



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

November 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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
David DeCarlo	Emergency Management Director
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Darlene Lollie	Transit Administrator
Steve Miller	Airport Operations Manager
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Heidi Kurppe	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: Item Nos. P-7 [Notification From Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2023-2024], P-8 [Notification From Property Appraiser Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2023-2024], P-9 [Notification From Supervisor of Elections Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2023-2024] and V [Discussion Regarding Potential Update of Interlocal Agreement With District 5 and District 24 for Cost Share of Medical Examiner Services and Related Matters] were added to the Agenda.)

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

FIFTH JUDICIAL COUNTY JUDGE KURT E. HITZEMANN

Administration of Oath of Office to Re-Elected Commissioners Steve Champion, John Allocco and Newly-Elected Commissioner Ryan Amsler

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers - Chairman, Vice Chairman and Second Vice Chairman

Motion

To nominate Brian Hawkins as Chairman and Jerry Campbell as Vice Chairman.

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

Chairman Hawkins passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Campbell in order to make a motion.

Motion

To nominate John Allocco as Second Vice Chairman.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Chairman Hawkins was not present when the meeting reconvened.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DAVID DECARLO

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-09 Fourth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Second Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-10 Fifth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Third Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Ratification of Proclamation No. 2024-11 Sixth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Helene and Fourth Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency Due to Hurricane Milton

Motion

To approve Item Nos. F-1, F-2 and F-3.

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

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Recognition of Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport as Recipient of Air Traffic Control Tower 2023 Outstanding Facility of Year Award

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Resolution Proclaiming November 17, 2024, Through November 23, 2024, as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-231).

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

Resolution Proclaiming November 20, 2024, Through November 27, 2024, as Farm-City Week**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-232).

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hernando County Supervisor of Elections Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis and Hernando County Tax Collector Amy Blackburn commented on various topics and issues.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Hawkins was present when the meeting reconvened and assumed the Chairmanship.

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

Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement With State Department of Environmental Protection for Northcliffe Boulevard Force Main Project

Application Submitted by DGP&S Construction, Inc., for Commercial Solid Waste Collectors License for Sole Collection of Construction and Demolition Debris

Application Submitted by Gude, LLC, for Commercial Solid Waste Collectors License for Sole Collection of Construction and Demolition Debris

Memorandum of Understanding With District Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College for Paper Recycling Program

Purchase Order Agreement No. 4 With Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., d/b/a LSF Health Systems, a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, for Management of Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement (Opioid Settlement) in Hernando County Effective July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025 and Associated Budget Resolution

Ratification of License/Use Agreement With Federal Emergency Management Agency, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Disaster Recovery Center at West Hernando Branch Library

Resolution Authorizing Transit Administrator to Submit Applications, Accept, and Execute All Federal Transit Administration Grants and All Florida Department of Transportation Grants for Fiscal Year 2025

Consent to Mortgage of Leasehold Interest With Valley National Bank and Lotion on Ocean, LLC, for Property Located at 15411 Flight Path Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Consent to Mortgage of Leasehold Interest With Valley National Bank and Lotion on the Ocean LLC, for Property Located at 15431 Flight Path Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Consent to Mortgage of Leasehold Interest With Valley National Bank and Lotion on the Ocean LLC, for Property Located at 15480 Aviation Loop Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Standard Lease Agreement With Florida Department of Law Enforcement for T-Hangar No. 48 Located at 2185 American Flyer Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

T-Hangar Lease Agreement With Donald Baldwin for Hangar No. 9 at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Discharge of Order and Satisfaction of Sheriff's Office Special Master Lien for Farhan Ishaque Rahman

Satisfactions of Mortgage for Juan G. Fernandez Alcantara and Mayerlin E. Fernandez; and Jordan A. Walker Through Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program

Transit Program of Projects for FY 2024

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended September 27, 2024, and October 4, 2024

Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens

Approval of Minutes by City of Brooksville for Interlocal Government Meeting of March 14, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Fire Rescue Assessment Rate Workshop of May 6, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of June 25, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024

Approval of Minutes for Town Hall Meeting of October 22, 2024

Release of Performance Bonds and Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds for Verano Phase 1 and Verano Phase 2

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda.

Comm. Champion revised his Motion as follows:

Revised Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda, except Item K-15 and K-25 (Budget Resolution No. 2024-233 and Resolution No. 2024-234).

