

Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name Title

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

Scott Herring Public Works Director/County Engineer

Jon Jouben County Attorney
Jeffrey Rogers County Administrator

Erin Thomas Interim Emergency Management Director

Heidi Kurppe Deputy Clerk Patricia Tapia Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONER JOHN ALLOCCO

Presentation by Live Oak Theater

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: Item No. I-2 [Budget Resolutions to True Up Fund Balances for FY 2023-24] was removed from the Agenda.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CHAIRMAN BRIAN HAWKINS

Chairman Hawkins requested Board consensus to use the monthly workshop day to hold land use hearings and for the regular business meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Board concurred.

INTERIM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ERIN THOMAS

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-14 Ninth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Seventh Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-15 Tenth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Eighth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Motion

To approve Item Nos. C-1 and C-2.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement With Citrus County for Mutual Exchange of Services for Solid Waste Disposal During Emergency Events

Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management for FY 2024-26 Emergency Management Performance Grant and Associated Budget Resolution

Professional Services Agreement With Premier Community Healthcare Group, Inc., for Specified Dental Services for Inmates at Hernando County Detention Center

Acceptance of State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program 2024 Affordable Housing Incentive Strategy Report

Release of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Lien for Estate of Leon Sykes

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended October 25, 2024, November 1, 2024, November 8, 2024, November 15, 2024, November 22, 2024, and November 29, 2024

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easements From Hernando County School Board and Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., With Hernando County Water and Sewer District to Provide Utility Services for Somerset Bay Phase One Subdivision Development Located on Northcliffe Boulevard

Final Plat for Caldera Phase 2

Proposed Resolution Requesting Hernando County School Board Dedicate or Otherwise Transfer Explorer Boulevard to Hernando County for Extension, Improvement and Inclusion in County Road System

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Ratifying Approval of Rezoning Petition Submitted by David M. Daniels, Danielle J. Daniels, Francine Brooks, Charissa Brooks and Terry Brooks (H2442)

Resolution Ratifying Approval of Rezoning Petition Submitted by Timothy Fiori and Amber Fiori (H2443)

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda with exception of Item No. E-11 (Budget Resolutions No. 2024-258 and Resolution Nos. 2024-259 and 2024-260).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Proposed Resolution Requesting Hernando County School Board Dedicate or Otherwise Transfer Explorer Boulevard to Hernando County for Extension, Improvement and Inclusion in County Road System

Motion

To approve Item No. E-11 (Resolution No. 2024-261).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

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

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

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 exparte 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: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by William Z. Fout and Vanessa Fox (H2452)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-262).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Teresa Renee Ballard (H2451)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-263).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Karly Quedens on Behalf of Barrett Luis Rivera (H2445)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-264).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Master Plan Petition Submitted by Bobby Eaton of ProBuilt U.S., Inc., on Behalf of Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (H2447)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with changes (Resolution No. 2024-265).

(Note: The Motion pertained to Modified Performance Condition Nos. 9, 13 and 18 as approved by the Planning Department.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Todd Mooney on Behalf of Huntley Holdings, LLC (H2449)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-266).

(Note: The Motion pertained to Modified Performance Condition Nos. 13, 14, 21 and 22 as approved by the Planning Department.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to Establish Public Services Facility Overlay District for Public Safety Training Facility Located at Citrus Way (H2460)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-267).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

Rezoning Petition Submitted by A.R.E. Investment Ventures, Inc. (H2446)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-268).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Master Plan Revision and Rezoning Petition Submitted by NVR, Inc., and Ryan Homes on Behalf of Linda Ann Nichols, Testamentary Trustee, and Greathearts Fortyniners, LLC (H2448)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-269).

(Note: The Motion pertained to Modified Performance Condition Nos. 14 and 19 as approved by the Planning Department.)

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ryan Amsler

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

NAYES: Hawkins

Master Plan Revision Petition Submitted by Hawk Lake Hideaway, LLC (H2450)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with the conditions of the dirt mound to be removed before construction of the lagoon and the buffer and fence is to be established by March 31, 2025, and the hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 p.m. at the lagoon (Resolution No. 2024-270).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

NAYES: Amsler

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-21, Contracting Boundaries of Lake Hideaway Community Development District

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2024-16).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

NAYES: Amsler

Ordinance Establishing Lake Hideaway II Community Development District

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2024-17).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

NAYES: Amsler

Proposed Ordinance Amending Hernando County Code No. 6-43 to Authorize Board of County Commissioners to Enter Into Contracts With Third-Parties to Provide Animal Sheltering Services

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2024-18).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell and Allocco

NAYES: Amsler and Champion

Proposed Ordinance Enacting Time, Place and Manner Restrictions Applicable to Distribution of Unsolicited Materials

There was no public input.

