

DELEGATION ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (DOGE) COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Paul Passarelli, Chairman

Douglas Huberts, Vice Chairman

Brandon Mowatt, Committee Member

Melissa Arceneaux, Committee Member

Robert Morgan, Committee Member

Kevin Passafiume, Committee Member

Melissa Flanagan, Committee Member - **Absent**

Richard Ross, Committee Member

Keith Kolasa, Committee Member

Ryan Amsler, Hernando County Commissioner, District 1

Jeffrey Rogers, Hernando County Administration

Jessica Wright, Hernando County Administration

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Introductions were held.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morgan - Invocation

Mr. Passarelli - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Huberts motions minute approval. **Mr. Mowatt** seconds minute approval. All voted yes, no nays.

Mr. Morgan – asked about his request for state DOGE documents.

Mr. Rogers – went over EngageHernando.com. This is where we will put everything about DOGE. You can also subscribe to get updates.

Mr. Mowatt – talked about the DOGE member investigative worksheet that was provided to the committee.

Ms. Arceneaux – asked about community input. She also requested department presentations/PowerPoints.

Mr. Mowatt – wants to give a presentation to the DOGE committee.

Mr. Passarelli – asked if it the committee is allowed to break out into groups of 3 to work on departments.

Mr. Rogers – yes, as long as its advertised and the public can watch.

Mr. Passafiume – wants everyone to help to look at Sheriff's budget.

Mr. Ross – we are just an advisory committee.

Mr. Passarelli – let's vote to send someone to Sheriff meeting. Mr. Mowatt, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Huberts, Ms. Arceneaux, Mr. Kolasa declined, Mr. Passafiume is out of town, Mr. Ross has already RSVP.

Mr. Ross – explained that Sheriff should provide a recording.

Mr. Passarelli - will attend the Sheriff's meeting – All voted yes, no nays.

Mr. Passarelli – does the committee have any questions they want him to ask the sheriff.

Mr. Ross – the letter said no questions.

Mr. Mowatt – who gets the line-by-line items for the Sheriff.

Mr. Huberts – can the state DOGE committee look line by line for the Sheriff budget.

Mr. Mowatt – start smaller. He explained what the state DOGE is looking at.

Mr. Passafiume – General Fund. Test run what's driving the increase. Start at the high level.

Mr. Rogers – watch budget workshop this Thursday, July 10th.

Ms. Arceneaux – wants IT software, Procurement/Finance and HR onboarding Presentations.

Mr. Ross – Landfill budget is tomorrow July 8th and their budget went down.

Mr. Morgan – discussed office supplies.

Mr. Passafiume – body cameras, pick a couple of topics and look at it.

Citizen comments

Mike Casey – Concerns about DPW, people driving bad on the road. DPW workers set there for 10 min before they started working. When Mr. Casey was working a job; there was 3 county trucks, 4 county employees stood there while he poured slab for an hour. Another instance, County employees walked around for a half hour and then decided not to take tree down. Another example, 1 dept head told employee don't call me and make me look bad. Why firefighters take fire truck to Publix and buy food. They can buy food on day off. He observed County employees in County vehicle doing the same thing at 11am.

Richard Mayer - Slowly getting act together. How do you select which department you want to look at it. Hernando County bought Weeki Wachee in 2020. Good luck to everyone.

Mr. Passafiume – agrees to investigate DPW wasting employee time.

Mr. Passarelli – wants citizen forum on EngageHernando.com.

Mr. Rogers – showed the committee how to use EngageHernando.com.

Recess at 5:49pm

Reconvene – 6:00pm

Mr. Mowatt – gave presentation on DOGE Plan of Operations

Mr. Passarelli – the committee decided to pick teams. First team decided below, Second and Third team will be picked at next meeting.

- **Team 1** – Melissa, Robert, Richard – Procure to Pay Process
- **Team 2** – unknown
- **Team 3** – unknown

Mr. Kolasa – asked about health insurance

Mr. Rogers – said health insurance is about 12% of the budget. We have our own clinic to try and minimize cost.

Ms. Arceneaux – asked that we try to keep the meetings to two and half hours. Also, wanted to a presentation next meeting.

Mr. Passarelli – allow team one 45 minutes at next meeting to break up in group to work.

Mr. Wright – clarified what the other committee members would be doing next meeting. I would get staff to come do a presentation. Team 1 would break off into a group for 45 minutes while the other committee member will break off into teams and figure out what they are working on.

Next Meeting

July 21, 2025 @ 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.