

DELEGATION ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (DOGE) COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Paul Passarelli, Chairman
Douglas Huberts, Vice Chairman
Brandon Mowatt, Committee Member
Melissa Arceneaux, Committee Member – **Resigned 9/14/25**
Robert Morgan, Committee Member
Kevin Passafiume, Committee Member
Melissa Flanagan, Committee Member
Richard Ross, Committee Member
Keith Kolasa, Committee Member - **Absent**
Ryan Amsler, Hernando County Commissioner
Jeffrey Rogers, Hernando County Administration
Jessica Wright, Hernando County Administration

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. Introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morgan - Invocation

Mr. Morgan – Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Passarelli – asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ms. Flanagan** motioned to approve minutes. **Mr. Mowatt** seconded the motion. All voted yes, no nays.

Citizen Comments

N/A

Discussion from Board

Mr. Passarelli – any teams have comments before we split up in groups.

Mr. Mowatt - team doing good and by next meeting wrap up Economic Development & Airport.

Mr. Huberts – put a proposal forward to BOCC, that applications for vacant spots on DOGE Committee has to come to them for consideration before going to BOCC.

Mr. Morgan – Reviewing PCard process and how the cards are being used. He only gets a snapshot. He wants to see the whole travel request. The big request is travel and office supplies. Also, there is a lot of mechanical, maintenance, hardware and specialty equipment. He is now looking into Parks and Recreation for expenses for summer activities.

Mr. Ross – talked about Park and Recreation summer camps. Transactions being done in March, but camp isn't until June or July. You have to do additional steps to follow trail.

When they find something on PCards, they have to kick it to the appropriate team to follow-up. Why do we have two employees going to Paris. Our airport is not at this capacity yet, so why are we doing this.

Mr. Mowatt – the Paris trip was part of the State. He should have asked what value it brought to Hernando County. If it didn't bring any value, don't go again.

Mr. Morgan – wants to know if this was the first time we went to Paris?

Mr. Rogers – yes, this is the first time we went. He explained why we went. The goal was to expand and get more business. We partnered with the State of Florida on this. We want to make people beware of Hernando County. Also, we hire site consultants that are selling Hernando County.

Mr. Passarelli – wanted to know why Mr. Kolasa asked about parking fees. Why did a news release just go out stating fees have been reinstated.

Mr. Rogers – October 1st the fees have been reinstated and explained why.

Mr. Passarelli – What other fees go into effect October 1st?

Mr. Rogers – the landfill fees go into effect October 1st.

Mr. Ross – the \$5.00 fee for parks. What percentage does the County get and Parks get?

Mr. Rogers – He will get back to him on the contract. We are using Park Mobile. We are working on getting another contract with a better rate.

Team Sessions @ 4:25pm for 45-minutes

Team Sessions done, Reconvene meeting @ 5:13pm

Mr. Wright – went over stuff to work on and data update requests. We be working on getting current Park Mobile contract, what percentage of collection rate goes to County, Next Starcom meeting is October 16th at 9am and get quarterly reports from Finance.

Mr. Huberts – Manatee County DOGE Committee contacted him again. They thought our site was amazing. Had general discussion. The State DOGE showed up on their first committee meeting and wanted to audit their County.

Mr. Rogers – announced upcoming Budget Workshops.

Mr. Huberts – Do we want someone to come present to us next meeting?

Mr. Mowatt – Can the County Investors come to present?

Mr. Ross – it will probably cost money to have them come.

Mr. Passarelli – went over upcoming meetings.

Mr. Passarelli – asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huberts seconded the motion. All voted yes, no nays.

Next Meeting

October 13, 2025 @ 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.