

Tuesday, August 12, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
C. Bar Ranch
22899 N. SR121
Alachua, Florida

Joint Meeting Between the Board of County Commissioners and the Town of LaCrosse

PRESENT: Town of LaCrosse Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Vice Mayor Barbara Thomas, Council Member Sheila Dubberly, Council Member Johnny Ho, and Council Member Anthony Kelly and Attorney John Maines

PRESENT: Chair Ken Cornell; Vice Chair Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner Mary Alford, Commissioner Charles S. Chestnut IV, and Commissioner Anna Prizzia

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant County Manager Carl Smart, County Attorney Sylvia Torres, and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Prizzia moved adoption of the agenda as printed. The motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Alford and Commissioner Wheeler out of the room.

Town Council Member Kelly moved adoption of the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Call To Order Welcome

Introduction

Mayor Dianne Dubberly, Town of LaCrosse

Chair Ken Cornell, Alachua County Commission

Adoption of the Agenda

Items For Discussion

1. Town of LaCrosse upcoming Fire Contract 21-0735
Fiscal Consideration:
Recommended Action: Have a discussion.

Mayor Dubberly and Deputy Chief Chris S. Miller presented the above item.

LaCrosse Deputy Chief Miller requested assistance with Grant writing if the County had any personnel that can assist the Town.

1. First funding proposal is for a fixed rate increase of 1.02%.
2. Increase the per call fee by \$62.79 to \$679.39 per call

3. To stay with the current funding level and the City exhaust reserves with closing in two to three years.

Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Chestnut presented comments.

Alachua County Fire Chief Theus presented comments.

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Dubberly, Chair Cornell, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

Commissioner Alford moved to direct staff to look at the per call rate, system wide analysis, the midyear, and sharing grant writers if possible.

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

2. Condition of County Roads, including CR1493 21-0736

Fiscal Consideration:

Recommended Action: Have a discussion.

Mayor Dubberly presented the above item.

Town Council Member Kelly, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Sarah Dubberly, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

Commissioner Alford moved the following:

1. To refer to staff to have the County Public Works work with the Mayor on how they are schedule road maintenance crews in LaCrosse to see if there is anything they can do to assist the City while in the area.
2. Refer to ask public works to look at the entire from 121 to the bridge.

City Commissioner Charles Kelly, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler, and a citizen presented comments.

The motion carried 5-0.

3. Potential Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Extension with Housing and Infrastructure 21-0252

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Discussion on the Potential Extension of Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Surtax with Inclusion of Housing and Infrastructure Projects

Chair Cornell presented the above item.

Commissioner Wheeler presented comments.

4. Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program 21-0493

At the previous meeting, the Commissioners determined they would likely pursue this in-house. For the unincorporated area, this would potentially involve 4 FTE Codes Officers and 1 FTE Licensing clerk/staff assistant at a first year cost including salary, benefits, vehicles and necessary equipment of \$454,000 and an second year cost of \$345,000. This number may be higher if other municipalities are included. This program is not yet in place in Alachua County, this program is not in the budget, and as such, this program can be discussed during the FY22 budget development process. The permit fees would have to be at a level to cover all costs associated with the program. For 7,000 units, the fee would be between \$50 to \$65 per permit. This fee would need to be added to the fee schedule and adjusted as necessary to cover the cost of the program.

Recommended Action: Receive the presentation; provide direction to staff concerning inclusion of other municipalities

Chair Cornell and Growth Management Director Missy Daniels presented the above item.

City Commissioner Sheila Dubberly, Commissioner Alford, Mayor Diane Dubberly, City Commissioner Sarah Dubberly, Assistant County Manager Smart, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, and City Commissioner Sheila Dubberly, presented comments.

Public Comments

Terry Martinback, Diane Pifalo, and Chair Cornell presented comments.

5. Discussion: Trunk Radio System 21-0496

Fiscal Consideration: N/A

Recommended Action: Have a discussion

Chair Cornell presented the above item.

Public Comment

Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

County Commission Comment

Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Chestnut, Commissioner Wheeler, Commissioner Prizzia, and Chair Cornell presented comments thanking the Town of LaCrosse for hosting the meeting and encouraged the Town to contact the Commission if they have an issues that they feel need attention.

City Commission Comment

Mayor Dubberly presented comments regarding the Town Summit meeting. She stated that she was not informed of the meeting. She further expressed concerns that the County Manager has monthly meetings with the City Managers and that she is excluded although in LaCrosse she serves in an administrative function.

Assistant County Manager Carl Smart stated that he will look into the matter and make sure that the Mayor will be able to participate in the appropriate meetings with the County Manager.

Chair Cornell, and Commissioner Alford presented comments.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.


C. Dianne Dubberly, Town Clerk


Barbara Thomas, Mayor