Comm. Campbell made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Campbell revised his Motion as follows:

Revised Motion

To have the Ordinance be effective 60-days from the vote in order for businesses to be compliant and to continue to a date certain of the first Board meeting in January 2025.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell and Allocco

NAYES: Amsler and Champion

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING DIRECTOR OMAR DEPABLO

Petition Submitted by Alexander Silva on Behalf of Clean Slate Demo, Inc., for Hardship Relief From Subdivision Regulations

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-271).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Budget Resolution Realigning Funds From General Fund Reserves to Business Development for Statewide Logistics Center Water and Sewer Services and Infrastructure Improvements Agreement With One Hernando, LLC, for Development of Industrial Park

Budget Resolutions to True Up Fund Balances for FY 2023-24

This item was removed during Approval of the Agenda.

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Amendment No.1 to Memorandum of Understanding With Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services for Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Provide Emergency Relief From Natural Disasters

Award of Construction Agreement to DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Hayman Road Safety Upgrade Project From Twister Lane to Deepwell Drive for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-CG00873/JC; Amount: \$1,119,000.00)

Award of Term Contract to AB5 Enterprises for Mowing Services for Spring Hill Collector Roads (Contract No. 24-T00598/JC; Amount: \$500,352.00)

Change Order No. 1 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: \$50,000.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Emergency Purchase Order With Tetra Tech, Inc., for Emergency Debris Monitoring Due to Hurricane Helene for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 20-TF0062B; Amount: \$100,000.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Emergency Purchase Order With Tetra Tech, Inc., for Emergency Debris Monitoring Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 20-TF0062B; Amount: \$900,000.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With American Grinding Company, LLC, for Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Services for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-P0156/FH; Amount: \$99,999.65)

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Systems and Software, Inc., for Utilities Billing Software for Utilities Department (Contract No. 22-R00067/PH; Amount: \$262,625.00)

Change Order No. 2 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: \$7,000,000.00)

Federal Subrecipient Agreement With Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Inc., for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Associated Budget Resolution

Work Authorization Agreement With DEEB Construction and Development Co., for Companero Phase 1 Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP Q20; Amount: \$321,512.05)

Work Authorization Agreement With DEEB Construction and Development Co., for Beaches Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV) Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP Q19; Amount: \$381,070.80)

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Resolution Electing to Not Exempt Certain Rental Properties From Ad Valorem Taxes If Such Properties Meet Criteria Under Section 196.1978(3) (d)1.a. Florida Statutes a/k/a Live Local Act Property Tax Exemption

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TAMMY HEON

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

FLEET MANAGER DOUGLAS LIVERMORE

Purchase of Various Vehicles Through Fleet Replacement Program

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Alternate Member to Planning and Zoning Commission Until December 31, 2026

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Appointment of Radiah Dent to Economic Development and Airport Technical Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2028

Reappointment of Kathryn Birren to Waterways Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2028

Reappointment of Nina Lee Mattei to Fine Arts Council Until December 31, 2028

Motion

To approve Item Nos. I, J, K, L, M and N-2 through N-4 (Budget Resolution No. 2024-272 and 2024-273 and Resolution No. 2024-274).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Appointment of Alternate Member to Planning and Zoning Commission Until December 31, 2026

Comm. Allocco made the following Motion.

Motion

To appoint Steven Markford.

RESULT: DEFEATED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Allocco and Champion

NAYES: Hawkins, Campbell and Amsler

Motion

To appoint Xenia Pino.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

NAYES: Campbell

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Appointment of Alternate Member to Planning and Zoning Commission Until December 31, 2026

Chairman Hawkins announced that he was reopening Item No. N-1 to accept public comment.

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To appoint Xenia Pino.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Legislative Priorities Requests for 2024-25 State Legislative Agenda

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various topics and issues.

Comm. Amsler requested Board consensus to direct the staff to research options for submitting sites to the Historical Landmark registry either on the state or national level, specifically the Spring Hill waterfall; to create a coalition against human trafficking; and for options on transparency regarding the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.