

Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

March 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name Title

Elizabeth Narverud Chairwoman Brian Hawkins Vice Chairman

Jerry Campbell Second Vice Chairman

John Allocco Commissioner Steve Champion Commissioner

Albert Bertram Office of Management and Budget Director

Toni Brady Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burrmann Aquatic Services Manager

Scott Herring Public Works Director/County Engineer

Jon Jouben County Attorney

Christopher Linsbeck Community Services Director

Gordon Onderdonk Utilities Director

Veda Ramirez Health and Human Services Manager

Jeffrey Rogers County Administrator

Peter Schwarz Development Services Director
Robert Talmage Parks and Recreation Administrator

Heidi Kurppe Deputy Clerk Patricia Tapia Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER LINSBECK

Certificate of Recognition to Jesse Kolberg for Establishing Life Ring Stations Throughout Hernando County Parks and Waterways Locations for Eagle Scout Project

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

Resolution Proclaiming April 2024 as Water Conservation Month

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-074).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' comments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Motion

To modify the Agenda by swapping K-1 and K-2.

(Note: The Motion pertain to Item Nos. K-1 [Resolution Adopting List of Specific Projects to be Funded With Proceeds From One-Cent Local Government Infrastructure Surtax] and K-2 [Proposed Ordinance Imposing Local Government Infrastructure Surtax].)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

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

Award of FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Sheriff's Office Purchase of Patrol Car Cameras and Associated Budget Resolution

Locally Funded Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement With Department of Transportation for Utility Work Design Portion of US 301 From Pasco County Line to State Road 50/Cortez Boulevard Project

Submittal of Application to State Department of Transportation for Section 5339 Transit Grant Funding for Fixed-Route and Americans With Disabilities Act Service for TheBus

Easement With Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for Maintenance, Repair and Operation of Electrical Lines Located at 15150 Technology Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended March 1, 2024, and March 8, 2024

Various Discharges of Orders and Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Special Master Liens

Various Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From Cabot Citrus OpCo, LLC, With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Maintenance, Repair and Operation of Master Wastewater Meter for Cabot Citrus Development

Final Plat for Kensington Woods

Federal Transit Administration FY 2024 Certifications and Assurances Required for Receipt of Transit Planning, Operations and Capital Funding

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2024-075).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion
SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notice of Conditional Use Permit Actions Taken by Planning and Zoning Commission on March 11, 2024

Notice of Special Exception Use Permit Actions Taken by Planning and Zoning Commission on March 11, 2024

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for January 2024

FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR JOSHUA STRINGFELLOW

Resolution Accepting Proposal of DNT Asset Trust 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 2024

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-076).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Proposed Ordinance Imposing Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Proposed Ordinance Imposing Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with the title of Whole Cent for Hernando for Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Transportation Improvements, everything else stays the same (Ordinance No. 2024-06).

(Note: The Motion pertained to the revised ballot language and bullet points as provided by County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers during the discussion.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Resolution Adopting List of Specific Projects to be Funded With Proceeds From One-Cent Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with the addition of the language specifying the jail complex and removing the Baker as recommended by the County Administrator (Resolution No. 2024-077).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Ordinance Modifying Requirements for Use Permits for Model Homes in Commercial and Residential Zoning Districts

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with keeping Section No. 5, Subsection A through I, and renumbering with proposed language and the redlines as presented by staff (Ordinance No. 2024-07).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Ordinance Amending Housing Assistance Program and Trust Fund to Designate Responsibility for Implementing and Administering State Housing Initiatives Program to Hernando County Housing Authority

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with the redline changes and the increased language (Ordinance No. 2024-08).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Agreement With Hernando County Housing Authority Regarding Administration of State Housing Initiative Partnership Program

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Award of Federal Subrecipient Agreement With Lifestream Behavioral Center, Inc., for Behavioral Health Facility Through Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Phase 2 Spending Plan and Associated Budget Resolution

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2024-078).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

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

Resolution Accepting Study Findings and to Create Steering Committee to Determine Need to Create South Brooksville Community Redevelopment Area

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation by striking Option 1 and putting in Option 2 with the identification of District 5 commissioner being the member from the Board of County Commissioners (Resolution No. 2024-079).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Consideration of First Amendment to Employment Agreement With County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers

Motion

To extend the contract through May 28, 2029 with the increase of salary taking effect immediately, salary frozen from present through September 30, 2026, with the salary increase to \$249,185 per year, and then salary increases at the same rate as county employees from October 1, 2026 to May 28, 2029.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell and Allocco

NAYES: Champion

County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers accepted the Motion.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Chairwoman Narverud was not present when the meeting reconvened. Vice Chairman Hawkins assumed the chairmanship.

Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Requested by Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Med-Trans Florida for Provision of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Helicopter Ambulance Transport Services

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Angeline Williams Philanders as Alternate Member to Library Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2027

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

Notification of Economic Impact Study for Timber Pines Community

Request for Additional Purchasing Agent II Position Within Procurement Department and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Budget Amendment Transferring Funds to Move Funds From Reserves for Contingency to Uncapitalized Equipment for Replacement Refrigerator for Metropolitan Planning Organization

Budget Resolution Recognizing Additional Revenue From Duke Energy Foundation Grant for Emergency Preparedness Initiatives

Motion

To approve Item Nos. O-1 and O-2 (Budget Resolution No. 2024-80).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

Approval of Contract to HDR Engineering, Inc., for Construction Services for Landfill Cell No. 4 Expansion Project, Phase III

Award of Contract to 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/AP; Amount: \$448,954.05)

Award of Term Contract to Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services of Capacity Expansion and Design of Emergency Operations Structure Project for Ridge Manor Wastewater Reclamation Facility for Utilities Department (Contract No. 22-RG0128/AP; Amount: \$3,250,787.00)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order Utilizing Lee County Agreement With Hagerty Consulting Services, Inc., for Disaster Management Services (Contract No. 23-P0115/CR; Amount: \$49,972.00)

Professional Services Agreement With Florida Housing Coalition, Inc., for Consulting Services for Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (HUD/CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan and 2024-2026 Consolidated Plan and Associated Budget Resolution (Contract No. 24-RFPG00576/EK; Amount: \$67,500.00)

Utilization of City of Orlando Contract With American Grinding Company, LLC, d/b/a American Sidewalk Management for Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Services for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$100,000.00)

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Shaw Industries, Inc., for Flooring Materials, Supplies and Services for Facilities Maintenance Department (Amount: \$172,266.08)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. P-1, P-2 and P-4 through P-7 (Resolution No. 2024-081).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

Award of Term Contract to Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services of Capacity Expansion and Design of Emergency Operations Structure Project for Ridge Manor Wastewater Reclamation Facility for Utilities Department (Contract No. 22-RG0128/AP; Amount: \$3,250,787.00)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Agreement With School Board of Hernando County for Cooperation and Coordination of Emergency Shelter Operations

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Contract for Purchase of Real Property Located on Daniel Avenue From Charles P. Mobley for Affordable/Workforce Housing (Key #149137)

Declaration of County Owned Property Located on Fig Avenue as Surplus Property and Consideration of Purchase Offers Submitted by Potential Buyers (Key #28589)

Local Agency Program Agreement With State Department of Transportation for Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection Services of Eastside Elementary Raley Road From US 98/SR50/Cortez Boulevard to Roper Road Sidewalk Project Along Raley Road, Dakota Drive and Boxwood Street and Associated Resolutions

Local Agency Program Agreement With State Department of Transportation for Construction and Construction Engineering Inspection Services of Freeport Drive Sidewalk Project From Deltona Boulevard to Northcliffe Boulevard and Associated Resolutions

Renewal of Lease Agreement With Vincent Academy Adventure Coast, Inc., for Office Space at Westside Government Center

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation for Item Nos. R-1 through R-5 (Budget Resolution Nos. 2024-082 and 2024-084 and Resolution Nos. 2024-083 and 2024-085).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

Resolution Determining Necessity of Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain for Barclay Road, From Lucky Lane to Highway 50W (Cortez Boulevard) Improvement Project

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-086).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Jerry Campbell
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ABSENT: Narverud

AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER CARLA BURRMANN

Request by Aquatic Services and Waterways for Guidance With Requests From Waterways Advisory Committee

There was Board consensus to keep the meetings at six times per year and to remove the recording of the meetings effective immediately.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.