



UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Groundbreaking

On October 15, 2020, UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County broke ground for their new Extension office to be built at the Alachua County Agriculture & Equestrian Center, Newberry, FL. “It has been a long road with some bumps along the way,” said UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Director, Dr. Cindy Sanders. Speakers at this event included: Michele Lieberman, Alachua County Manager, Jordan Marlow, Newberry Mayor, Lee Pinkoson, former Alachua County Commissioner, Chuck Clemons, Florida State Representative, Dr. Scott Angle, UF/IFAS Vice President, and Dr. Cindy Sanders, UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Director. A new Extension office and fairgrounds has been in the works for about 30 years, and with determination and the support of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Newberry, this dream will soon be a reality. The 2021 Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show will be held at the new Agriculture & Equestrian Center in March. The new facility will house the UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Office, an auditorium, and outdoor gardens. The auditorium will seat 300-400 and include a state-of-the-art teaching kitchen. The Extension office is set to be completed in the fall of 2021.