



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

March 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	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
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Steve Miller	Airport Operations Manager
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Erin Thomas	Emergency Management Director
Patricia Tapia	Deputy Clerk

Comm. Steve Champion was not present at the meeting.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ERIN THOMAS

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2025-07 Twenty-First Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Nineteenth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2025-08 Twenty-Second Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Twentieth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Approval of Disaster Housing Plan; Authorization for County Administrator to Execute Donation Agreements Under Travel Trailer Units Program; and Ratification of Executed Donation Agreements

Motion

To approve Item Nos. C-1 through C-3, including the ending of the Local State of Emergency.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance Agreement With State Department of Law Enforcement for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services and Associated Budget Resolution

Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management for Disaster Assistance Expenses Resulting From Hurricane Helene

Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management for Disaster Assistance Expenses Resulting From Hurricane Milton

Request to Terminate Organizational Agreement Supplementing Interlocal Agreement With Hernando County Property Appraiser to Provide Central Geographic Information System (GIS) for Environmental Services Department Effective September 30, 2025

Request to Terminate Organizational Agreement Supplementing Interlocal Agreement With Hernando County Property Appraiser to Provide Central Geographic Information System (GIS) for Planning Department Effective September 30, 2025

Request to Terminate Organizational Agreement Supplementing Interlocal Agreement With Hernando County Property Appraiser to Provide Central Geographic Information System (GIS) for Transportation Services Department Effective September 30, 2025

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

Satisfaction of Special Master's Order Lien for Albert Aaron

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

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

Final Plat for Alliance at The Grove

Final Plat for Caldera Phase 5

Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond for Avalon West Phase 2

Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond for Benton Hills Phase 1; and Acceptance of Performance Bond for Benton Hills Phase 1 - Booster Pump

Resolution Proclaiming March 2025 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Resolution Proclaiming March 15, 2025, as Gold Star Family Day

Resolution Proclaiming March 17, 2025, Through March 21, 2025, as Government Finance Professionals Week

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2025-041 and Resolution Nos. 2025-042 through 2025-044).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Correspondence From Various Customers Expressing Appreciation for Services Provided by Utilities Department Staff

Notice of Additional Purchasing Policy Exceptions for January 2025 and Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for February 2025

Transmittal From Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Audit Services Department of Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Small Business Assistance Audit Report

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, and Amsler 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.

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

Variance Petition Submitted by Jesse Navarro on Behalf of JC Navarro Properties, LLC

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To continue to a date certain of April 3, 2025.

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

Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Fire Prevention and Protection Code, Providing for Removal of Arson Investigation From Fire Department Responsibilities; Authorization and Prohibition of Certain Types of Open Burning; Correcting Title of County Administrator; and Providing for Implementation of Emergency Temporary Prohibitions of Outdoor Use of Incendiary Devices and Fireworks

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-02).

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

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Reimbursement Request From Marion County for Cost Share of Medical Examiner Facility Construction and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Revision to Budget Policy 29-01 Regarding Capital Expenditures for Reserve Calculations

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Approval of Change Order No. 6 to Purchase Order With Waller Construction, Inc., for Rotary Splash Park at Anderson Snow Sports Complex (Contract No. 23-C00045/GL; Amount of Change Order: \$376,071.89)

Award of Sole Source Contracts With Centrisys CNP Corporation a/k/a Centrifuge-Systems, LLC, d/b/a Centrisys for Centrifuge Equipment Repair for Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-TS0204/JC; Amount: \$218,900.00); and Equipment Lease for Lease of Centrifuge Equipment for Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-SS0205/JC; Amount: \$63,500.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Vector Fleet Management, LLC, for Contractor Operated Parts Store for Fleet Department (Contract No. 21-RG0014/PH; Amount: \$300,000.00)

Invoice From Hernando County School District for Reimbursement of Expenses Related to Infrastructure Development for Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success Located at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport (Amount: \$260,142.78)

Revisions to Hernando County Procurement Manual

Motion

To approve Item Nos. I-1 through I-5.

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

AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER STEVE MILLER

Request for Waiver of Late Fees by ICTC Properties, LLC, for December Lease Payment of Six Properties Located at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Approval of Hernando County Opioid Settlement Response Plan and Proposed Projects List for 2024-2027

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for Robert Stephens and Eileen Stephens Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Lease Agreement With Robert A. Buckner for Property Located at 20182 Cortez Boulevard and 20186 Cortez Boulevard for Employee Wellness Center

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Proposed Revision to Traffic Calming Guidelines

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER LINSBECK

Memorandum of Understanding With Duke Energy Florida, LLC, d/b/a Duke Energy for Certain Improvements Within Easement Located at Lake Townsen Park and Associated Budget Resolution

Chairman Hawkins passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Campbell in order to make a Motion, he then resumed the Chairmanship.

Motion

To deny the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

COMMISSIONER JOHN ALLOCCO

Discussion Regarding Potential Request to Terminate County's Lease With Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund of State of Florida for Chinsegut Hill

Comm. Campbell requested Board consensus to direct the staff to research the allegation of healthy tree removal and to verify that a procedure is in place to protect the healthy trees at Chinsegut Hill.

The Board concurred.

Motion

To bring back at least three modification options for the lease by May 2025.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Cynthia Lee Gandy to Fine Arts Council Until December 31, 2029

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Appointment of Value Adjustment Board Alternate Member for Final Meeting

Chairman Hawkins appointed Comm. Campbell to serve as the alternate member to the Value Adjustment Board.

Revision to 2024-2025 Board Member Committee Assignments**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**Recognition of County Employee Honorable Mentions****CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

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

Citizens commented on various topics and issues.

BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER LINSBECK

Update Regarding Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Restoration Resulting From Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.