



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name

Title

Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Commissioner
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Carla Burrmann	Aquatic Services Manager
Scott Harper	Solid Waste Services Manager
Tammy Heon	Tourism Development Manager
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Erin Thomas	Emergency Management Director
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Comm. Champion requested to add an Item to the Agenda under Elected Officials to show the video of Senator Blaise Ingoglia discussing property tax assessments with Governor Ron DeSantis, and County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers requested to add a resolution to Item No. F-14 [Resolution Ratifying Declaration of Drought Emergency and Implementing Ordinance No. 2025-02] to declare an end to the drought emergency and provide for repeal of Resolution No. 2025-086.

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Ryan Amsler
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Comm. Champion had the video of Senator Blaise Ingoglia's discussion regarding property tax assessments with Governor Ron DeSantis shown, and the Board commented.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens commented on various topics and issues.

BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES

The Board and/or staff responded to questions and concerns expressed during Citizens' Comments.

There was Board consensus to direct the Planning Department staff to research options for allowing more than four chickens in residentially zoned properties, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion at a future Board meeting.

Chairman Hawkins passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Campbell and temporarily left the meeting, and upon returning shortly thereafter, he resumed the Chairmanship.

Comm. Champion requested Board consensus to suspend the permit requirement for chickens.

There was Board consensus to include the chicken permit requirement in the number of chickens discussion at a future Board meeting.

Comm. Champion temporarily left the meeting and returned shortly thereafter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Acknowledgement of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Allocation Reassignment to State Division of Emergency Management for Exclusive Use on Residential Mitigation Projects Through Elevate Florida Program

Employer Services Account Form With Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital for Occupational Medicine to Provide Physicals for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services

First Addendum to Lease Agreement With Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization for Office Space Located at Building Division Located at 789 Providence Boulevard

Funding Agreement With Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for Regional Irrigation Evaluation Program (Phase 8)

Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program Incentive Agreement With Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for Incentives for Energy Efficiency Improvements and Associated Budget Resolution

Modification No. 1 to State Department of Commerce Federally-Funded Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Subgrant Agreement for FY 2021-22

Ratification of Donation Agreements Through County Travel Trailer Units Program for Disaster Housing Relief

Emergency Management Director Erin Thomas introduced Jeremy O'Dell as the new Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

Second Amendment to Gulf Consortium Subrecipient Agreement Pursuant to RESTORE Act Spill Impact Component and State Expenditure Plan for Artificial Reef Program Period Performance Extension

Signatory Authorization to Utilities Director to Execute and Record Temporary Construction Easements for Septic to Sewer Project

Consent to Assignment of Ground Lease for Change of Ownership From Tampa Land Holdings, LLC, to Broad Street Business Center, LLC for Property Located at 2009 South Broad Street

Ratification of Application to Federal Aviation Administration for Grant Through Airport Improvement Program for Airport Layout Plan and Property Inventory Map at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

T-Hangar Lease Agreement With Manuel S. DaSo for Hangar No. 18 at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Declaration of Various Tangible Property as Surplus for Disposal and Removal From Fixed Asset Inventory

Resolution Ratifying Declaration of Drought Emergency and Implementing Ordinance No. 2025-02

Resolution Declaring End to Drought Emergency and Providing for Repeal of Resolution No. 2025-086

This item was added during approval of the Agenda.

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended April 11, 2025, and April 18, 2025

Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Approval of Minutes for Planning Retreat of December 5, 2023

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 23, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Workshop of February 6, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Workshop of March 5, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Town Hall Meeting of November 20, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Strategic Planning Meeting of November 21, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 3, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 8, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From Achieva Credit Union With Hernando County Water Sewer District for Maintenance, Repair and Operation of Existing Force Main for Property Located at 7126 Mariner Boulevard

Notification of Properties Placed on List of Lands Available for Taxes and Available for Purchase by County

Recognition of Katie Madison for Achievement of Girl Scout Gold Award

Resolution Proclaiming Hernando County to be Recognized as a “BACK THE BLUE” County in Support of All Law Enforcement

Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as National Treatment Court Month

Resolution Proclaiming May 17, 2025, Through May 23, 2025, as National Safe Boating Week

Resolution Proclaiming May 18, 2025, Through May 24, 2025, as Public Works Week

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for TheBus

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2025-084 and Resolution Nos. 2025-085 through 2025-091).

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jerry Campbell
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Correspondence From Various Customers Expressing Appreciation for Services Provided by Department of Public Works Staff

Notice of Intent to Issue Mining Operation Plan Approval to Vulcan Construction Materials, Brooksville Quarry

Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for March 2025

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for January 2025

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for February 2025

UTILITIES DIRECTOR GORDON ONDERDONK

Presentation Regarding Five-Year Update of Weeki Wachee Basin Management Action Plan, and Homosassa and Chassahowitzka Springs Groups Basin Management Action Plan

There was Board consensus to direct County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers to send a letter to the Governor of Florida regarding the concern of biosolid waste spreading taking place in the County, and to include a request for direction on ending this practice in Hernando County.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proofs of publication of Notices of Public Hearing were noted for the scheduled public hearings.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Regulation of Use of Fertilizers Containing Nitrogen and/or Phosphorus; to Implement Regulations to Minimize Negative Environmental Effects Caused by Misuse of Fertilizers

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion.

