



Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

March 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 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 Allocco	Commissioner
Brian Hawkins	Commissioner
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Erin Dohren	Office of Management and Budget Director
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Paige Jefferys	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

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

UNVEILING OF CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGN

Unveiling of Charlie Kirk Memorial Highway Sign for Designated Portion of California Street Between Spring Hill Drive and Powell Road

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hernando County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr., and Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis commented on various topics and issues.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis commented on various topics and issues.

Comm. Hawkins temporarily left the meeting.

Hernando County Supervisor or Elections Denise LaVancher commented on various topics and issues.

Comm. Hawkins returned to the meeting.

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.

Comm. Hawkins temporarily left the meeting.

There was Board consensus, while Comm. Hawkins was not present, to move forward with the injunction for SE2603 [Special Exception Permit Petition Submitted by Yarelis Gonzalez for Parking of One Additional Commercial Vehicle on Property Located at Old Crystal River Road].

Comm. Hawkins returned to the meeting.

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

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to close and lock the back gate of Veterans Memorial Park.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER

Update Regarding Status of Declaration of Temporary Burn Ban Due to Drought Conditions

Motion

To repeal the burn ban (Resolution No. 2025-052).

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

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JOSHUA STRINGFELLOW

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, to Finance and Reimburse Costs of Various Capital Improvements Within the County and to Pay Costs of Issuing Bonds

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2025-053).

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes for Land Use Meeting of February 3, 2026

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026

Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Week Ending February 13, 2026

Write-Off of Uncollectible Utilities Department Accounts

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From Diocese of Saint Petersburg With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for State Department of Transportation US 301 Widening Project

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notification of Letter to Duke Energy, LLC, Regarding Possible Extension of Dusky Warbler Road for Improved Emergency Service Response Time and Access to Suncoast Parkway

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Proposed Ordinance Correcting Scrivener’s Error in Hernando County Code Adopting Extra Gain-Time Procedures for Prisoners at Hernando County Jail

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2026-06).

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Consideration of Request Submitted by Mid Florida Community Services d/b/a You Thrive Florida to Release Public Nuisance Liens and Partial Release of Special Master Orders for Property Located at 16153 La Bella Street

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Requested by Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services d/b/a Hernando County Fire Rescue for Provision of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Transport Services

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ERIN DOHREN

Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Park Impact Fee District 2 Reserve Capital Fund to Park Impact Fee District 2 Professional Services Fund for Design and Permitting Services of Additional Multi-Purpose Sports Fields Located at Anderson Snow Sports Complect

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Traffic Management Solutions, LLC, for Traffic Signal Improvements at Intersection of Mariner Boulevard and Landover Boulevard for Department of Public Works (Contract No. 24-CG00864; Amount: \$78,464.09)

Ratification of Emergency Purchase Order and Change Order No. 4 With iParametrics, LLC, for Support Coordination of Ongoing Response Efforts Resulting From Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton (Contract No. 25-P0193; Amount: \$129,296.48)

Utilization of Contracts and Agreements With Axia Coop, LLC, a/k/a Axia Cooperative for Purchase of Services and Supplies by Various County Departments

Utilization of Lake County Contract With Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC, for Processing and Disposal of Used Tires for Hernando County Solid Waste Department (Contract No. 26-P0279; Amount: \$134,000.00)

Utilization of Lake County Contract With North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc., for Fire Equipment, Supplies and Services for Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services Department (Contract No. 26-P0280; Amount: \$60,000.00)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. M and N-1 through N-5.

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

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ

Fiscal Year 2025 HOME Investments Partnership Program and Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant Agreements

Non-Profit Construction Deferred Loan Agreement and Land Use Restriction Agreement With Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., d/b/a You Thrive Florida Through State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for Property Located at 16153 La Bella Street

Motion

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING

Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate With Hawk Sunrise, LLC, for Portion of Property Located on Cortez Boulevard for Proposed Water Treatment Plant for Utilities Department and Associated Budget Amendment

Resolution Prohibiting Parking Within Right-of-Way of Unnamed One-Way Alley That Begins at Northcliffe Boulevard, Intersects With Lamson Avenue, and Ends at Intersection With Hearth Road

Statutory Deed With NAMI Hernando, Inc., for Portion of Property Located on Forest Oaks Boulevard

Motion

To approve Item Nos. P-1 through P-3 (Resolution No. 2026-054).

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Reappointment of Elizabeth Powanda to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for Two-Year Term in Accordance With State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Appointment of Members to Citizen Advisory Task Force for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.