

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

December 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name Title

Elizabeth Narverud Chairwoman Brian Hawkins Vice Chairman

Jerry Campbell Second Vice Chairman

John Allocco Commissioner Steve Champion Commissioner

Toni Brady Deputy County Administrator

Scott Herring Public Works Director/County Engineer

Jon Jouben County Attorney
Darlene Lollie Transit Administrator
Gordon Onderdonk Utilities Director

Veda Ramirez Health and Human Services Manager

Jeffrey Rogers County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith Chief Procurement Officer
Peter Schwarz Development Services Director

Heidi Kurppe Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: Item Nos. I-2 [Consideration of Settlement Offer to Compromise Outstanding Unsafe Building Abatement Lien Against 16369 Seminole Boulevard] and N [Presentation Regarding Mosquito Control Products Utilized by Mosquito Control Department] were postponed to a future Agenda. It was also noted that Item No. S-5 [Petition Submitted by Luz A. Bauzo to Vacate Utility and Drainage Easements Located in Royal Highlands] would be postponed once that Public Hearing was opened during the meeting.)

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DISTRICT MANAGER DAVID GONZALEZ

Presentation by Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., of 2023 Capital Credit Refund

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Douglas Chorvat, Jr. commented on various topics and issues.

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

Motion

For any organization that receives funding for an event, there can be no exclusions to vendors and a fair fee schedule.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Agreement to Amend Memorandum of Understanding Between Florida Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida Board of Trustees, Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and Sumter County Board of County Commissioners for County Extension Director

Application for FY 2023-24 State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Grant for Improvement and Expansion of Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services and Associated Resolution

Approval of Certificate of Exemption for State Department of Economic Opportunity Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Housing Rehabilitation

Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management for FY 2023-25 Emergency Management Performance Grant and Associated Budget Resolution

Memorandum of Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management Regarding State-Owned Equipment for Emergency Generator for Emergency Management

Revisions to County Employee Handbook Policy 8.190 Regarding Holidays

Second Amendment to Development Agreement With S&C Trillium, LLC, for Vesting of Roadway Capacity for Concurrency and Related Development Entitlements

State Financial Assistance Recipient Agreement With Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Hernando County Mosquito Control Pertaining to FY 2023-24 Funding for Mosquito Control Operations

Tourism Development Council Special Events Marketing Grant Award to Hernando County Fine Arts Council for "Art in the Park" Marketing and Promotion

Corporate Hangar Lease Agreement and Revocable License Agreement With Flightpath Aviation Services, Inc., at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Land Lease Agreement With Chad Sasser for Agricultural Use at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Termination of Agricultural Land Lease Agreement and Mutual Release With Pleasant Valley Dairy, Inc., for Property Located at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Application Submitted by Discount Dumpsters, LLC, for Commercial Solid Waste Collectors License

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

Release of Public Nuisance Abatement Lien Recorded in Error Against Albasa Land & Invest Corp, c/o Luis A. Figueroa Esq (Key #898194)

Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for Stephen M. Wilson, Jr., and Danielle N. Justiana Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended November 17, 2023, and November 24, 2023

Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution No. 2023-241 and Budget Resolution No. 2023-242).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for October 2023

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Consideration of Request to Forgive Outstanding Civil Restitution Lien Order Filed Against Timothy David Martin

There was Board consensus to postpone this Agenda Item, and to direct the staff to research options for community service, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

Consideration of Settlement Offer to Compromise Outstanding Unsafe Building Abatement Lien Against 16369 Seminole Boulevard

This item was postponed during the approval of the Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Wilbur Steven Hickey as Member to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for Two-Year Term in Accordance With State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Reappointment of Marguerite Wollerton and Jessica Haher as Members to Library Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2027

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Reappointment of Therese A. White as Member to Tourist Development Council Until December 31, 2027

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Request to Negotiate New Contract for County Administrator Jeffrey Rogers

Motion

To have Chairwoman Narverud lead the negotiations.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Acceptance of FY 2023 US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program Grant for Sheriff's Office

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2025-243).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Amendment No. 1 to Contract With RATP Dev USA, Inc., for Transit Operator Services for TheBus (Contract 21-RG0010/PH)

Amendment No. 1 to Contract With Straughn Trout Architects for Architectural and Engineering Services for Tax Collector Building (Contract No. 21-RFQ-AE-016; Amount: \$536,866.50)

Approval of Sole Source Purchase From Stryker Sales Corporation for Life Pak Defibrillators for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services (Contract No. 24-SS00540/JG; Amount: \$279,336.10)

Award of Contract to Alfred Benesch and Company for Transit Transfer Sites With Extended Service to East Hernando County to Ridge Manor and West Hernando County North of Highway 50 on Highway 19 (Contract No. 23-RFP00392/AP; Amount: \$127,436.14)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Award of Sole Source Contract to Stryker Sales Corporation for Maintenance Service of LUCAS Chest Compression Systems for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services (Contract No. 24-SS00611/JG; Amount: \$61,083.68)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Hercules Fence Co., Inc., for Automatic Gate and Fencing Projects at Delta Woods Park and Pioneer Park (Contract No. 23-C00282; Amount: \$92,900.00)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Hernando County Pioneer Park Restroom Replacement Project (Contract No. 19-R00007/BK; Amount: \$27,396.37)

