



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

April 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 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
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Sandra Fisher-Grainger	Mosquito Control Director
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Douglas Livermore	Fleet Operations Manager
Steve Miller	Airport Operations Manager
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Rob Talmage	Parks and Recreation Administrator
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk
Patricia Tapia	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: New Agenda Item No. N-1 [Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on] was added to the Agenda.)

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

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

Amended State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement With State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for FY 2024-25 Funding for Mosquito Control Operations and Associated Budget Resolution

Memorandums of Understanding With Florida Division of Emergency Management Under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

Resolution Amending Resolution Nos. 2022-89 and 2023-103 Relating to Public Transportation Grant Agreements With State Department of Transportation for State Block Grant Transit Funding

Revocable License Agreement With Delamere Industries, Inc., for Vehicle Parking at Lonnie Coburn Park

Submittal of FY 2025-26 State Division of Emergency Management Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grant Application for Fire Station No. 4 Hurricane Protection

Amended Satisfaction of Mortgage for Robert Stephens a/k/a Floyd Richard Stephens and Eileen Stephens Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program

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

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

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2025-39 Adopted on February 25, 2025, to Correct Scrivener's Error for Mediated Settlement Agreement With Raysor Ventures, LLC, Dated January 10, 2025

Resolution Proclaiming April 13, 2025, Through April 19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Autism Awareness Month

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

Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Fair Housing Month

Resolution Proclaiming April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month

Resolution Supporting Government Efforts in Identifying Unnecessary Spending, Creating Efficiencies and Saving Taxpayer Dollars as Signed by Executive Order 2025-44, Ensuring Government Efficiency, and Directing Staff Collaboration With Governmental Efficiency Team a/k/a EOG DOGE for Fiscal and Efficiency Review

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2025-059 and Resolution Nos. 2025-060 through 2025-067).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notification From City of Brooksville Regarding Public Hearing Scheduled for April 9, 2025, for Rezoning Petition Submitted by Hawk Land Investors New, LLC, on Behalf of Majestic Oaks Partners, LLC, and American Collegiate Academy, LLC for Property Located South of Croom Road, East of McIntyre Road and North of Mondon Hill Road

Notice From State Department of Environmental Protection Board of Trustees of Internal Trust Fund of Application Received From Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) Requesting Sovereignty Submerged Land Public Easement

Notifications From Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Advising of Upcoming Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Activities

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

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.

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

Variance Petition Submitted by Jesse Navarro on Behalf of JC Navarro Properties, LLC, for Property Located on Thunderbird Avenue

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation, with the petitioner offering to not put any other buildings or improvements on the lot.

Comm. Champion revised his Motion as follows:

Revised Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with scope as presented to the Board (Resolution No. 2025-68).

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

Resolution to Adopt Special Assessment Rate for Penn State Road and Scaup Duck Avenue Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-069).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA

Proposed American Aviation, Inc., Expansion Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Fifth Amendment to Fixed Base Operation Lease Agreement With American Aviation, Inc., for Additional Parcel Located at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Glen Lake's Commons Signalized Intersection Construction Agreement With Glen Lake's Commons, LLC, and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Proposed Resolution Permitting Usage of Golf Carts on Pine Island Drive Between Cyclone Drive and Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park; and Providing for Placement of "25 MPH", "No Carts Beyond This Point" and "Golf Cart in Street" Signs

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-070).

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

Discussion Regarding Proposed Rainbow Woods Traffic Calming Municipal Service Benefit Unit Boundary

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to proceed as proposed but to include the entire Homeowners Association a/k/a HOA of Rainbow Woods.

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Consideration of Request to Forgive Outstanding Civil Restitution Lien Order Filed Against Gabriel Scott Sterling

Motion

To reduce the lien amount to 75% of original amount to \$6,750.00, and to be paid within 5-business days.

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

FLEET MANAGER DOUGLAS LIVERMORE

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

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-071).

