



Joint Commission Meeting with Alachua Co BOCC Minutes

May 11, 2026
7:00 PM

25493 NW 1st Avenue
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Newberry

Mayor

Commissioners

City Manager

City Clerk

City Attorney

Staff:

Assistant City Manager

Director of Public Works and Utilities

Director of Community Development

Director of Parks and Recreation

Deputy Fire Chief

Executive Assistant

Community Engagement Coordinator

Absent:

Commissioners

Tim Marden

Rick Coleman

Mark Clark

Rick Coleman

Donald Long

Jordan Marlowe

Randa Paul

Nicolle Shalley

Dallas Lee

Rance Green

Stacey Hectus

Rod Clark

Kevin Farr

Angie Walker

Crystal Rushing

Monty Farnsworth

Alachua County BOCC

Chair

Vice Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Ken Cornell

Anna Prizzia

Mary Alford

Marihelen Wheeler

Charles Chesnut, IV

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Marden provided a welcome and introduction.

Chair Cornell provided an introduction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

From the County:

**Motion to approve the agenda as published made
by Commissioner Alford, Seconded by Vice Chair
Prizzia.**

VOTING YEA: Vice Chair Prizzia, Commissioner Chesnut, Commissioner Alford, Commissioner Wheeler

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

From the City:

Motion to approve the agenda as published made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Clark

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

VOTING YEA: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

INVOCATION

Pastor Ian Cambell provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

(Please limit presentations to 15 minutes)

1. State Property Tax Ballot Initiative

Chair Cornell introduced the item.

County Manager Lieberman presented with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

2. Forward Focus Initiative - 26-00290

Chair Cornell introduced the item.

County Economic Development Coordinator Sean Mclendon presented with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

3. Economic Development & AgTech Park Update

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Assistant City Manager Lee presented with a PowerPoint and introduced Kamal Latham, GBM Global Solutions, presented with a PowerPoint.

Assistant City Manager Lee concluded the presentation with the remainder of his PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

4. Roundabout/Rural Collection Center Partnership

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

City Manager Marlowe presented the item with a PowerPoint.

Discussion ensued.

COMMENTS

Citizens

(Please limit your comments to 5 minutes)

Mayor Marden called for Citizen's comments.

Erica Hernandez made comments.

Jessica Carey made comments.

County Commission

Commissioner Wheeler made comments.

Commissioner Alford made comments.

Commissioner Chesnut made comments.

Vice Chair Prizzia made comments.

Chair Cornell made comments.

Commission

Commissioner Clark made comments

Commissioner Coleman made comments.

Commissioner Long made comments.

Commissioner Mazon made comments.

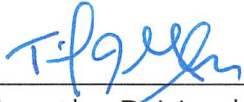
Mayor

Mayor Marden made comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Signed and approved on this 26th day of May 2026.



Timothy R. Marden, Mayor



Randa K. Paul, City Clerk