Final Close-Out of Contract With Seggie Custom Builders, LLC, for Tennis Court Resurfacing and Conversion of Two Tennis Courts to Six Pickleball Courts at Hernando Park (Contract No. 23-C00026/GL; Amount: \$6,751.51)

Final Close-Out of Emergency Purchase Order With Hercules Fence Company, Inc., for Replacement of Electric Gates at Pine Island Park (Amount: \$42,500.00)

Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order to RJH Technical Services, Inc., for Fire Suppression Water Pump Rental and Installation at Chinsegut Hill

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Tampa Crane & Body Acquisition, LLC, for Purchase of Compactors for Solid Waste and Recycling Department West Convenience Center (Amount: \$147,249.48)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. L-1 through L-11, except Item No. L-4.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Award of Contract to Alfred Benesch and Company for Transit Transfer Sites With Extended Service to East Hernando County to Ridge Manor and West Hernando County North of Highway 50 on Highway 19 (Contract No. 23-RFP00392/AP; Amount: \$127,436.14)

Motion

To approve Item No. L-4.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Presentation Regarding South Brooksville Community Redevelopment Agency Finding of Necessity Study

MOSQUITO CONTROL DIRECTOR SANDRA FISHER-GRAINGER

Presentation Regarding Mosquito Control Products Utilized by Mosquito Control Department

This item was postponed during approval of the Agenda.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR PETER SCHWARZ

Resolution Adopting Updated Fee Schedules for Planning Department and Zoning Department

Award of Sole Source Contract to Virtual Review Assist, Inc., d/b/a AutoReview.Al for Planning Department (Amount: \$144,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. Q-1 and Q-2 (Resolution No. 2023-244).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Discussion Regarding Sidewalk Requirements as Contained in Hernando County Code

Contract for Purchase of Real Estate With Dennis P. Nelski for Portion of Property Located at Skyview Circle for Floodplain Mitigation (Key #943313)

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Contracts for Sale and Purchase Between Southwest Florida Water Management District and Hernando County Water & Sewer District for Properties Located on Snowy Plover Avenue (Key #829081) and Barnevelde Road (Key #1153334) for Public Well Sites

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Declaration of Restrictive Covenant With Department of Environmental Protection for Former Fleet Maintenance Facility Located at 201 West Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proofs of publication of Notices of Public Hearing were noted for the scheduled public hearings.

Ex Parte Communications

Chairwoman Narveurd and Comms. Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco 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: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Ordinance Establishing Emerald Creek Community Development District

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2023-17).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Ordinance Amending 2040 Comprehensive Plan by Amending Section B Relating to Future Land Use Map Affecting 13.6 Acres of Land Generally Located at South Side of Osowaw Boulevard, Approximately 1,165 Feet East of Buccaneer Boulevard (CPAM2302)

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

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To deny.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian Hawkins
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Forward Planning & Design, LLC, on Behalf of Raysor Ventures, LLC (H2336)

This item was moot and not heard based on the denial of Item No. S-2 [Ordinance Amending 2040 Comprehensive Plan by Amending Section B Relating to Future Land Use Map Affecting 13.6 Acres of Land Generally Located at South Side of Osowaw Boulevard, Approximately 1,165 Feet East of Buccaneer Boulevard (CPAM2302)].

Petition Submitted by Daniel A. Miley and Lauren A. Miley to Vacate Inner Easements Located in Ridge Manor Estates

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2023-245).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Petition Submitted by Luz A. Bauzo to Vacate Utility and Drainage Easements Located in Royal Highlands

There was no public input.

Motion

To postpone.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Variance Petition Submitted by Drew Moyer

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Comm. Hawkins made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Hawkins rescinded his Motion.

Comm. Allocco made the following Motion.

Motion

To deny (Resolution No. 2023-246).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Robert C. Johnson and Barbara J. Johnson (H2351)

There was no public input.

Motion

To postpone.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Coastal ICF Construction Services, Inc. (H2342)

There was no public input.

Motion

To postpone.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Charles F. Rummens and Caryn S. Rummens (H2349)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve as Agricultural/Residential a/k/a A/R.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Cathy D. Barkley (H2355)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2023-247).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by Emmanuel Ortiz Garcia and Lydia Maria Diaz Alicea (H2357)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve as Agricultural/Residential a/k/a A/R.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Rezoning Petition Submitted by F.O. Enterprises, LLC (H2326)

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2023-248).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Jerry Campbell
SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

Master Plan Revision Petition Submitted by Continental 682 Fund, LLC (H2244)

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve with the addition of the requirement not to allow more than 2-stories and a maximum of 45-feet in height, and no more than 2-buildings with 28 units.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jerry Campbell

SECONDER: Brian Hawkins

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell and Champion

NAYES: Narverud and Allocco

Resolution Adopting Uniform Collection Methodology for Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit and Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2023-249).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian Hawkins

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Narverud, Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Champion

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.