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Agreement to DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Road, Stormwater and Utility Improvement Project on Calienta Street, Shoal Line Boulevard and Flamingo Boulevard and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 25-CG00235/JG; Amount: \$5,468,976.00)

Award of Contract and Construction Agreement With DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Freeport Drive Sidewalk Local Agency Program Project From Deltona Boulevard to Northcliffe Boulevard (Contract No. 24-CG00785/JG; Amount: \$1,013,653.50)

Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With TITAN, Consultants & Engineers, LLC, for Hurricane Helene Repair Project at Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP Q4); Amount: \$340,150.00)

Award of Term Contract to Vulcan, Inc., for Purchase of Signs, Posts, and Brackets for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-T00840/JC; Amount: \$352,016.25)

Change Order No. 3 to Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Helene for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-TF00708/AP; Amount: \$750,000.00)

Change Order No. 3 to Emergency Purchase Order With Tetra Tech, Inc., for Emergency Debris Monitoring Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 20-TF0062; Amount: \$1,300,000.00)

Change Order No. 4 to Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-TF00708/AP; Amount: \$4,000,000.00)

Final Close-Out of Contract With New Vista Builders Group, LLC, for Construction of Fire Station No. 2 (Contract No. 23-CTS005/DK; Amount: \$301,747.46)

Increased Annual Expenditure of Contract With DesignLab, Inc., for Uniforms and Related Items for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (Contract No. 20-P00099; Amount: \$120,000.00)

Miami-Dade County Joint Purchase and Entity Revenue Sharing Agreement Application Form and User Access Program (UAP) With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies by Various County Departments

Request to Proceed With Negotiation Process for Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Due to Substantial Interest of County (Contract No. 24-RFP00582/TPR)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Ecoverse, LLC, for One-Time Purchase of Backhus A45 Windrow Turner for Fleet Department (Contract No. 24-P0120E; Amount: \$523,846.32)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. M-1 through M-10 and M-12.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Request to Proceed With Negotiation Process for Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Due to Substantial Interest of County (Contract No. 24-RFP00582/TPR)

Chief Procurement Officer Carla Rossiter-Smith announced an alphabetization error in the Agenda Packet, the correct firm/score listing to be considered for this Item is as follows:

Firm:	Total Score
1. Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc.	73.2
2. Republic Services of Florida, Limited Partnership	72.3
3. Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.	70.9
4. FCC Environmental Services Florida, LLC	69.6
5. Waste Management Inc. of Florida	64.2

Motion

To allow negotiations with the top bidder.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE)

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Executive Bargaining Agent/Client Session With Professional Firefighters Local Union 3760 to Discuss Collective Bargaining

Proof of publication of Notice to Publication of Executive Bargaining Agent/Client Session was noted announcing that the Board would discuss the County's collective bargaining with the Hernando County Professional Fire Fighters Local Union 3760.

The attending would include all Board members; County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers; Deputy County Administrator Toni Brady; Human Resources Director Jan Houser; Human Resources Manager Danielle Archuleta; Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Paul Hasenmeier; and County Attorney Jon Jouben, along with Outside Counsel Greg Hearing, who may attend telephonically. The bargaining agent/client session was closed to the public. The session was not recorded. Any work product created during the meeting shall remain confidential and exempt from public records.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 2:30 p.m., in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, Room 462, Government Center, and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE)

There was Board consensus to move forward with establishing the Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE) as a policy, not as an ordinance, with no sunset day, to be in the public and to remove No. 4 of Section 4 from the proposed guidelines, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

There was Board consensus to bring back to the Board a discussion regarding the budget for the Facilities Department after the Land Use Hearings Meeting on May 6, 2025

Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Improvements

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-072).

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

Recognition of County Employee Honorable Mentions

There was no vote on this item of recognition.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

Comm. Campbell requested Board consensus to direct the staff to prepare an Ordinance regarding the prohibition of spreading of biosolid waste that originates outside of Hernando County, and to bring it back to the Board on a future Agenda.

The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.