

Hernando County

Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

Attendee Name Title

Brian Hawkins Chairman

Jerry Campbell Vice Chairman

John Allocco Second Vice Chairman

Ryan Amsler Commissioner Steve Champion Commissioner

Toni Brady Deputy County Administrator
Paul Hasenmeier Public Safety Director/Fire Chief

Scott Herring Public Works Director/County Engineer

Jon Jouben County Attorney

Christopher Linsbeck Community Services Director

Dennis O'Keefe Acting Building Official

Gordon Onderdonk Utilities Director

Valerie Pianta Economic Development Director

Heidi Prouse Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agreement With Captec Spring Hill I, LLC, for Hut Pumping Station and Force Main Capital Improvement Project for Utilities Department

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Agreement With Captec Spring Hill II, LLC, for Hut Pumping Station and Force Main Project for Utilities Department

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

Amended Agreement With Hernando County Property Appraiser Regarding Reimbursement of Administrative Costs Pertaining to Collection of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended March 28, 2025, and April 4, 2025

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 25, 2025

Approval of Minutes for Land Use Hearings Meeting of April 3, 2025

Application for Tax Deed Held on Property With Tax Certificate Held

Reimbursement to Property Owner for Overpayment of Municipal Service Benefit Unit Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for 2024

Certificate of Recognition to Hunter Fraccia for Exceptional Community Service and Outstanding Academic Achievements

Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Resolution Proclaiming May 4, 2025, Through May 10, 2025, as National Correctional Officers' and Employees' Week

Resolution Proclaiming May 6, 2025, Through May 12, 2025, as National Nurses Week

Resolution Proclaiming May 11, 2025, Through May 17, 2025, as National Hospital Week

Motion

To approve Item Nos. F-3 through F-14 (Resolution Nos. 2025-073 through 2025-076).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Agreement With Captec Spring Hill I, LLC, for Hut Pumping Station and Force Main Capital Improvement Project for Utilities Department

Agreement With Captec Spring Hill II, LLC, for Hut Pumping Station and Force Main Project for Utilities Department

Motion

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

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notifications From Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Advising of Upcoming Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Activities

Transmittal of Sterling Hill Community Development District Annual Financial Audit Report for FY Ended September 30, 2024

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Reserves for Contingency to Repairs and Maintenance for Repair and Maintenance Projects at Hernando County Fire and Rescue Logistics Warehouse Located at 7300 Winter Street; and Hernando County Fire Facility Located at 60 Veterans Way

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Amendment No. 2 to Construction Project Agreement With Manhattan Construction Company, LLC, for Construction Management Services for County Fire Station No. 15 Prototypes and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 23-RFQ00466/AP; Amount: \$8,660,404.00)

Motion

To bring back to the next meeting on May 13, 2025.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Amendment No. 3 to Contract With RATP Dev USA, Inc., for Transit Operator Services for TheBus and Associated Budget Resolution (Contract No. 21-RG0010/PH)

Comm. Champion temporarily left the meeting.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2025-077).

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco and Amsler

ABSENT: Champion

Change Order No. 3 to Purchase Order With Goodwin Bros. Construction, Inc., for State Road 50 and Cortez Oaks Intersection Improvement Project (Amount: \$263,401.76)

Comm. Champion rejoined to the meeting.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Utilization of Jacksonville Transportation Authority Contracts and Agreements With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies by County Departments

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Ryan Amsler

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA

Aviation Ground Lease Agreement and Incentives Agreement With Flightpath Aviation Services, Inc., for Property Located 17330 Spring Hill Drive at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: John Allocco

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Incentives Agreement With Delamere Industries, Inc., for Jobs Creation Grant Award

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: John Allocco
SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

BUILDING OFFICIAL DENNIS O'KEEFE

Consideration of Settlement Offer to Compromise Outstanding Unsafe Building Abatement Lien Against Property Located at 9526 Black Bear Drive

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Steve Champion

SECONDER: Jerry Campbell

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING

Resolution Prohibiting Parking Within Right-of-Way on Companero Entra; and Providing for Placement of "No Parking", "Tow Away Zone" and "110 Fine" Signs

Motion

To approve The staff recommendation with sign placement on north side of Companero Entra between canals and as requested by residents on case by case basis (Resolution No. 2025-078).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ryan Amsler

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

Resolution Providing for Installation of Stop Signage at Intersection of Dry Creek Ranch Road and Olympic Village Lane; and Providing for Placement of "Stop" Signs

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-079).

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: John Allocco

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

Proposed Board Policy No. 45-01 Creating Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE)

Motion

To approve with the County Attorney's Office to run/hold the lottery for membership selection, for applications to be due by May 20, 2025 at noon (12:00 p.m. EST) and the minimum quorum to be 5 members.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Ryan Amsler

SECONDER: Steve Champion

AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER

Presentation Regarding Fire Assessment Municipal Service Benefit Unit Rates for FY 2026

This item was continued to the end of the Agenda.

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TONI BRADY

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

Recognition of County Employee Honorable Mentions

There was no vote on this item of recognition.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER

Presentation Regarding Fire Assessment Municipal Service Benefit Unit Rates for FY 2026

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to proceed with publicly advertising a rate equal to growth plus consumer price index (CPI) for the June public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.