



Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM

706 NE Chokolka BLVD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jiana Williams, present

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu, present

Commissioner Judy Galloway, present

Commissioner David Massey, present

Commissioner Ken Wessberg, present

Town Staff Present

Attorney A. Derek Folds

Town Administrator Sara Samario

Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Massey) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 5-0

1. Agenda Approval
2. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026
Special Called Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026

GUESTS

3. Micanopy Branch Library Update
Wendy Schneider, Micanopy Librarian, gave a verbal report and flyers.
4. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center
Bishop Christopher Stokes unavailable; handouts provided.
5. Producers of A Land Remembered Series

Jake Silver, Location Manager, discussed their desire to film in Micanopy for one day only, on May 20, 2026. They will put red Georgia clay on the road to portray a small town in Georgia.

Discussion ensued at length.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Public Comment (public comments limited to 2 minutes per speaker, please)

Additional Guest added to agenda:

Pamela Hawkins, Grace to Overcome, introduced herself and the program she introduced.

Citizens Forum:

Carol Young questioned the requirement of a driver's license to operate a golf cart.

America Gordon questioned ADA compliance.

Valerie Roberts requested more information on the Towns current sound system.

Phil Irwin discussed the upcoming Special Called Town Commission meeting on April 20, 2026.

Sandi Newman, Pollinators group, invited everyone to the Gazebo for the garden exchange on April 18, 2026

Stoney Slaton requested that the centerline reflectors on Seminary Ave be removed. He discussed the sound system. He requested a speed study on Seminary Ave.

Cynthia Rouse lives on the recently paved Bay Ave she thanked the town for repaving the road.

Kelly Rick, co leader of Girl Scout Troup 452 discussed the silver award the girl scouts are working towards.

TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

6. Alachua County League of Cities

7. Alachua County Children's Trust

Mayor Jiana Williams gave a verbal report.

8. Thrasher Warehouse Board

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Planning and Historic Preservation Board

Attorney Derek Folds stated that at the most recent Planning & Historic Preservation Board meeting a certificate of appropriateness was approved for a new sign and new roof at a Quasi-Judicial hearing for 110 NE Chokolka Blvd, Micanopy.

10. Tree Committee

Paul Cohen, Tree Committee Member, gave a verbal report and discussed future plantings.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

11. Filming Location Agreement

Proposed filming location agreement for A Land Remembered production

Attorney A. Derek Folds presented the location agreement for A Land Remembered production. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Putansu) to approve downtown Micanopy as a filming location for A Land Remembered, authorizing the Town Administrator and Attorney to negotiate and execute the contract; passed 5-0

12. Approval of Land Purchase Contract – Community Resource Center

Attorney A. Derek Folds introduced the Land Purchase Contract for the Community Resource Center, parcel # 16672-000-000 on NE Chokolka Blvd, Micanopy, FL 32667.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Galloway) to approve the purchase agreement with South Moon Under LLC, and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction; passed 5-0

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTS

13. Financial Reporting for Period Ending March 31, 2026

Administrator Samario presented the financial report. Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Galloway) to accept the March 2026 financial reports as submitted; passed 5-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

14. Town Administrator Report

Administrator Samario gave a verbal and written report. She is requesting a budget amendment to move money from unrestricted funds to our current budget, and the town is in need of a computer server.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Galloway) to approve the budget amendment as submitted; passed 5-0

15. Authorization to Solicit Qualifications for Tree Trimming, Removal, and Debris Services

Administrator Sara Samario explained the need to hire tree trimmers for tree canopy maintenance. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Massey) to authorize the Town Administrator to request solicitation for trimming, removal, and debris services; passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

16. CDBG-CV Construction Award Recommendation

Administrator Sara Samario presented the construction award recommendation.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Putansu) to recommend that we award the construction contract to Hoffman Construction; documents available in meeting packet; passed 5-0

17. Resolution 2026-04, Expressing Support for Rail Trail Extension into Micanopy

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MICANOPY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXTENSION OF THE GAINESVILLE-HAWTHORNE STATE TRAIL INTO MICANOPY, FLORIDA

Attorney A. Derek Folds read Resolution 2026-04 on short title.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Galloway) to accept Resolution 2026-04 as submitted; passed 5-0

18. Resolution 2026-05, Adopting 2026 Alachua County Local Mitigation Strategy

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MICANOPY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2026 ALACHUA COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY

Attorney A. Derek Folds read Resolution 2026-05 on short title.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Wessberg) to accept Resolution 2026-05 as submitted; passed 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COMMISSIONER REPORTS

19. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

Commissioner Judy Galloway greeted everyone, thanked them for coming out, thanked them for their support. Come out on Saturday for the Micanopy Clean Up, April 18, 2026 - 8:00 am to noon.

20. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Commissioner David Massey thanked everyone for coming out and for your input. Micanopy Garden Exchange is April 18, 2026, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; please join us.

21. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Mayor Pro Tem Putansu thanked everyone for coming out and speaking up. He is looking forward to the filming in Micanopy. The next potluck is to be determined.

22. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Commissioner Ken Wessberg invited everyone to check out the Community Garden, it is fantastic, thank you to Patty Polk for initiating this project.

MAYOR (SEAT 2) JIANA WILLIAMS REPORT

Mayor Jiana Williams thanked everyone for coming out. The easter event was a huge success.

Latoya Gainey, Alachua County, passed away. Our condolences to everyone for navigating her loss.

ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 706 NE CHOLOKKA BLVD., MICANOPY, FLORIDA 32667-0137, TELEPHONE (352) 466-3121.

Mayor Jiana Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm