



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

October 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 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
Erin Dohren	Office of Management and Budget Director
Dominique Holmes	Director of Communications and Government Affairs
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Director of Procurement and Strategic Initiatives
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ryan Amsler
SECONDER:	John Allocco
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.

Chairman Hawkins announced that was moving Item No. H, the Consent Agenda, up on the Agenda to be heard before Item Nos. F and G.

CONSENT AGENDA

Award of FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Equipment for Hernando County Sheriff's Office and Associated Budget Resolution

Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance Agreement With State Department of Law Enforcement for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services and Associated Budget Resolution

Ratification of FY 2024-25 Letter of Agreement Amendment for Public Emergency Medical Transportation Services on Behalf of Hernando County Fire Rescue

Ratification of Letter of Agreement and Intergovernmental Transfers Questionnaire for FY 2025-26 for Hernando County Fire Rescue for Health Care Administration for Public Emergency Medical Transportation Services

Road Maintenance Agreement With Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., a Florida for Profit Corporation for Property Located Between Sunshine Grove Road and Grove Road

State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement With Department of State for FY 2025-26 Funding

Pre-Application to Federal Aviation Administration for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant for Perimeter/Wildlife Fencing Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Public Transportation Grant Agreement With State Department of Transportation for Airport Layout Plan and Exhibit A Update Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport and Associated Resolutions

Public Transportation Grant Agreement With State Department of Transportation for Taxiway D and A1 Rehabilitation Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport and Associated Resolutions

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

Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to Acquisition, Construction, and Equipping of Fleet Portion of New Central Fueling Facility

Satisfactions of Five Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens for Property Located at 8405 Hillcrest Drive

Satisfactions of Second Mortgages for Nikeesa R. Khobani, John M. Reddin, Jr., and Laura M. Dominguez Fernandez Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended August 29, 2025, and September 5, 2025

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Resolution Congratulating Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce Upon Occasion of 100th Anniversary

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Manufacturing Month

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Native Plant Month

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Proclaiming October 12, 2025, Through October 18, 2025, as Mediation Week

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Resolution Proclaiming October 15, 2025, as White Cane Awareness Day

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Motion

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. H-1 through H-15 (Budget Resolution Nos. 2025-170, 2025-171, 2025-173, 2025-175 and 2025-176; and Resolution Nos. 2025-172, 2025-174 and 2025-177).

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

Resolution Congratulating Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce Upon Occasion of 100th Anniversary

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Manufacturing Month

Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Florida Native Plant Month

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

Resolution Proclaiming October 12, 2025, Through October 18, 2025, as Mediation Week

Resolution Proclaiming October 15, 2025, as White Cane Awareness Day

Motion

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. H-16 through H-21 (Resolution Nos. 2025-178 through 2025-183).

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

This Agenda Item No. I was heard immediately after the reconvening of the meeting from recess, prior to returning to Agenda Item Nos. F and G.

Correction of Application Packet Documentation Error From Previously Approved Agenda Item Regarding Request to Apply for 2023 and 2024 Storms Infrastructure Repair Program Through Florida Commerce Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program

Notification From State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services of Fire Management Program and Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program Annual Report for July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025

Transmittal From the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Audit Services Department of Department of Public Works Road Paving and Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit Audit Report Dated September 5, 2025

Transmittal of Cabot Citrus Farms Community Development District FY 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

Transmittal of Emerald Creek Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26

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

Transmittal of Letter From Pasco-Hernando State College Regarding Requirements and Policies for Admission Into Fire Academy

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

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Presentation of Proposed Hernando County Strategic Plan

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES JOSHUA STRINGFELLOW

Discussion Regarding County Debt Financing

Motion

To approve the conceptional concept plan of bond issuance.

(Note: County Attorney Jon Jouben clarified that the Motion pertained to whether conceptionally the Board wants to move forward with a bond issuance.)

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

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

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

Motion

To approve as presented.

Comm. Campbell seconded the Motion.

Chairman Hawkins amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To remove Jenkins Creek Pier and Bridge Project.

Comm. Campbell confirmed his second on the Motion.

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

Modified Motion

To include removing Public Safety Training Center Complex, Phase 1.

Comm. Campbell confirmed his second on the Motion.

Chairman Hawkins restated his Motion as follows:

Restated Motion

To approve all projects except for the Public Safety Training Center Complex Phase 1 and Jenkins Creek Pier and Bridge Project.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Proposed Ordinance Providing to Hear Appeals Pertaining to Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code; Modifying Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code; Enacting Rules of Procedure for Hearing Appeals

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-13).

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

Proposed Ordinance Relating to Publication of Legal Advertisements and Notices; Providing for Creating Code Section 1-12; Providing for Publication of Legally Required Advertisements and Notices on Publicly Accessible Website of County as Permitted by F.S. 50.0311

The Board accepted public input on this matter.

Motion

To approve and to include running a notice in the newspaper through year end advising of location of online notices (Ordinance No. 2025-14).

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

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-14, to Amend Boundaries of Cabot Citrus Farms Community Development District

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-15).

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING DIRECTOR OMAR DEPABLO**Amendment to Interlocal Agreement With Cabot Citrus Farms Community Development District****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

First Amendment to Water and Sewer Agreement With Cabot Citrus Opco, LLC, a/k/a Cabot Citrus Farms**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**Appointment of Nordra Brown as Member to Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ERIN DOHREN**Budget Resolution for Consolidation of Brooksville Fire Department and Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2025-184).

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Contract to Peak Power Services, Inc., for Administration Building Generator and Electrical Upgrade Project at Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-C01101/JG; Amount: \$1,235,305.92)

Award of Construction Contract to Waller Construction, Inc., for Parks and Recreation Office Expansion Project and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 25-C01122/JG; Amount: \$215,797.00)

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Consolidated Forest, LLC, d/b/a American Mulch & Soil, LLC, for Yard Waste Mulching Services for Recycling Department (Contract No. 24-TF00884/JC; Amount: \$117,384.00)

Change Order No. 4 to Purchase Order With Wannemacher Jensen Architects, Inc., for Fire Station No. 16 Design and Construction Monitoring (Contract No. 24-PS0157; Amount of Change: \$61,874.00)

Change Order No. 5 and Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Helene for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$399,212.58)

Change Order No. 7 and Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order With CTC Disaster Response, Inc., for Emergency Debris Removal Services Due to Hurricane Milton for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$94,345.25)

Utilization of Coretrust Cooperative Contract With Pavement Management Group, LLC, for Automated Pavement, Sidewalk and Asset Condition Assessment Services for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$415,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. N-1 through N-7.

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

UTILITIES DIRECTOR GORDON ONDERDONK

Presentation by Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority; and FY 2026 Project Grant Agreement With Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority for Local Government Water Supply and Conservation Funding Assistance Program

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Sunrise Combined-Planned Development Project Water and Sewer Service Agreement Between Hernando County Water and Sewer District and Hawk Sunrise, LLC, and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Purchase of Various Vehicles and Equipment Through Fleet Replacement Program

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

Comm. Champion made the following motion.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Champion amended his motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To approve with removing one fire engine.

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

COMMISSIONER STEVE CHAMPION**Discussion Regarding Proposed Renaming of County Road After Charlie Kirk****Motion**

To place the memorial sign on California Street between Powell Road and Spring Hill Drive.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**Appointment of Community Representative to South Brooksville Community Redevelopment Area Steering Committee****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Confirmation of Carla Rossiter-Smith as Director of Procurement & Strategic Initiatives; Dominique Holmes as Director of Communications and Government Affairs; and Erin Dohren as Office of Management and Budget Director**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

There were no Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.