Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name	Title
Jerry Campbell	Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Vice Chairman
Steve Champion	Second Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burrmann	Natural Resources Manager
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Paige Jefferys	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Comm. Brian Hawkins was not present at the meeting.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AMY BALDWIN

Presentation Regarding 2025-2026 Inaugural Citizen Academy Program

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION BIOLOGIST CONOR WALSH

Presentation by Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Regarding Gopher Tortoises

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Biologist Conor Walsh was not present.

Comm. Allocco made the following Motion:

Motion
To amend the Agenda and hear this presentation later in the Agenda when Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission arrives.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Biologist Conor Walsh joined the meeting.

The Motion died.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' comments.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER

Recommendation of Declaration of Temporary Burn Ban Due to Drought Conditions

Fire Chief Paul Hasenmeier requested Board consensus to declare a temporary burn ban due to drought conditions in the County effective immediately.

The Board concurred.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens commented on various topics and issues.

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

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BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES

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

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

There was Board consensus to direct Public Works Director Scott Herring to perform a road safety audit on Spring Hill Drive from Coronado Drive to Glenridge Drive, and to bring the options back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amended State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement With State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for FY 2025-26 Funding for Mosquito Control Operations and Associated Budget Resolution

Annual Update to Transit Development Plan for FY 2026 Through 2035

Hernando County Public Library System Long Range Plan for October 2026 to September 2031 for State Aid to Libraries Grant Program Compliance

Request Submitted by Library Services to Apply for Florida Humanities Public Humanities Program Grants

Request Submitted by Sheriff's Office to Apply for FY 2025 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Tourist Development Council Special Events Marketing Grant Awards to Promote Florida's Adventure Coast Events for FY 2026

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026

Approval of Minutes for Workshop of March 10, 2026

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026

Declaration of Emergency Management Trailer Tangible Property as Surplus for Donation to a County or Surplus and Removal From Fixed Asset Inventory

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

Resolution Ratifying Decision to Affirm Hernando County Sheriff's Office Determination of Public Nuisance Vessel Issued to Registration No. FL 1693LJ, Decal No. 08029041

Resolution Ratifying Denial of Mediated Settlement Agreement With Mark Keschl of Meridien Development, LLC, on Behalf of Gary Haber, Evelyn Haber, Kenneth L. Haber, and Martha Haber, Dated January 27, 2026 (H2482)

Satisfaction of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Lien for Jeremy Massingill and Macy Massingill

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From Touchstar Cinemas, Inc., With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Water Infrastructure Located at 2955 Commercial Way

Resolution Congratulating Community Legal Services Upon Occasion of 60th Anniversary

Resolution Proclaiming April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Resolution Proclaiming April 2026 as Fair Housing Month

<u>Motion</u>
To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2026-068 and Resolution Nos. 2026-069 through 2026-073).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Transmittal of Minutes From Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of February 9, 2026

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Contract to Air Mechanical and Service Corporation for Hernando County Detention Center Bravo Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit Replacement Project (Contract No. 26-C01184/JG; Amount: $1,214,000.00)

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Goodwin Bros. Construction, Inc., for Old Spring Lake Pond Retrofit Project for Public Works Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP; Amount: $199,359.36)

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Eastside Library Gutter and Soffit Replacement Project for Facilities Department (Contract No.23-T00040/AP; Amount: $101,159.06)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With TITAN, Consultants & Engineers, LLC, for Linda Pedersen Boardwalk Repair Project for Parks and Recreation Department (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP; Amount: $222,976.00)

Award of Term Contract to Action Environmental, LLC, for Household Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal Services for Solid Waste Department (Contract No. 25-T001174/GB; Amount: $125,000.00)

Award of Term Contract to Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc., for Purchase of Remote Controlled Tree Trimmer for Fleet Department (Contract No. 26-T01248/JG; Amount: $208,545.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Cypress Lakes Residence Renovation and Repair Project for Parks and Recreation Department (Contract No. 23-T00040; Amount: $19,829.78)

Change Order No. 3 to Purchase Order With Mohsen Design Group, Inc., for Design and Construction Engineering Inspection Services for Runway 3-21 and Abandoned Runway Conversion Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 24-RFQG00712; Amount: $278,961.00)

Utilization of Florida Sheriffs Association Contract With Mid Florida Diesel, Inc., for Purchase of Generators Utilizing Equipment, Repair and Parts for Utilities Department (Contract No. 26-P0270B; Estimated Amount: $137,144.00)

Utilization of Omnia Partners Contract With Safari Micro, Inc., for Fortinet Cyber Security Software for Fifth Judicial Circuit Court (Contract No. 26-P0282B; Amount: $54,288.32)

Motion
To approve Item Nos. J-1, J-2 and J-4 through J-10.

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

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Eastside Library Gutter and Soffit Replacement Project for Facilities Department (Contract No.23-T00040/AP; Amount: $101,159.06)

Motion
To deny and rebid.

(Note: The Motion pertained to Item No. J-3.)

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING

Acceptance of Deed of Dedication From Hawk Sunrise, LLC, for Right of Way Expansion Project on Kettering Road

Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate Between Hawk Lake Hideaway, LLC, and Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Property Located on Hexam Road for Proposed Water Treatment Plant for Utilities Department

Motion
To approve Item Nos. K-1 and K-2.

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

CHAIRMAN JERRY CAMPBELL

Discussion Regarding Proposed Heart of Florida Landfill Leachate Disposal Well

Motion
To approve the staff recommendation to send a letter of nonsupport to the Department of Environmental Protection a/k/a DEP, State Representative Holcomb, State Representative Scott, Senator Massullo, Commissioner Simpson, Congressman Bilirakis, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners and to the City of Bushnell.

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

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

Discussion Regarding Funding for County Maintained Roads Resurfacing and Expansion Projects

There was Board consensus to direct County Attorney Jon Jouben to draft an Agenda Item for a proposed sales tax referendum to fund road resurfacing, and to bring it back to the Board on the next Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Colby Artalona to Citizen Advisory Task Force for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion
To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

Chairman Campbell stated he would be moving the commemorative resolutions up on the Agenda to be heard at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.