



**Hernando County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting**

**Minutes**

**September 9, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<b><u>Attendee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Commissioner
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burrmann	Aquatic Services Manager
Todd Crosby	Assistant County Engineer
Scott Harper	Solid Waste Services Manager
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Dominique Holmes	Public Information Officer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**

**Attorney/Client Executive Session to Discuss to Litigation Strategy in Case of Hernando County vs. Hernando County Fair Association, Inc.**

Proof of publication of Notice to Public of Attorney/Client Session was noted announcing that the Board would discuss litigation strategy pertaining to Hernando County vs. Hernando

County Fair Association, Inc., Hernando County Circuit Court Case No. H-27-CA-2021-1454.

The attending parties would include all Board members; County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers; Deputy County Administrator Toni Brady; Community Services Director Christopher Linsbeck; County Attorney Jon Jouben; and Assistant County Attorney Melissa Tartaglia. The attorney/client session was closed to the public. The entire session was recorded by a certified court reporter and the transcript would be filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court. Said transcript would remain sealed until the litigation has concluded.

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:35 a.m., in the Second Floor Conference Room, Room 261, Government Center, and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Campbell
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis provided an update regarding Animal Services.

**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.

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to bring back an agenda item regarding the status of the Waterways Advisory Committee for discussion at a future Board meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement and Intergovernmental Transfer Questionnaire on Behalf of Premier Community Health Care Group and State Agency for Health Care Administration for FY 2025-26**

**Purchase Order Agreement With Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., d/b/a LSF Health Systems for Funding of Community Paramedicine Program and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resource Coordination From Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement a/k/a Opioid Settlement**

**Ratification of Application to America 250 Grant Program for Proposed, Voices of Liberty: Civic Literacy and Living History at the Library, Initiative for Library Services Department**

**Ratification of Donation Agreement Through County Travel Trailer Unit Program for Disaster Housing Relief**

**Ratification of Transit Administrator's Execution of State Department of Transportation Public Transportation Grant Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025**

**Request to Apply for Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for Purchase of Multi-Purpose Boots for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services**

**Tourist Development Council Special Events Marketing Grant Award to Promote Florida's Adventure Coast Events for FY 2025**

**Utility Agreement Between Hernando County Water and Sewer District and Lennar Homes, LLC, for Freedom Ridge Offsite Improvements to Coastal Way Pump Station and Oversizing of Offsite Utilities for Utilities Department**

**Approval of Minutes for Strategic Plan Meeting of July 31, 2025**

**Approval of Minutes for Land Use Meeting of August 5, 2025**

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

**Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended August 1, 2025, and August 8, 2025**

**Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From CFT NV Developments, LLC, a/k/a Panda Express With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Existing Utility Infrastructure Located at 7165 Mariner Boulevard**

**Resolution Proclaiming September 15, 2025, Through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Resolution Proclaiming September 17, 2025, Through September 23, 2025, as Constitution Week**

**Motion**

To approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 2025-152 and 2025-153).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

## **CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

**Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for July 2025**

**Transmittal of Emerald Creek Community Development District FY 2025-26 Meeting Schedule**

**Transmittal of Somerset Bay Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26**

**Transmittal of Somerset Bay Community Development District FY 2025-26 Meeting Schedule**

**Transmittal of Waterford Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26**

**Transmittal of Waterford Community Development District FY 2025-26 Meeting Schedule**

## **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH**

**Award of Contract and Professional Services Agreement With Davies Claims North America, Inc., for Workers' Compensation Third Party Claims Administration Services for Human Resource Department (Contract No. 25-PS00995/AP; Amount: \$101,325.00)**

**Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement With Goodwin Brothers Construction, Inc., for Companero Entra Phase 2 Water Main Reconstruction Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP; Amount: \$440,259.09)**

**Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement to Waller Construction, Inc., for Waterways Temporary Housing Modular Installation for Waterways Department (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP; Amount: \$319,998.90)**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Termination of Landfill Gas Purchase Agreement and Nullification of Wellfield Maintenance Agreement With Timberline Energy, LLC, and Bill of Sale With Timberline Energy, LLC, Pertaining to Northwest Solid Waste Landfill**

### **Motion**

To approve Item Nos. I-1, I-2 and I-4.

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

**Award of Quote and Work Authorization Agreement to Waller Construction, Inc., for Waterways Temporary Housing Modular Installation for Waterways Department (Contract No. 24-TFG00704/AP; Amount: \$319,998.90)**

**Motion**

To deny.

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

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA**

**Submittal of Application to Federal Economic Development Administration for FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant for Critical Infrastructure Construction Runway Conversion Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DOMINIQUE HOLMES**

**Legislative Priorities Requests for 2025-26 State Legislative Agenda and Proposed Policy Submissions for Florida Association of Counties**

**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ**

**Non-Profit Construction Deferred Loan Agreement With Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., d/b/a You Thrive Florida Through State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR GORDON ONDERDONK**

**Request by Willie Twiggs for Water and Sewer Connection Fee Extended Payment Plan for Property Located at 3335 Shoal Line Boulevard**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING**

**Declaration of County Owned Property Located at 201 West Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard as Surplus Property and Consideration of Ground Lease Agreement With Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Inc., for Rise Center Food Bank (Key #357884)**

**Motion**

To declare the property as surplus.

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

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

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion.

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion.

**Motion**

To continue the lease agreement with Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Inc., for Rise Center Food Bank, following a community discussion, a mailer and a grass roots production of notification, as well as notification on the site itself.

Comm. Campbell seconded the Motion.

(Note: County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers clarified that staff would bring the item back to the Board as soon as possible.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Campbell
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

**Declaration of County Owned Property Located on Cedar Lane as Surplus Property and Consideration of Purchase Offer Submitted by Krishna Achugatla and Sudha Doma (Key #369327)**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jerry Campbell
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**AQUATIC SERVICES MANAGER CARLA BURRMANN**

**Presentation by Putnam Land Conservancy Regarding Ridge Manor Gap Project**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER LINSBECK**

**Presentation and Discussion Regarding Structural Analysis Report for Linda Pedersen Park Observation Tower**

Comm. Champion made the following Motion.

**Motion**

To approve and bond the project with tourism tax to repay the bond.

Comm. Champion restated his Motion as follows:

**Restated Motion**

To tear down the existing tower with funds we have set aside, and to design and fund the new tower based on bonding with tourism tax repaying it, to include public communication.

Chairman Hawkins seconded the Motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**

**2026 County Holiday Calendar and Board of County Commissioners Meeting Schedule**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**Appointment of Deanna Passarelli to Fine Arts Council Until December 31, 2029**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>AYES:</b>	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

**Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board commented on various issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.