



**Hernando County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes**

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**April 8, 2025**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<b><u>Attendee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Commissioner
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Sandra Fisher-Grainger	Mosquito Control Director
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Douglas Livermore	Fleet Operations Manager
Steve Miller	Airport Operations Manager
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Rob Talmage	Parks and Recreation Administrator
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk
Patricia Tapia	Deputy Clerk

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA**

**Motion**

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: New Agenda Item No. N-1 [Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on] was added to the Agenda.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

## **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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Amended State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement With State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for FY 2024-25 Funding for Mosquito Control Operations and Associated Budget Resolution**

**Memorandums of Understanding With Florida Division of Emergency Management Under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton**

**Resolution Amending Resolution Nos. 2022-89 and 2023-103 Relating to Public Transportation Grant Agreements With State Department of Transportation for State Block Grant Transit Funding**

**Revocable License Agreement With Delamere Industries, Inc., for Vehicle Parking at Lonnie Coburn Park**

**Submittal of FY 2025-26 State Division of Emergency Management Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grant Application for Fire Station No. 4 Hurricane Protection**

**Amended Satisfaction of Mortgage for Robert Stephens a/k/a Floyd Richard Stephens and Eileen Stephens Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program**

**Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended March 14, 2025, and March 21, 2025**

**Various Satisfactions of Second Mortgages Through State Housing Initiative Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program**

**Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2025-39 Adopted on February 25, 2025, to Correct Scrivener's Error for Mediated Settlement Agreement With Raysor Ventures, LLC, Dated January 10, 2025**

**Resolution Proclaiming April 13, 2025, Through April 19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Autism Awareness Month**

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

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

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

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Fair Housing Month**

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month**

**Resolution Supporting Government Efforts in Identifying Unnecessary Spending, Creating Efficiencies and Saving Taxpayer Dollars as Signed by Executive Order 2025-44, Ensuring Government Efficiency, and Directing Staff Collaboration With Governmental Efficiency Team a/k/a EOG DOGE for Fiscal and Efficiency Review**

**Motion**

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2025-059 and Resolution Nos. 2025-060 through 2025-067).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

**Notification From City of Brooksville Regarding Public Hearing Scheduled for April 9, 2025, for Rezoning Petition Submitted by Hawk Land Investors New, LLC, on Behalf of Majestic Oaks Partners, LLC, and American Collegiate Academy, LLC for Property Located South of Croom Road, East of McIntyre Road and North of Mondon Hill Road**

**Notice From State Department of Environmental Protection Board of Trustees of Internal Trust Fund of Application Received From Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) Requesting Sovereignty Submerged Land Public Easement**

**Notifications From Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Advising of Upcoming Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Activities**

## RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

### Ex Parte Communications

Chairman Hawkins and Comms. Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion announced the ex parte communications that they had had concerning the quasi-judicial petitions being considered at this meeting.

County Attorney Jon Jouben advised the Commissioners that any ex parte communications, however received, could play no part in their deliberations.

### Adoption of Informational Packet

The Agenda packet that was submitted to the Board included written information regarding the cases to be considered which needed to be accepted into evidence for the hearings.

The staff recommended that the Board accept the Agenda packet, including the staff reports, into evidence as if read aloud in their entirety.

### Motion

To approve.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

### **Variance Petition Submitted by Jesse Navarro on Behalf of JC Navarro Properties, LLC, for Property Located on Thunderbird Avenue**

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion:

### Motion

To approve the staff recommendation, with the petitioner offering to not put any other buildings or improvements on the lot.

Comm. Champion revised his Motion as follows:

**Revised Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation with scope as presented to the Board (Resolution No. 2025-68).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Campbell
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell and Champion
<b>NAYES:</b>	Allocco and Amsler

**Resolution to Adopt Special Assessment Rate for Penn State Road and Scaup Duck Avenue Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit**

There was no public input.

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-069).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA**

**Proposed American Aviation, Inc., Expansion Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**Fifth Amendment to Fixed Base Operation Lease Agreement With American Aviation, Inc., for Additional Parcel Located at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING**

### **Glen Lake's Commons Signalized Intersection Construction Agreement With Glen Lake's Commons, LLC, and Associated Budget Amendment**

#### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

### **Proposed Resolution Permitting Usage of Golf Carts on Pine Island Drive Between Cyclone Drive and Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park; and Providing for Placement of "25 MPH", "No Carts Beyond This Point" and "Golf Cart in Street" Signs**

#### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-070).

