



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

April 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jerry Campbell	Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Vice Chairman
Steve Champion	Second Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Commissioner
Brian Hawkins	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burrmann	Natural Resources Manager
Scott Harper	Solid Waste Services Manager
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Tammy Heon	Tourism Development Manager
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Michelle Miller	Planning Manager
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Brad Smith	Interim Utilities Director
Rob Talmage	Parks and Recreation Administrator
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

America 250 Presentation

Presentation by Live Oak Theatre of The Gettysburg Address

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Proclaiming May 6, 2026, Through May 12, 2026, as National Nurses Week

Motion

To approve Item No. D-3 (Resolution No. 2026-074).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 3, 2026, Through May 9, 2026, as National Correctional Officers' and Employees' Week

Resolution Proclaiming May 3, 2026, Through May 10, 2026, as National Travel and Tourism Week

Motion

To approve Item Nos. D-1 and D-2 (Resolution Nos. 2026-075 and 2026-076).

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

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.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Comm. Hawkins was not present when the meeting reconvened.

CONSENT AGENDA

Federal Transit Administration FY 2026 Certifications and Assurances Required for Receipt of Transit Planning, Operation and Capital Funding

Cooperative Funding Initiative Project Agreement With Southwest Florida Water Management District for Northwest Hernando Septic to Sewer Feasibility Study and Associated Budget Resolution

Local Housing Assistance Plan for Use in State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for FY 2026-2029 and Associated Resolution

Ratification of Nomination Form to Lowe's 2026 Community Impact Grant Program for Coach Lorenzo Hamilton Sr. Park Interior Renovation Project

Ratification of Nomination Form to Lowe's 2026 Community Impact Grant Program for Stewy's Skate Park Project Located at Pioneer Park

Resolution Authorizing Chairman's Signature to Application and Other Funding-Related Documents to Florida Department of Children and Families Under Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse, Mental Health Reinvestment Grant Program

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

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2026-53, Adopted on March 10, 2026, Authorizing Issuance of Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, to Finance and Reimburse Costs of Various Capital Improvements Within County and to Pay Costs of Issuing Bonds

Resolution Ratifying Declaration of Temporary Burn Ban Due to Drought Conditions

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

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2026-077 and Resolution Nos. 2026-078 through 2026-082).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Transmittal of Rabies Surveillance Quarterly Summary Report for January 1, 2026, Through March 31, 2026

Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project Maintenance Reports for Months Seven and Eight

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Campbell requested Board consensus to move Item Nos. I-1 [Ordinance Amending Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Capital Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance; Amending Definitions for Compliance With Florida Impact Fee Act] and I-2 [Resolution Adopting Revised Rates, Fees and Charges for Solid Waste Disposal Services at Hernando County Solid Waste Management Facility and Convenience Centers] to be heard in the Agenda upon the return of Comm. Hawkins to the meeting.

The Board concurred.

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Contract to Sawcross, Inc., for Wiscon Water Treatment Plant and Hexam Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed System Improvement Projects for Utilities Department (Contract No. 26-C01212/JG; Amount: \$9,905,170.00)

Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With McKim & Creed, Inc., for Killian Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 18-R00020; Amount: \$223,391.10)

Change Order No. 6 to Purchase Order With McKim & Creed, Inc., for Chalmer Pumping Station Upgrade Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 18-R00020; Amount: \$59,616.00)

Ratification of Emergency Change Order to Purchase Order With Citrus Well Drilling for Well No. 11 Repair Related to Acid Treatment for Utilities Department

Utilization of Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County Agreement With Paradigm Software, LLC, for Integrated Point of Sale/Vehicle Scale Software Management and Accounts Receivable System for ScaleHouse Software for Hernando County Solid Waste Department (Contract No. 26-P0288; Amount: \$134,313.75)

Motion

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Proposed Revised Public Survey of Residents Living Within or Adjacent to Proposed Manatee Protection Zone

Motion

To not do the survey, save the money for the taxpayers, and continue the discussion with staff for educational signage.

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

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TAMMY HEON

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County's America 250 Celebration

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve.

Chairman Campbell announced that each request would be voted on separately.

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County's America 250 Celebration

Motion

To approve the budget amendment.

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

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County's America 250 Celebration**Motion**

To find the celebration and the expenditures serve a valid public purpose.

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

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County's America 250 Celebration**Motion**

To authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING

Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Real Property Between Hernando County Water & Sewer District a/k/a HCUD and Withlatchoochee River Electric Cooperative a/k/a WREC Conveying HCUD-Owned Property Located at 5095 Kettering Road to WREC With Statutory Deed and Acceptance of Quitclaim Deed From WREC Conveying Property Located at Ponce De Leon Boulevard to HCUD

FY 2027 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate Increase for Ridge Manor Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit and Establishment of Future Maximum Rate and Associated Resolution

Motion

To approve Item Nos. M-1 and M-2 (Resolution Nos. 2026-083 and 2026-084).

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

Chairman Campbell announced the next Agenda item to be heard would be Item No. P [Commissioner Ryan Amsler].

(Note: Item Nos. N [Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Paul Hasenmeier] and O [Commissioner Brian Hawkins] were heard later in the Agenda.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER**Update Regarding Accomplishments and Recommendation From Hernando County Delegation of Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE Committee**

Comm. Hawkins returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**Ordinance Amending Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Capital Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance; Amending Definitions for Compliance With Florida Impact Fee Act**

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2026-11).

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

Resolution Adopting Revised Rates, Fees and Charges for Solid Waste Disposal Services at Hernando County Solid Waste Management Facility and Convenience Centers

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-085).

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

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER**Resolution Providing for Modifications of Established Schedule of Fees and Charges to be Imposed by Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-086).

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

Presentation Regarding Results of Fire Assessment Impact Fee Study to Include City of Brooksville Due to Consolidation of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services for FY 2027 Rate Adjustment

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve Option No. 1 for one year.

Comm. Amsler amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To approve Option No. 2 for two years (24 months).

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Presentation Regarding Fire Assessment Municipal Service Benefit Unit Rates for FY 2027

Comm. Champion made the following Motion:

Motion

To deny any increase in property taxes.

The Motion died for the lack of a second.

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to advertise the assessment and to bring it back for discussion at a future Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAWKINS

Follow-up Discussion Regarding Proposed Revisions to Waterways Advisory Committee Meetings

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

This Item was moved up on the Agenda and heard after Item No. M [Public Works Director Scott Herring].

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of G. Thomas St. Clair to Tourist Development Council Until December 31, 2030

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.