hike. Hikers also learned about resource management activities occurring on the preserve. Over all it was a lovely morning in the woods with a great group of people.

Those who missed this event can hike the scenic nature trails in Mill Creek Preserve. Click here to visit the County's website for more information about Mill Creek Preserve and other Alachua County conservation lands.



Burn Ban Extended until June 21st

After reviewing Alachua County's current wildland fire conditions and the area weather forecast, the mandatory countywide burn ban has been extended through June 21, 2011. The ban will remain in effect until formally terminated by a majority of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

The mandatory burn ban affects all of Alachua County, including rural and municipal areas.

The countywide mandatory burn ban prohibits all of the following:

All outdoor burning that has not been specifically permitted by the Florida Division of Forestry

The use of any fireworks, sparklers, flares, or other pyrotechnic devices except as provided by law for public displays requiring a permit

* Please note that the ban does not affect agricultural burning permitted by the Florida Division of Forestry for land clearing or prescribed burning purposes. Although the use of LPG/LNG grills and charcoal grills is permitted, the public is encouraged to keep a constant watch for any stray sparks or embers while cooking outdoors. Additionally, due to the potential for accidental ignitions, the use of motorized equipment such as ATVs and dirt bikes is discouraged during times of high wildfire risk. Please bear in mind that lawnmowers, both push and riding, pose accidental ignition risks. Citizens are asked to exercise extreme caution during the burn ban. Working together, Alachua County's citizens, and local fire suppression agencies may avoid a repeat of the 1998 wildfires, which scorched 7,100 acres locally.

Any burning within the County during the imposed ban will be in violation of Alachua County ordinance 86-1, sections 10.08 and 10.09 and section 252.50 of Florida Statutes. It will be considered a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to a 60-day imprisonment and up to a \$500.00 fine. All County and municipal law enforcement agencies are authorized to enforce the ordinance.

For more information, please contact Alachua County Department of Public Safety at 352-384-3101.

New Health Dept. Clinic Hours

Effective July 1, 2011, the Alachua County Health Department, located at 224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, is changing its clinic hours to:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

"These changes reflect times that clients most often visit our clinics," stated Jean Munden, Administrator of the ACHD. "They better align client services with available resources."

Clients are encouraged to make an appointment by calling 352-334-7910. To shorten wait time, forms that can be filled out prior to visit are available on the website at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdalachua/expedite.htm.

For more information, visit http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com/ or contact Paul Myers at 352-334-8892.

The goal of the Alachua County Health Department is to promote, protect, maintain, and improve the health and safety of all citizens and visitors.



ADA Expo 2011

The Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office along with the City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office, the Center for Independent Living and the Alachua County School Board will host an ADA Expo to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Expo will be held from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Sidney Lanier Center (312 NW 16th Avenue, Gainesville). It is free and open to the public. Employers & small business owners are especially encouraged to attend.

Passed in July 1990, the ADA creates an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, education, transportation and accommodations.

This 7th Annual ADA Expo will feature agencies, businesses and organizations that offer service to individuals with disabilities. Many vendors will also be present displaying the latest assistive technology devices, methods and information in health, accessibility or accommodation. This year's theme is, "Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready?" Speakers will discuss how to prepare for and what to do in the event of a hurricane, tornado or other emergency. The Area Director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida will also address Economic Recovery Assistance programs for Small Businesses.

Individuals will also be able to register with Alachua County Emergency Management for special needs assistance in the event of an emergency. Participants are invited to experience accessible voting machines, hosted by the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Free transportation will be available for persons with special needs through MV Transport.

For more information or to RSVP by July 15th, contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office 352-374-5275, or the City of Gainesville Office of Equal Opportunity 352-393-8481.

If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275 or (352) 374-5284 TDD.



Memorial Day Ceremony







The Alachua County Veteran Services Office celebrated Memorial Day with a ceremony at Forrest Meadows Cemetery East (3700 SE Hawthorne Rd, Gainesville).

This year's theme was, "Honoring our Fire Rescue Veterans." Forest Meadows Funeral Home and the Department of Veteran Affairs hosted this community event. It featured participation by various groups including; Alachua County and the City of Gainesville Fire Rescue, Young Marines, students of Buchholz High School, and others. A static display of fire and rescue equipment, a special display of war time history as well as various veterans' organizations displays were available to the public in honor of our war dead. The ceremony was followed by a picnic on the grounds.

For more information, contact the Alachua County Office of Veteran Services at 352-264-6740.