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

### **Discussion Regarding Proposed Rainbow Woods Traffic Calming Municipal Service Benefit Unit Boundary**

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to proceed as proposed but to include the entire Homeowners Association a/k/a HOA of Rainbow Woods.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**

### **Consideration of Request to Forgive Outstanding Civil Restitution Lien Order Filed Against Gabriel Scott Sterling**

#### **Motion**

To reduce the lien amount to 75% of original amount to \$6,750.00, and to be paid within 5-business days.

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

## **FLEET MANAGER DOUGLAS LIVERMORE**

### **Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment for Fleet Replacement Program**

#### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-071).

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

## **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH**

**Award of Construction Agreement to DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Road, Stormwater and Utility Improvement Project on Calienta Street, Shoal Line Boulevard and Flamingo Boulevard and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 25-CG00235/JG; Amount: \$5,468,976.00)**

**Award of Contract and Construction Agreement With DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Freeport Drive Sidewalk Local Agency Program Project From Deltona Boulevard to Northcliffe Boulevard (Contract No. 24-CG00785/JG; Amount: \$1,013,653.50)**

**Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With TITAN, Consultants & Engineers, LLC, for Hurricane Helene Repair Project at Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP Q4); Amount: \$340,150.00)**

**Award of Term Contract to Vulcan, Inc., for Purchase of Signs, Posts, and Brackets for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-T00840/JC; Amount: \$352,016.25)**

**Change Order No. 3 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: \$750,000.00)**

**Change Order No. 3 to Emergency Purchase Order With Tetra Tech, Inc., for Emergency Debris Monitoring Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 20-TF0062; Amount: \$1,300,000.00)**

**Change Order No. 4 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: \$4,000,000.00)**

**Final Close-Out of Contract With New Vista Builders Group, LLC, for Construction of Fire Station No. 2 (Contract No. 23-CTS005/DK; Amount: \$301,747.46)**

**Increased Annual Expenditure of Contract With DesignLab, Inc., for Uniforms and Related Items for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (Contract No. 20-P00099; Amount: \$120,000.00)**

**Miami-Dade County Joint Purchase and Entity Revenue Sharing Agreement Application Form and User Access Program (UAP) With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies by Various County Departments**

**Request to Proceed With Negotiation Process for Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Due to Substantial Interest of County (Contract No. 24-RFP00582/TPR)**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Ecoverse, LLC, for One-Time Purchase of Backhus A45 Windrow Turner for Fleet Department (Contract No. 24-P0120E; Amount: \$523,846.32)**

**Motion**

To approve Item Nos. M-1 through M-10 and M-12.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH**

**Request to Proceed With Negotiation Process for Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Due to Substantial Interest of County (Contract No. 24-RFP00582/TPR)**

Chief Procurement Officer Carla Rossiter-Smith announced an alphabetization error in the Agenda Packet, the correct firm/score listing to be considered for this Item is as follows:



Firm:	Total Score
1. Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc.	73.2
2. Republic Services of Florida, Limited Partnership	72.3
3. Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.	70.9
4. FCC Environmental Services Florida, LLC	69.6
5. Waste Management Inc. of Florida	64.2

**Motion**

To allow negotiations with the top bidder.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**

**Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**

**Executive Bargaining Agent/Client Session With Professional Firefighters Local Union 3760 to Discuss Collective Bargaining**

Proof of publication of Notice to Publication of Executive Bargaining Agent/Client Session was noted announcing that the Board would discuss the County's collective bargaining with the Hernando County Professional Fire Fighters Local Union 3760.

The attending would include all Board members; County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers; Deputy County Administrator Toni Brady; Human Resources Director Jan Houser; Human Resources Manager Danielle Archuleta; Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Paul Hasenmeier; and County Attorney Jon Jouben, along with Outside Counsel Greg Hearing, who may attend telephonically. The bargaining agent/client session was closed to the public. The session was not recorded. Any work product created during the meeting shall remain confidential and exempt from public records.

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 2:30 p.m., in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, Room 462, Government Center, and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**

**Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE)**

There was Board consensus to move forward with establishing the Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE) as a policy, not as an ordinance, with no sunset day, to be in the public and to remove No. 4 of Section 4 from the proposed guidelines, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

There was Board consensus to bring back to the Board a discussion regarding the budget for the Facilities Department after the Land Use Hearings Meeting on May 6, 2025

### **Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Improvements**

#### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-072).

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

### **Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**

### **Recognition of County Employee Honorable Mentions**

There was no vote on this item of recognition.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board commented on various issues.

Comm. Campbell requested Board consensus to direct the staff to prepare an Ordinance regarding the prohibition of spreading of biosolid waste that originates outside of Hernando County, and to bring it back to the Board on a future Agenda.

The Board concurred.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.