



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

August 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 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
Albert Bertram	Office of Management and Budget Director
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Ryan Amsler
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.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS DENISE LAVANCHER

Notice From Supervisor of Elections Office of Senate District 11 2025 Special Primary and General Elections and Associated Budget Amendment

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Ratification of Member and Appointment of Alternate Member to Canvassing Board

Motion

To appoint Comm. Campbell as Member, Comm. Amsler as Alternate Member and for Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Doug A. Chorvat, Jr. as Second Alternate Member to the Canvassing Board.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Acceptance of FY 2024-25 State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Grant Funds and Memorandum of Agreement With State Department of Health for Improvement of Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services and Associated Budget Resolution

Authorization for County Attorney to Execute Settlement Participation Agreements for Mediated Settlements With Nine Manufacturers of Generic Opioid Products Regarding Opioid Litigation

Authorization for County Attorney to Vote for Approval of Thirteenth Joint Bankruptcy Plan for Purdue Pharma, L.P., and to Electronically Sign Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement a/k/a GESA Sackler Release Regarding Opioid Litigation

Petroleum Restoration Program Site Access Agreement With State Department of Environmental Protection for County Owned Property Located at 1555 East Jefferson Street

Request Submitted by Sheriff's Office to Apply for FY 2024 Local Edward Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Submittal of Updated Transit Operations 2025 Title VI Plan to Federal Transit Administration

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Air Traffic Control Tower Operations Agreement With Federal Aviation Administration for Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of June 24, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Budget Workshop of June 24, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Budget Hearing of June 24, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

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

Reimbursement to Property Owner for Overpayment of Municipal Service Benefit Unit Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for 2022

Satisfactions of Second Mortgages for Brittany C. Guarneri and Patricia A. Herzog Through State Housing Initiative Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program

Signatory Authorizations to Utilities Director and Operations Manager for Permit Applications to State Agencies for Utilities Department

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended July 4, 2025, and July 11, 2025

Resolution Congratulating Habitat for Humanity Tampa Bay Gulfside Upon Occasion of 40th Anniversary

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Motion

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. G-1 through G-5 and G-7 through G-16 (Budget Resolution No. 2025-136).

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

Submittal of Updated Transit Operations 2025 Title VI Plan to Federal Transit Administration**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. G-6.

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

Resolution Congratulating Habitat for Humanity Tampa Bay Gulfside Upon Occasion of 40th Anniversary**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. G-17 (Resolution No. 2025-137).

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for June 2025

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for March 2025

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for April 2025

Receipt of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Trust Fund Monthly Report for May 2025

Transmittal of Cabot Citrus Farms Community Development District FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget

Transmittal of Waterford Community Development District Annual Financial Report for FY Ended September 30, 2024

Update Regarding Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project One Month Post Installation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Amended Ordinance for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity - COPCNs

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2025-09).

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM

Budget Resolutions to Transfer Funds to Cover Additional Billing for Medical Insurance Self Insurance Funds for FY 2024-25

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution Nos. 2025-138 and 2025-139).

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

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Agreement to Augustine Construction, Inc., for Linden Drive Sidewalk Local Agency Program Project From County Line Road to Spring Hill Drive (Contract No. 25-CG00926/JG; Amount: \$1,202,741.20)

Award of Sole Source Purchase From Econolite Control Products, Inc., for Traffic Signal Cabinets for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$123,321.00)

Award of Sole Source Purchase From Transportation Control Systems, Inc., for Traffic Cameras for Department of Public Works (Amount: \$53,328.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. K-1 through K-3.

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

Change Order No. 3 to Purchase Order With JDMF, LLC, for Mowing and Debris Removal and Disposal Services for Code Enforcement Department and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 22-T00032; Amount: \$120,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item No. K-4.

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

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Approval of The Palms at Spring Hill for Local Government Verification of Contribution for Florida Housing Finance Corporation Through State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Amsler modified his Motion as follows:

Modification to Motion

To approve the staff recommendation with the applicant not seeking local property tax exemptions.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER STEVE MILLER

Presentation Regarding Infield Infrastructure Development Plan at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Hernando County Public Safety Training Facility Phase 1 Objectives

Comm. Champion requested Board consensus to direct the County Attorney's Office to draft a proposed resolution regarding a half cent sales tax referendum for Public Safety to be placed on the ballot in 2026, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion on a future Agenda.

The Board concurred.

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.