



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

November 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jerry Campbell	Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Vice Chairman
Steve Champion	Second Vice Chairman
John Alocco	Commissioner
Brian Hawkins	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burmann	Natural Resources Manager
Erin Dohren	Office of Management and Budget Director
Tammy Heon	Tourism Development Manager
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Michelle Miller	Senior Planner
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Director of Procurement & Strategic Initiatives
Melissa Tartaglia	Assistant County Attorney
Erin Thomas	Emergency Management Director
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve with changes.

(Note: Item No. K [Consideration of Request Submitted by Jovite C. Palardis to Reduce Outstanding Special Master Order in Public Nuisance Case] was moved up in the Agenda to be heard as new Item No. E-6.)

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Chairman

Motion

To nominate Comm. Campbell as Chairman.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allococo
SECONDER: Brian Hawkins
AYES: Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allococo and Hawkins

Vice Chairman

Motion

To nominate Comm. Amsler as Vice Chairman.

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

Second Vice Chairman

Motion

To nominate Comm. Champion as Second Vice Chairman.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Ryan Amsler
SECONDER: Brian Hawkins
AYES: Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allococo and Hawkins

COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAWKINS

Outgoing Chairman Hawkins reflected on his past year as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Recognition of Outgoing Chairman Brian Hawkins

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN JERRY CAMPBELL

Recognition Honoring Veterans Day by Captain Charles Philip

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Notification From Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2024-25

Notification From Hernando County Sheriff's Office Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2024-25

Notification From Property Appraiser Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2024-25

Notification From Supervisor of Elections Announcing Return of Excess Fees for FY 2024-25

Notification From Tax Collector Announcing Return of Excess Funds for FY 2024-25

Consideration of Request Submitted by Jovite C. Palardis to Reduce Outstanding Special Master Order in Public Nuisance Case

This item was moved up on the Agenda from Item No. K to new Item No. E-6 during approval of the Agenda.

Comm. Hawkins made the following Motion.

Motion

To grant the request to \$2500 per dog.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

Comm. Hawkins amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To approve a reduction in fines to a total of \$5000 including administrative fees.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens commented on various topics and issues.

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

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

BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES

The Board and/or staff responded to questions and concerns expressed during Citizens' Comments.

Comm. Champion requested Board consensus to direct County Attorney Jon Jouben to draft a document regarding the possible dissolving of the Waterways Advisory Committee and for that Committee to potentially be replaced by a regular evening meeting regarding waterways, and to bring this item back for discussion at a future Board meeting.

The was Board consensus.

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

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

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Comm. Allocco was not present when the meeting reconvened.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amendment No. 7 to Grant Agreement With Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant Funding for Improvements at Lake Townsen Park Boat Ramp

Contractual Agreement With Lake Technical College, Inc., for Paramedic Hybrid Education Program for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services

Grant Agreement With the State Department of Environmental Protection for Septic Upgrade Incentive Program Phase 2 and Associated Budget Resolution

Lake Hideaway Water and Sewer Agreement Between Hernando County Water and Sewer District and Hawk Lake Hideaway, LLC, for Lake Hideaway Project

Modification No. 3 to Subgrant Agreement With State Division of Emergency Management for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for Disaster Assistance Resulting From Hurricane Irma for Gulf Winds Circle Elevation and Wind Retrofit

Request to Apply for Off-Cycle Capital Grant Funding for Hernando County Transit; and Resolution Authorizing Execution of Public Transportation Grant Agreement With State Department of Transportation under Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program Grant Funding

Pre-Application to Federal Aviation Administration for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant for Airfield Pavement Improvement Design Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Resolution Approving Retroactive Consent to Assignment of Ground Lease From Shirley L. Jordan d/b/a Equipment Supply Co., to Shirley L. Jordan as Trustee of the Shirley L. Jordan Revocable Inter Vivos Trust U/A/D 12/17/12 for 15270 Flight Path Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

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

Discharge of Order and Satisfaction of Sheriff's Office Special Master Lien for Octavio Lee Penalver

Discharge of Special Master Order and Satisfaction of Lien for Dustin Bassett

Letter of Support for Pace Center for Girls, Hernando for Pace Hernando Building

Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for Eric J. Cardenas and Stacey M. Cardenas Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended September 26, 2025, and October 3, 2025

Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens

Various Satisfactions of Code Enforcement Special Master Liens

Various Satisfactions of Second Mortgages Through State Housing Initiatives

Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program**Notification of Properties Placed on List of Lands Available for Taxes and Available for Purchase by County****Resolution Affirming Administrative Official's Determination to Remove Nonconforming Use for Property Located at 5025 Emerson Road, Owned by Jason E. Morphet and Ayleen N. Gallahue****Resolution 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 Exemption Effective January 1, 2026****Resolution Proclaiming November 19, 2025, Through November 26, 2025, as Farm-City Week****Resolution Proclaiming November 2025 as Diabetes Awareness Month****Motion**

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2025-194 and Resolution Nos. 2025-195 through 2025-200).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**Notification From Southwest Florida Water Management District of Proposed 2026 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program****Receipt of Correspondence Regarding Marion County Response to Lake County and Seminole County Letter of April 18, 2025, Concerning Reassignment of Lake County to Medical Examiner District 24****Transmittal of Letter From City of Brooksville Regarding Proposed Annexation Ordinance No. 1007****Transmittal of Southwest Florida Water Management District FY 2026 Meeting Schedule and Boundaries Map****Update Regarding Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project Three and Four Months Post Installation**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing was noted for the scheduled public hearing.