Commission Highlights June 14, 2011 Board Meeting



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

Video:





Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Announcements

The Board heard announcements by Mark Sexton Communications Coordinator

2011 ACCESS Graduates

The Board recognized the 28 graduates of the 2011 Alachua County Civic Education Series (ACCESS) Class and presented them with a Certificate of Completion and a copy of the 2011 ACCESS Class Photo Attachment: ACCESS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011.pdf

International Association of Administrative Professionals Days

The Board proclaimed June 24 - 26, 2011 as "International Association of Administrative Professionals Days" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: FDAM.pdf

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The Board proclaimed June 15, 2011 as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Alachua County, Florida Attachment: Elder_Abuse_AlachuaCo_2011.pdf



Ted Crom Day

The Board proclaimed June 14, 2011 as Ted Crom Day recognizing Mr. Ted Crom's commitment to preserving the old

Courthouse Clock.

Attachment: Ted Crom Day 2011 V2.pdf

Attachment: NORTH_FLORIDA_LIVING_1984.pdf

Immunization Excellence Award

The Board heard presentation on the Immunization Excellence Award from the national Influenza Vaccine Summit, San Diego, CA, and received a plaque.

Nations Park Baseball/Softball Complex

The Board heard the presentation by the City of Newberry for enhancements to the proposed Nations Park Baseball/Softball Complex and direct staff to return with funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Counsel advisory board.

Amount: \$277,303.00

Attachment: FINANCE COMMITTEE VERSION Nations Baseball Park Financial Update.pdf

Resolution and Budget Amendment

The Board adopted the Resolution and Budget Amendment and authorized the Chair and Clerk to sign all bond closing documents, including the conflict waiver for and authorize the Gainesville Gold and Country Club (GGCC) Special Assessment Capital projects Fund to receive up front funding via an interfund loan from the Local Option Nickel Gas tax Bond Capital Project Fund.

Amount: \$9,500,000.00

Attachment: Alachua CountyWaiver Letter Request.pdf

Attachment: Resolution EX.pdf

Attachment: Budget Amendment Gas Tax Series 2011.pdf

Hiring Activity Report

The Board accepted the quarterly Hiring Activity Report for the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Attachment: 2nd quarterly hiring activity BOCC REPORT QTR 2 FINAL .pdf

Employee Policy 7-2

The Board approved the revisions to Employee Policy 7-2, Vacation Leave, Employee Policy 7-3, Sick Leave, and A.,

Definitions.

Attachment: Pol 73Sick Leave revisioncapsickleavepayoutmay2011.pdf

Attachment: Appendix ADefinitionsPROPREVISIONSONDAUGHERCHILDDEFINITIONUNDERFMLA.pdf

Attachment: Revision to Employee Policy Vac Sick Lv 52511.pdf

Attachment: Pol 72Vacation Leave revisionreducepayoutofleaveforempsafterapril12011.pdf

Attachment: Revision to Employee Policy 52511.pdf

NW 83rd Street Right-of-way Corridor

The Board approved the development of a temporary dirt trail for bicycles in the NW 83rd Street right-of-way corridor between NW 39th Avenue and Millhopper Road

Amount: \$3,000.00

Attachment: NW 83 St Bike Trail.pdf

Gainesville Golf and Country Club and Prairie View Subdivisions

The Board approved Change Order No. 2 to the Construction Agreement for the Mill and Resurfacing of SE CR 325 from SE CR 346 to US 301 to modify the specifications to include the Gainesville Golf and Country Club and Prairie View subdivisions.

Amount: \$494,439.79

Attachment: GGCC_PrairieView_LocationMap.pdf Attachment: whithurstCO2CR235Final.pdf Attachment: GGCC_PrairieView_Layout.pdf

Kanapaha Park Sports Field Lighting

The Board approved the use of park Impact Fees for Kanapaha Park sports field lighting.

Amount: \$300,000.00

Attachment: Kanapaha Lighting and Impact Fee Chronology.pdf

Attachment: Kanapaha Park Community Center and Impact Fee Report 5 31 11 REVISED.pdf

Combined Communications Center

The Board approved the Budget Amendment to transfer \$420,000 from E911 Funds to the Combined

Communications Center (CCC) Personal Services for the Purchase of Consoles (Amended)

Amount: \$420,000.00

Attachment: CCC Transfer 06142011.pdf

Pilot Respite Program for Homeless

The Board directed the County Manager to develop and present to the BOCC at a future meeting an interlocal agreement with the City of Gainesville to jointly fund a pilot respite program for homeless dischargees of area hospitals.

Amount: \$2,600

Attachment: HomelessRespite for commissions.ppt

County Manager's Report

The County Manager's Report discussed the Economic Development Position and Discussion of jail meeting on 6-14-11. The Board also received an update on the Haven Acres Cat sanctuary situation.

Registry of Protected Public Places

The Board adopted the resolutions to add 4 properties to the Alachua County Registry of Protected Public Places less and except certain corridors along existing Rights-of-Way for future transportation needs.