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

Transit Program of Projects for FY 2024

Motion

To approve Item No. K-15.

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

Release of Performance Bonds and Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds for Verano Phase 1 and Verano Phase 2**Motion**

To approve Item No. K-25.

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for September 2024

Notice of Conditional Use Permit Actions Taken by Planning and Zoning Commission on November 4, 2024

Notification From State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services of Fire Management Program and Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program Annual Report for July 1, 2023, Through June 30, 2024

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

Transmittal From Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Audit Services Department of Building Permit and Impact Fees Revenue Audit Report Dated October 21, 2024

Transmittal of FY 2024 and FY 2025 Proposed Annual Operating Budgets for Sunrise Community Development District

Transmittal of Southwest Florida Water Management District FY 2025 Meeting Schedule and Boundaries Map

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:10 p.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:	Jerry Campbell
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by M&R Holdings, LLC (H2439)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-235).

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

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Jeffrey Dominic Roble (H2435)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-236).

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

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Sharon Denise Warthen (H2440)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-237).

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

Rezoning Petition Submitted by David M. Daniels, Danielle J. Daniels, Francine Brooks, Charissa Brooks, and Terri Brooks (H2442)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Champion made the following Motion

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Champion revised his Motion as follows:

Revised Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with excluding pigeon aviaries (Resolution No. 2024-238).

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

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Timothy Fiori and Amber Fiori (H2443)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve as agricultural/residential (AR).

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

Petition Submitted by Commercial Way Plaza, LLC, to Vacate Drainage and Utility Easements Located in River Country Estates

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-239).

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

Petition Submitted by Peter Paul Bianco and Kimberly Dobyns Bianco as Trustees of Peter Paul Bianco Revocable Trust Fund Dated April 17, 2024, to Vacate Inner Easements Located in Ridge Manor Estates

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2024-240).

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

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM**Budget Resolution Realigning Funds Within Mass Transit Budget****Budget Resolution Recognizing Additional Revenue and Expenditures From Fleet Management for FY 2024****Budget Resolution Recognizing Remaining Funds Through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Killian Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project for Utilities Department****Notification From Hernando County Sheriff's Office Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2023-24****Notification From Tax Collector Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2023-2024****Return of Excess Cyber Security Funds for FY 2023-24 and Request for Cyber Security Funds for FY 2024-25 From Hernando County Sheriff's Office**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Notification From Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2023-24

This item was added during Approval of the Agenda.

Notification From Property Appraiser Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2023-24

This item was added during Approval of the Agenda.

Notification From Supervisor of Elections Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2023-24

This item was added during Approval of the Agenda.

Motion

To approve Item Nos. P-1 to P-5 and P-7 to P-9 (Budget Resolution Nos. 2024-241 through 2024-243).

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

Return of Excess Cyber Security Funds for FY 2023-24 and Request for Cyber Security Funds for FY 2024-25 From Hernando County Sheriff's Office**Motion**

To approve Item No. P-6.

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Amendment No. 2 to Contract With Jones, Edmunds and Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services for Glen Water Reclamation Facility Denitrification and Plant Upgrade Project (Contract No. 21-RG0055/PH; Amount: \$2,372,200.00)

Award of Construction Agreement to Highway Safety Devices, Inc., for New Traffic Signal Construction for Wilfong Citizens Center for Success on Spring Hill Drive and Traffic Signal Improvements at Intersection of Mariner Boulevard and Landover Boulevard South for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-CG00864/JC; Amount: \$1,706,180.30)

Award of Contract to Lawn Spa, LLC, for Mowing and Landscaping Services for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services (Contract No. 24-T00821/JC; Amount: \$88,200.00)

Construction Agreement With DB Civil Construction, LLC, for Force Main and Water Main Project Located on U.S. Highway 41 From Ayers Road to Runway Drive and Associated Budget Resolution (Contract No. 24-CG00784/JG; Amount: \$1,459,950.00)

Construction Contract With Property Services GC for Veterans Memorial Monument Project for Parks and Recreation Department and Associated Budget Resolution (Contract No. 24/CG00852/EK; Amount: \$848,982.50)

Continuing Engineering Services Agreements With Burgess & Niple, Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Gresham Smith; Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering PLLC, LLC; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc; and VIBEngineering, Inc., for Traffic Engineering Services for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 23-RFQ00414/CR)

