

Friday, January 31, 2003 - 10:30 A.M.  
County Administration Building  
Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Commission met in special session.

**PRESENT:** Chair Rodney J. Long, presiding; Vice Chair Mike Byerly; Commissioners Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Lee Pinkoson and Penny Wheat.

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Manager Randall Reid; County Attorney Dave Wagner and Deputy Clerk Shirley A. Lane.

The meeting was televised.

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Commissioner Wheat moved** approval of the agenda as circulated. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Chestnut out of the room.

(The approved Special Agenda Documents are attached and made a part of these minutes.)

Mr. Ed Poppell, University of Florida, discussed why the University of Florida is involved with S.W. 24 Avenue; the University's new vision and presented a proposal for accelerating the construction of S.W. 24 Avenue as a 4-lane road.

Mr. Clark Butler presented his proposed S.W. 24 Avenue estimated project costs and stated that if he builds the 4-lane road it would be a \$2.1 million savings to the county.

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Attorney Jim Quincy, representing Butler Enterprises, advised that Mr. Butler is offering to assume responsibility for the construction of S.W. 24 Avenue by entering into an agreement with Alachua County to take over management of construction of the 4-lane extension.

Chair Long recognized Andy Williams, President of the Chamber of Commerce; and Glen Smerage, who presented comments.

Chair Long requested staff to furnish information on the cost of 2-lane vs. 4-lane and the impact on the area and any other unanticipated costs; what amendments, if any are necessary, to the Campus Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan; and legal issues re annexation.

Chair Long requested that Mr. Butler put his proposal in writing and his assurances re: annexation if the County builds the road.

Chair Long requested that the University of Florida make a commitment on the 4-lane east/west corridor, specifically that piece of UF property necessary to connect SW 34 Street with Archer Road.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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