



Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name

Title

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| 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 |
| Scott Herring | Public Works Director/County Engineer |
| Jon Jouben | County Attorney |
| Darlene Lollie | Transit Administrator |
| Gordon Onderdonk | Utilities Director |
| Veda Ramirez | Housing and Supportive Services Director |
| Jeffrey Rogers | County Administrator |
| Carla Rossiter-Smith | Chief Procurement Officer |
| James Terry | Animal Service Manager |
| Erin Thomas | Division Deputy Director of Emergency Management |
| Paige Jefferys | Deputy Clerk |
| Heidi Kurppe | Deputy Clerk |

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: Item B-1 [Presentation by Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., of 2024 Capital Credit Refund] was added to the Agenda.)

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

Presentation by Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., of 2024 Capital Credit Refund

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DAVID DECARLO

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-12 Seventh Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Fifth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-13 Eighth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Sixth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Motion

To ratify.

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

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Certificate of Recognition to Averie Kimelton for Heroic Actions Of Rescuing Animals During Hurricane Milton

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis commented on various topics and issues.

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 staff to prepare an Agenda Item regarding the Hernando County Ordinance for Nuisance Dog Barking, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion at a future meeting.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Burning Services and Pre-Suppression Plowing Agreement With State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest Service for Cypress Lakes Preserve

Federal Subrecipient Agreement With Vincent Academy Adventure Coast, Inc., and Associated Budget Resolution

Submittal of Application to US Department of Homeland Security for FY 2024-25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services

Updated Exhibit A to Memorandum of Understanding With University of Florida for Extension Services to Provide for FY 2025 Proposed Projected Annual Expense Budget

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

Sponsorship Agreement With Weeki Wachee Area Club & Area Watch/Commissioner Brian Hawkins for Mermaid Tale Trail of Statue

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Third Amendment to Line of Credit Agreement With Truist Equipment Finance Corp., f/k/a Suntrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp., and Associated Resolution

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended October 11, 2024, and October 18, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Town Hall Meeting of November 12, 2024

Resolution Ratifying Approval of Special Exception Use Permit Petition Submitted by Alejandro Crespo (SE2307)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Motion

To approve Item Nos. H-1 through H-5 and H-7 through H-9 (Budget Resolution No. 2024-248 and Resolution No. 2024-249).

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

Sponsorship Agreement With Weeki Wachee Area Club & Area Watch/Commissioner Brian Hawkins for Mermaid Tale Trail of Statue**Motion**

To approve Item No. H-6.

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

Resolution Ratifying Approval of Special Exception Use Permit Petition Submitted by Alejandro Crespo (SE2307)

Comm. Campbell made the following Motion.

Motion

To ratify and allow until December 31, 2024 at midnight to be compliant.

Comm. Amsler seconded the Motion.

Comm. Campbell amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

For 45-days from today (January 17, 2025) (Resolution No. 2024-250).

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Correspondence From Citizen Expressing Appreciation for Services Provided by Housing and Supportive Services Department Staff

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.

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

Master Plan Revision Petition Submitted by Sunny Pines of Hernando, LLC (H2414)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To deny.

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

Request Submitted by William Bell, Neighboring Property Owner, for Appeal of Administrative Official's Variance Granted to Mary Ann Sanitate for Property Located at 12303 Knuckey Road

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

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the requested variance.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

Comm. Amsler amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To include a buffer for opacity as approved by the Planning Department (Resolution No. 2024-251).

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING DIRECTOR OMAR DEPABLO

Petition Submitted by William Cada and Bailey Cada for Hardship Relief From Subdivision Regulations for Property Located on Filbert Road

Petition Submitted by William Cada and Bailey Cada for Hardship Relief From Subdivision Regulations for Property Located on Purple Sandpiper Avenue

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation for Item Nos. K-1 and K-2 (Resolution Nos. 2024-252 and 2024-253).

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

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Annual Budget Development Process and Budget Calendar for FY 2025-26

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Budget Amendment Realigning Funds From Transportation Trust Fund Reserves for Contingency Department of Public Works for Removal and Disposal of Invasive Plant Species

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Budget Resolution Realigning Funds From Reserves for Contingencies to Improvements for Overhead Extension of Electrical Services Payment to Duke Energy for Rescue Way Road Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2024-254).

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

Budget Resolution Transferring Cost-Sharing Reimbursements From Nordica Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit to Constitutional Gas Tax Fund

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2024-255).

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Quote to S. Culp Enterprises D/B/A Property Services GC for Fire and Emergency Services Station 9 for Hurricane Repairs (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP Q3; Amount: \$84,499.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Tyler Technologies for Public Sector and Education Administration Software Solutions With Related Services for Enterprise Resource Planning Software and Enterprise Permitting and Licensing Software and Related Services for Various County Departments and Entities (Amount: \$6,299,320.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Vestis Services, LLC, for Uniforms and Uniform-Related Products and Services

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR DARLENE LOLLIE

Final Update to Transit Development Plan for FY 2025 Through 2034

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Fiscal Year 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant Agreements and Associated Budget Resolution

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2024-256).

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

UTILITIES DIRECTOR GORDON ONDERDONK**Discussion Regarding Potential Renaming of Hexam Water Treatment Plant in Memory of Mark K. Morgan****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Discussion Regarding Ordinance No. 2010-15 Relating to Watering Restrictions**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER****Discussion Regarding Potential Funding for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services****COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS****Proposed Interlocal Agreement with Hernando County Sheriff Regarding Operation of Hernando County Animal Shelter and Associated Budget Resolution****Motion**

To keep Animal Services with the County.

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

Motion

To transfer to the Sheriff's Department (Budget Resolution No. 2024-257).

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

Review of Whole Cent for Hernando County Sales Surtax Referendum and Direction on Projects

This item was postponed to a date uncertain.

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.