Attachment: Exhibit 1 Barr Hammock Registry Reso.pdf Attachment: Exhibit 2 Mill Creek Registry Reso.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 3 Northeast Flatwoods Registry Reso.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 4 Phifer Registry Reso.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 5 Sweetwater Registry Reso Corr.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 6 CAO memo to BoCC.pdf Attachment: Exhibit 7 Ordinance 08 016.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 8 Barr Hammock Registry Reso RW.pdf Attachment: Exhibit 9 Mill Creek Registry Reso RW.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 10 Northeast Flatwoods Registry Reso RW.pdf

Attachment: Exhibit 11 Phifer Registry Reso RW.pdf

Attachment: BoCC110614 registry.pptx

Updated Reserve Area Boundary

The Board denied the Resolution designating updated Reserve Area Boundary for the City of Gainesville and an updated Statement of County Services for the Gainesville Reserve Area in accordance with the Boundary Adjustment Act.

Attachment: Resolution for Reserve Area Update.PDF Attachment: Reserve Addition Detailed Map.pdf Attachment: Letter from Gville April 28 2011.pdf Attachment: Powerpt61411HearingGvlReserve.pdf Attachment: MapofProposedGvlReserveAddition.pdf Attachment: Boundary Adjustment Act Excerpts.pdf

Land Use Designation

The Board approved CPA-07-11: A request to amend the land use designation from Office/Residential land use to

Office land use on approximately 1.4 acres.

Attachment: CPA0711 and ZOM0411 Powerpoint Presentatioin.pdf

Attachment: Background Materials Part 1.pdf Attachment: Public Comment CPA0711.PDF

Attachment: CPA0711and ZOM0411 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: Ordinance for CPA0711.pdf Attachment: Background Materials Part 2.pdf Attachment: Background Materials Part 3.pdf

Community Resource Center

The Board approved ZOS-04-11: A request for a special use permit to allow a community resource center on approximately 0.75 acres. (Amended)

Amount: N/A

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board hear the item and adopt Resolution Z-11-06 approval the

requested special use permit

Attachment: Resolution for ZOS0411.pdf Attachment: ZOS0411 Submittal Package.pdf Attachment: ZOS0411 Powerpoint Presentation.pdf Attachment: Public Comment ZOS0411.PDF Attachment: ZOS0411 Staff Report.pdf

Request to Rezone

The Board approved ZOM-04-11: A request to rezone from AP (Administrative/Professional) district to BP (Business/

Professional) district on approximately 1.4 acres (Amended)

Attachment: Background Materials 2.pdf Attachment: Background Materials 1.pdf Attachment: Background Materials 3.pdf

Attachment: CPA0711 and ZOM0411 Powerpoint Presentatioin.pdf

Attachment: CPA0711and ZOM0411 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: Public Comment ZOM0411.pdf Attachment: Resolution for ZOM0411.pdf

Veteran's Transitional Housing Facility

The Board approved ZOS-05-11: A request for a special use permit to allow a veteran's transitional housing facility on

approximately 3.3 acres (Amended) Attachment: SUP application final.pdf Attachment: Resolution for ZOS0511.pdf Attachment: ZOS0511 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: ZOS0511 Powerpoint Presentation.pdf Attachment: ZOS0511 with prop owner affidavit.pdf Attachment: Court Appointed Receiver Affidavit.pdf

Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. Chris Kelly was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a Silvi/Agriculture Representative to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Mr. William L. Brown Jr. was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a UF IFAS Representative to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Mr. Robert W. Brinkman was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Mr. John P. Eubanks was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a Citizen residing in the unincorporated area outside of the urban cluster to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Mr. Robert A. Hitchcock was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a Farm Bureau Representative to a term ending September 30, 2012.

Ms. Anna Prizzia was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending September 30, 2011.

Ms. Donna E. Lutz was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2014.

Mr. Terry Fleming was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending September 30, 2013.

Mr. Martin van Gelder was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Ms. Carol Velasques Jackson was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 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, 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 citizen-atlarge, one alternate.

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

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-atlarge

Early Learning Coalition: One county resident

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee: One citizen-at-large, *two citizens-at-large*, one alternate

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

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

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

Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority: *One citizen-at-large*

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

Historical Commission: One citizen-at-large

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

Poverty Reduction Advisory Board: One low-income resident

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

Technical Advisory Committee: Two citizens w/>= 10 yrs exp. as solid waste engineering professionals, One citizen-at-large w/proven expertise in the fields of solid waste, recycling & resource recovery, One renewable energy professional w/>= 10 yrs exp, One capital improvements economic analyst w/>= 10 yrs exp, One alternate. Non-voting positions: One City of Gainesville professional engineer, One bio-solids management engineer.

Veteran Services Advisory Board: Two citizens-at-large (Veterans), One alternate (Veteran).

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 September 14, 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.