Ordinance Providing for Adoption of New Tourist Development Plan to be Interlined as Section 27-32.1 of Hernando County Code

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-16).

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Consideration of Request Submitted by Jovite C. Palardis to Reduce Outstanding Special Master Order in Public Nuisance Case

This item was moved up in the Agenda and heard as new Item No. E-6.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ERIN DOHREN

Budget Amendment to True Up Accounts for FY 2025-26

Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Impact Fee - Public Buildings to Land Acquisition for New Constitutional Building for Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office Located at 924 Hale Avenue

Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Reserves for Contingencies to Hernando County Sheriff Office Budget to Provide Funding for Body-Worn Camera Program

Budget Amendments Realigning Funds For FY 2025 Clean Up and Associated Budget Resolution

Budget Resolution for Tax Collector Building Construction Project

Budget Resolution to True Up Funds for Mass Transit Grant Funding Anticipated for FY 2025-26

Motion

To approve Item Nos. L-1 through L-6 (Budget Resolution Nos. 2025-201 through 2025-203).

(Note: The Motion included a noted change to Item No. L-4 as approved by the Office of Management and Budget.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Hawkins
ABSENT:	Allococo

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Amendment No. 1 to Contract With Cross Construction Services, Inc., for Linda Pedersen Park Observation Tower Demolition and Removal Project (Contract No. 23-RFQ00435/TPR; Amount: \$40,900.00)

Award of Construction Contract to Rogar Management & Consulting of FL, LLC, for Hurricane Damaged Road Repairs on Cedar Lane and Leisure Street for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 25-CG01109/JG; Amount: \$392,401.00)

Award of Construction Contract to Summit Fire & Security, LLC, for Fire Pump Replacement Project at Chinsegut Hill Retreat and Conference Center (Contract No. 25-C01139/JG Amount: \$268,660.00)

Award of Contract to Miles Partnership, LLLP for Marketing and Advertising Services for Florida's Adventure Coast Visitors' Bureau (Contract No. 25-RFP00983/CT; Amount: \$2,040,000.00)

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Award of Term Contract to Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc., for Refuse Containers Rental and Collection Service for Facilities Department (Contract No. 25-T01017/JG; Amount: \$139,782.24)

Award of Term Contracts to Atlantic Pipe Services, LLC, Nu-Pipe, LLC, and Vortex Services, LLC, for Slip Lining for Gravity Sewer Lines and Storm Drain Lines for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 25-TFG00999/CT)

Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With Hydro-Klean, LLC, for Hernando Beach Wastewater Resiliency Manhole Coating Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 24-TFG00704; Amount: \$200,318.50)

Increased Annual Expenditure for Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Stryker Sales, LLC, for Critical Care and EMS Equipment for Fire Emergency Services (Contract No.

24-P0120U; Amount: \$1,500,000.00)

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Ron Turley Associates, Inc., d/b/a RTA for Fleet Management Technologies With Related Software Solutions for Fleet Department (Amount: \$78,000.00)

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With Syn-Tech Systems, Inc., for Aboveground Fuel and Fluid Storage With Related Hardware, Software and Services for Fleet Department (Contract No. 25-P0191M; Amount: \$60,090.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. M-1 through M-3 and M55 through M-10.

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

Award of Contract to Miles Partnership, LLLP for Marketing and Advertising Services for Florida's Adventure Coast Visitors' Bureau (Contract No. 25-RFP00983/CT; Amount: \$2,040,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item No. M-4.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ryan Amsler
SECONDER:	Brian Hawkins
AYES:	Hawkins, Campbell and Amsler
NAYES:	Champion
ABSENT:	Allococo

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING DIRECTOR OMAR DEPABLO

County Settlement Agreement With School Board of Hernando County for Sunrise Development Project

Settlement Agreement With School Board of Hernando County, MAK Family Partnership, Ltd., Hawk Sunrise LLC and Others for Sunrise Development Project

Motion

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Brian Hawkins
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Hawkins
ABSENT:	Allococo

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Declaration of County Owned Property as Surplus Property Located on Treiman Boulevard and Consideration of Purchase Offer Submitted by Enrique Ramos (Key #1586091)

Ratification of Applications for Southwest Florida Water Management District Cooperative Funding Initiative Submittals for FY 2027

Motion

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Brian Hawkins
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYES:	Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Hawkins
ABSENT:	Allococo

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

Update From Hernando County Delegation of Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE Committee Regarding Accomplishments and Recommendations

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ERIN THOMAS

Update Regarding Temporary Disaster Housing Program

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

2025-2026 Board Member Committee Assignments

Motion

To appoint Comms. Amsler, Champion and Campbell as Alternate Members to the Fair Association, and to appoint all Commissioners as Alternate Members to Suncoast Transportation Planning Alliance a/k/a SCTPA and to Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council a/k/a MPOAC.

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

Election of Value Adjustment Board Chairman by County Governing Body and Reappointment of Thomas Beisacher as Citizen Member to Value Adjustment Board

Motion

To appoint Comm. Champion as Chairman and to reappoint Thomas Beisacher as Citizen Member.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

Comm. Hawkins requested Board consensus to direct the staff to research the potential of utilizing an owner's representative service to help facilitate the procurement of qualified bidders for contracts to be awarded, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.