



Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 09, 2025 at 7:00 PM

706 NE Cholakka BLVD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order 7:11 pm.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Mayor Jiana Williams

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu

Commissioner Judy Galloway

Commissioner David Massey

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Ken Wessberg

Staff Present

Attorney A Derek Folds

Town Administrator Sara Samario

Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Putansu) to accept the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0

1. Agenda Approval
2. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025

GUESTS

3. Micanopy Branch Library Update
Micanopy Librarian Wendy Schneider gave a verbal report.
4. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center
Bishop Christopher Stokes gave a verbal report.
5. Micanopy Broadband Update
Aimee Pfannenstiel, COX representative

Aimee Pfannenstiel, COX representative, gave a verbal report. Discussing Cox's background and history. The projected completion date is November 2025.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

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

Mayor Jiana Williams addressed the audience, stating that if you are here to discuss the Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS), we cannot talk about MACS at this meeting to protect our integrity.

Arron Weber requested funds from the commission to cover the cost of minor signs to help educate people about the species of plants. They are approximately \$200.00 total—Mr. Weber to obtain more details on the signs and cost, and bring them back to the commission next month.

Valerie Roberts questioned if the town can purchase a sound system for the commission chambers.

Phil Irwin discussed an opportunity to turn the firehouse into a museum. He was the fire chief in Micanopy for 20 years; he would gladly get it running and manage the firehouse museum.

Brenda Maynard, Principal, Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS), gave a verbal report. This year is off to a great start, running smoothly. On September 11, 2025, they will have a day of remembrance for first responders. Mrs. Maynard invites everyone to volunteer at MACS. Please get in touch with her to be paired with a volunteer opportunity.

Judge Jonathan Ramsey introduced himself and encouraged questions that he would answer. He will run for Judge next August 2026.

Sandra Newman encourages everyone to attend the Micanopy Garden Exchange from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 20, 2025.

TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

6. Alachua County League of Cities

Mayor Jiana Williams, Commissioner David Massey, and Sara Samario attended the Florida League of Cities conference.

7. Alachua County Children's Trust

Mayor Jiana Williams provided a video and hopes that it will play. The billboards are up; watch for them on I-75. We need to approach children at a very young age and not wait until middle school.

8. Thrasher Warehouse Board

Bud DesForges, Thrasher Warehouse president, gave a verbal report. Main focus is on the Fall Festival November 1st and 2nd, 2025. Commissioner Ken Wessberg is our board liaison.

Bud DesForges took this opportunity to speak of the need for audio-video equipment for the commission chambers.

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Planning and Historic Preservation Board

Administrator Samario gave a verbal report of the special called P&HPB meeting. No action was taken.

10. Tree Committee

Paul Cohen stated that they haven't met this summer.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

11. Resolution 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE OF TOWN OF MICANOPY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE, REVIEW AND PROCESS PLAT OR REPLAT SUBMITTALS, AND DESIGNATING AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING, APPROVING WITH CONDITIONS OR DENYING PLATS OR REPLATS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 177.071, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney A. Derek Folds read Resolution 2025-04 on title. She explained the resolution in layman's terms. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Massey) to adopt Resolution 2025-04 as submitted; passed 4-0

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTS

12. Financial Reporting for Period Ending August 31, 2025

Administrator Sara Samario presented the financial reports.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Galloway) to accept the financial reports as submitted; passed 4-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

13. Report

Administrator Samario presented:

Street light repair requests. At the Florida League of Cities conference, they spoke with Duke Energy representatives and learned the best way to report street light problems, including purple lights, is on our website. Visit micanopytown.com, select the Community Tab, then the Local Contacts & Services tab, and finally find the Duke Energy Street Light Repair link.

Our website is almost complete and is still a work in progress.

We are going to rent a street striping machine and will stripe our streets.

A road inventory, assessment, and condition are tasks in our near future.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Woodard & Curran Presentation

Mike New, Woodard & Curran, will present

Mike New, Woodard & Curran gave a presentation.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Galloway) to approve \$262,300 for Task 1 of the proposed task order for our Water Treatment Facility Improvements; passed 4-0

15. Alachua County Bike/Ped Master Plan

Presentation by Aaron Webber

Aaron Weber gave a presentation regarding the Alachua County Bike/Ped Master Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Galloway) to have a workshop on becoming a trail town; passed 4-0

16. Trunk-or-Treat in Micanopy

Set for the proposed date of Friday, October 24, 2025, and discuss closing Chokolka Blvd for the event.

Mayor Jiana Williams discussed Trunk or Treat in Micanopy. Last year we held it on Halloween evening. This year, the Festival will not allow this, and she is suggesting holding the event on October 24, 2025 and closing the street for the safety of everyone.

Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Putansu) to allow shutting down Chokolka Blvd for this event; passed 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COMMISSIONER REPORTS

17. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

Commissioner Judy Galloway is glad to see everyone here. She is looking forward to the Fall Festival. She is 73 years old now. Thank you to everyone for all they do.

Patty Crass announced that Marlene Oberst passed away this week.

18. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Commissioner Massey stated that it was a good meeting and thank you for joining us.

19. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu thanked everyone for coming.

20. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Commissioner Wessberg absent with notice.

MAYOR (SEAT 2) JIANA WILLIAMS REPORT

Mayor Jiana Williams shared a quote, and she hopes that you find something positive in everything you do.

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 Williams adjourned the meeting 9:35 pm