Motion

To only have a summer ban from June 1st to September 30th.

The Motion died for lack of a second.

There was Board consensus to leave the existing Ordinance "as is", and to no make any changes at this time.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article III, Housing Assistance Program and Trust Fund, Providing Administrative Services for State Housing Initiative Partnership a /k/a SHIP Program Will be Performed by County; Providing for Cap and Finding of Insufficiency Regarding Administrative Expenses; and Providing for Clarification of Composition and Term of The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee a/k/a The Committee Membership

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-05).

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jerry Campbell
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER LINSBECK

Request for Easement and Memorandum of Understanding With Duke Energy Florida, LLC, d/b/a Duke Energy for Solar Field Project at Lake Townsen Park and Associated Budget Resolution

Motion

To approve with the Memorandum of Understanding to include a minimum of 15-trees per acre, and to work with staff regarding an adequate buffer for the horse trails.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jerry Campbell
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Contract and Franchise Agreement With Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc., for Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services (Contract No. 24-RFP00582/TPR; Amount: \$104,870,552.64)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ryan Amsler
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

Amendment No. 2 to Construction Project Agreement With Manhattan Construction Company, LLC, for Construction Management Services for County Fire Station No. 15 Prototypes and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 23-RFQ00466/AP; Amount: \$8,660,404.00)

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to hard bid the construction project for Fire Station No. 15 and to research options for a new prototype for fire station construction, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers clarified that the consensus included direction to staff to cease current contract for Fire Station No. 16.

Amendment No. 1 to Contract With ITI Digital, LLC, for Florida's Adventure Coast Website Digital Experience Platform for Tourism Department (Contract No. 23-RFP00375/TPR; Amount: \$113,000.00)

Comm. Amsler temporarily left the meeting and returned shortly thereafter.

Motion

To deny.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Steve Champion
SECONDER: Brian Hawkins
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Amendment to Task Order No. 62 to Contract With HDR Engineering, Inc., for Continuing Engineering Services for Animal Services Renovation and Expansion Project and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 18-R00045/PH; Amount: \$78,833.84)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Jerry Campbell
SECONDER: John Allocco
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell and Allocco
NAYES: Amsler and Champion

Award of Construction Contract to Deeb Construction & Development Co., for The Hut Pumping Station Upgrade and Force Main Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-CG00981/CT; Amount: \$3,031,988.04)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Deeb Construction and Development Co., for Water Treatment Plant Fence Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP; Amount: \$57,599.99)

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to solicit for three quotes from vendors not on the prequalified list for the fence project, and if the quote is under \$50k to proceed with awarding the quote for the project and if over \$50k to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Hydro-Klean, LLC, for Hernando Beach Wastewater Resiliency Manhole Coating Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 24-TFG00704; Amount: \$295,086.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Waller Construction, Inc., for Office Expansion Project for Parks and Recreation Department (Contract No. 23-T00040; Amount: \$219,755.00)

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to direct the staff to rebid the project, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

Award of Sole Source Purchase From MKI Services, Inc., for Airport Water Reclamation Facility Maintenance for Utilities Department (Amount: \$65,336.57)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Final Close-Out of Contract With Deeb Construction & Development Co., for Weeki Wachee Woodlands Water Main Interconnect Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040-Q15; Amount: \$136,763.31)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jerry Campbell
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Increased Annual Expenditure of Contract With Bound Tree Medical, LLC; Henry Schein, Inc.; Medline Industries, Inc.; Nashville Medical & EMS Products, Inc.; and, QuadMed, Inc., for Provision of Medical Supplies for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (Contract No. 21-T00047; Amount: \$150,000.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Utilization of Jacksonville Transportation Authority Contract With Gillig, LLC, for Purchase of Mass Transit Buses for Transit Department

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Steve Champion
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Utilization of Miami-Dade Contract With Fire-Dex GW, LLC, d/b/a Gear Wash for Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (File No. 25-P0236A; Amount: \$280,000.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Steve Champion
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TAMMY HEON

Tourist Development Council Special Events Marketing Grant Award to Promote Florida's Adventure Coast Events for FY 2025

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: Jerry Campbell
SECONDER: Steve Champion
AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ**Approval of Hernando County Opioid Preventions Grant Awards - Round 3****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jerry Campbell
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Approval of Housing Equity Plan**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Ryan Amsler
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Release of Reservation of Mineral Rights for Property Located on Fayson Lane Previously Deed to Panther I, LLC, and Conveyed to Revolv Investment Group, LLC (Key #417301)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	John Allocco
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.