Continuing Engineering Services Agreements With Michael Baker International, Inc., and Mohsen Design Group, Inc., for Continuing Professional Engineering Services at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport (24-RFQG00714/EK)

Final Close-Out of Contract With New Vista Builders Group, LLC, for Construction of Fire Station No.5 (Contract No. 21-C00008/DK; Amount: \$293,044.87)

Master Interlocal Agreement With 791 Purchasing Cooperative a/k/a 791 COOP for Contracts and Agreements With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies by Various County Departments

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

Memorandum of Understanding With Utilities Department for Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Provide Necessary Investments for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects

Professional Services Agreement With Quorum Services, LLC, for Residential and Commercial Services for Building Department (Contract No. 23-RFP00448/AP; Amount: \$675,000.00)

Utilization of 791 Purchasing Cooperative a/k/a 791 COOP Contract and Master Agreement With Ecolane USA, Inc., for Purchase of Software, Hardware and Licenses for Core Systems for Transit Department (Amount: \$567,561.00)

Utilization of State of Georgia Contract With Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., d/b/a Creative Bus Sales, Inc., for Purchase of Transit Vehicles for Transit Department (Amount: \$1,575,096.00)

Utilization of State of Georgia Cooperative Contracts With Various Vendors for Purchase of Various Supplies and Services

Work Authorization Agreement With Deeb Construction & Development Co., for Weeki Wachee Woodlands Water Main Interconnect Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-T00040/AP Q15; Amount: \$156,684.30)

Work Authorization Agreement With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success Monument Sign Project (24-TFG00704/AP Q1; Amount: \$120,766.00)

UTILITIES DIRECTOR GORDON ONDERDONK

Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement With State Department of Environmental Protection for Septic to Sewer Conversion District A, Phase 1 Project

Award of Construction Contract to Midsouth, Inc., for Septic to Sewer Conversion District A Phase 1 and Associated Budget Resolution (Contract No. 24-CG00768/JG; Amount: \$15,553,016.11)

Change Order No. 4 to Purchase Order With Coastal Engineering Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services for Septic to Sewer Conversion, District A for Utilities Department (Contract No. 21-RG0045/PH; Amount: \$539,175.00)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate With Times Publishing Company for Property Located at 7300 Winter Street for Hernando County Fire and Rescue Logistics Warehouse and Associated Budget Resolution

Comm. Champion made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve Item Nos. Q, R, S and T.

Comm. Campbell seconded the Motion.

Comm. Champion revised his Motion as follows:

Revised Motion

To approve Item Nos. Q, S and T (Budget Resolution Nos. 2024-244 through 2024-247).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA**Invoice From Brooksville Main Street FY 2024-25 Funding for Participation in Florida Main Street Program**

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

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**2024-2025 Board Member Committee Assignments**

Changes to proposed assignments were made as follows:

Comm. Amsler to serve as Canvassing Board member and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council member. Comm. Hawkins to serve as Hernando County School Board liaison and Metropolitan Planning Organization member, and Comm. Campbell to be removed from the Canvassing Board and Small County Coalition.

Appointment of Member to Planning and Zoning Commission Until December 31, 2028

Comm. Amsler appointed Axl David as member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion

To approve.

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

Comm. Allocco appointed Justin Noe as member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion

To approve.

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

Comm. Champion appointed Jonathan McDonald as member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion

To approve.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

COMMISSIONER JERRY CAMPBELL

Discussion Regarding Potential Update of Interlocal Agreement With District 5 and District 24 for Cost Share of Medical Examiner Services and Related Matters

Comm. Campbell requested Board consensus to support termination of District 24 from the medical examiner's operation. And should Lake County decide to leave District 5, the District would no longer have significant capacity restraints and would stay located to operate where they are currently located. Moving forward, once construction contracts are in place, any and all counties involved, should be tied to the payment for the length of the loan or bond. If a county decides to leave the District, and not continue operations, they are still tied to the payment.

The Board concurred.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

Comm. Campbell requested Board consensus to direct the staff to research a potential Ordinance regarding newspapers being tossed into yards, and to bring it back to the Board on a future Agenda.

The Board concurred.

Comm. Champion requested Board consensus to direct the staff to perform an anonymous survey of staff regarding efficiencies within the county, and to encourage constitutional offices to the same of their staff.

The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.