

Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

May 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 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

Albert Bertram Office of Management and Budget Director

Toni Brady Deputy County Administrator
Omar DePablo Development Services Director
Paul Hasenmeier Public Safety Director/Fire Chief

Jon Jouben County Attorney

Christopher Linsbeck Community Services Director
Douglas Livermore Fleet Operations Manager
Jeffrey Rogers County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith Chief Procurement Officer

Heidi Prouse Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES JOSHUA STRINGFELLOW

Resolution Accepting Proposal of TD Equipment Finance, Inc., to Provide Term Loan to Finance Costs of Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment for County's Fleet Replacement Program; Approving Loan Agreement; and Authorizing Issuance of Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Note, Series 2025

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-093).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

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.

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

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to bring back an agenda item regarding the possible disbanding of the Waterways Advisory Committee for discussion at a future Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement With FHSC Real Property I, LLC, d/b/a Tampa General Hospital for Property Located at 2535 Rescue Way at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

T-Hangar Lease Agreement With Joshua Svenningsen for Dome Hangar No. 3 at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Approval of Minutes for Land Use Hearings Meeting of May 6, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended April 25, 2025, and May 2, 2025

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From Grazyna Machnik With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Property Located at 3003 Commercial Way

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

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notification From State Public Service Commission Regarding Review of 2025 Ten-Year Site Plans for State Electric Utilities for Duke Energy Florida

Notification to City of Brooksville of Implementation of Temporarily Suspended Status of Interlocal Agreement Between City of Brooksville and Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services for Advanced Life Support First Response Effective Immediately Due to Not Satisfying Requirements of Agreement

Transmittal of Cabot Citrus Farms Community Development District FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

Transmittal of Emerald Creek Community Development District Proposed Budget for FY 2025-26

Transmittal of Waterford Community Development District Proposed Budget for FY 2025-26

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Appointment of Members to Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Consideration of Request to Forgive Interest Fees Resulting From Two Outstanding Civil Restitution Lien Orders Filed Against James Richard Baker, Jr.

Motion

To deny.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Update Regarding Tyler Technologies Enterprise Resource Planning Software a/k/a ERP and Enterprise Permitting and Licensing Software a/k/a EPL for Various County Departments and Entities

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to keep moving forward with the project and to provide the numbers related to costs and savings with implementation of these software applications.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Budget Resolution Realigning FY 2024-25 Budget to Exhaust Federal Grant Funding for Transit Department

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-094).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Update Regarding Hernando County Strategic Plan Phase I, and Discussion Regarding Hernando County Strategic Plan Phase II

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Presentation From Procurement Department Regarding Construction Contractor Qualifications

Award of Contract and Agreement With ParkMobile, LLC, for Automated Parking Management Solution for Hernando County Parks and Recreation Department (Contract No. 24-RFP00847/AP; Revenue Generating)

Motion

To approve with a 4-hour limit for the two beaches, and the rest are a flat rate for the day.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Goodwin Brothers Construction, Inc., for Solid Waste West Collection Center Improvement Project (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP; Amount: \$290,903.04)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Award of Sole Source Contract and Innovation Agreement With Quantum Partners, LLC, d/b/a SwiftGov, for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation Plan Project for Planning Department (Contract No. 25-TSS0230/JC; Amount: \$320,000.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Award of Term Contracts to Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, and Tetra Tech, Inc., for Disaster Debris Monitoring for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 25-TF00952/JC; Amount: \$10,500,000.00)

Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With Thomas Howell Ferguson, P.A., for Emergency Planning and Grant Program Management Services for Hurricane Milton (Contract No. 23-TGF-0218; Amount: \$231,818.00)

Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., for Emergency Planning Consulting Services for Emergency Management (Contract No. 23-TGF0218; Amount: \$116,723.00)

Change Order No. 4 to Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Helene for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-TF00708/AP; Amount: \$50,000.00)

Change Order No. 6 to Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-TF00708/AP; Amount: \$3,500,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. N-5 through N-9.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Contribution In Aid of Construction Agreement With Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., for Electrical Project at Tax Collector Building (Contract No. 25-A0239/CT; Amount: \$190,502.86)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Final Close-Out of Contract With B.R.W. Contracting, Inc., for Reconstruction and Paving of Royal Highlands and Ridge Manor Roads (Contract No. 23-C00326/AP; Final Amount: \$150,704.05)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Deeb Construction and Development Co., for Burger King (6450 Nature Coast Boulevard in Ridge Manor) Lift Station Rehabilitation Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040-Q3; Final Amount: \$448,954.05)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Goodwin Bros. Construction, Inc., for Infrastructure Construction of Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success (Contract No. 23-CG0215/JG; Amount: \$143,646.73)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Goodwin Bros. Construction, Inc., for Faculty/Kedrone/Tombstone/Top Rock/Umbrella Rock From Shasta Street to Wickshire Street Resurfacing Project (Contract No. 23-CG0217/AP; Amount: \$66,349.25)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. N-11 through N-14.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Utilization of Volusia County Schools Contract With Top Line Recreation, Inc., for Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment at Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park for Parks and Recreation Department (Amount: \$253,372.95)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Community Services Director Christopher Linsbeck provided updates regarding the Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Restoration project and the Splash Park at Anderson Snow Sports Complex.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Authorization to County Attorney to Documents With FLG X FL, LLC, Successor-In-Interest to Tampa Bay Extreme Adventure Course, LLP, for Purchase of Property Located at 6440 Cedar Lane (Key #1752400) and Associated Budget Resolution

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

(Note: Public Works Director/County Engineer Scott Herring announced that the budget resolution would be brought back for ratification at a future Board meeting.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

COMMISSIONER JOHN ALLOCCO

Discussion Regarding Possible Property Acquisition for Flood Relief in East Hernando County/Ridge Manor Area

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Discussion Regarding Potential Options for Chinsegut Hill Retreat and Conference Center

There was Board consensus to direct County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers to solicit bids for operation of the retreat center, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to research options for either putting on hold or cancelling the contract for Americans With Disabilities Act Parking Lot and Drive Replacement Project at Chinsegut Hill Retreat and Conference Center.

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.