



# Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

## Regular Meeting

### Minutes

February 24, 2026

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<b><u>Attendee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Jerry Campbell	Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Vice Chairman
Steve Champion	Second Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Commissioner
Brian Hawkins	Commissioner
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Erin Dohren	Office of Management and Budget Director
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### AGENDA

#### **Motion**

To approve the Agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Hernando County Tax Collector Amy Blackburn announced that the Westside Tax Collector's Office would be closed Thursday, Friday and Monday, as the office is transitioned into their new building on Forest Oaks Boulevard.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Request Submitted by Library Services to Apply for Florida Humanities Florida Talks Program**

**Proposed Waiver of Late Payment Fees Policy for Leases at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Ratification of Grant Application Submitted to Federal Aviation Administration for Airfield Pavement Improvement Design Project at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Discharge of Special Master Order and Satisfaction of Lien for Kevin Thomas and Michelle Thomas**

**Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for Bobbie J. Hamilton; and Jesse A. Diaz, II and Adeb S. Diaz Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program**

**Satisfactions of Various Mortgages Through Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Program**

**Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended January 30, 2026, and February 6, 2026**

**Easement With Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for Installation of Electrical and Communication Facilities for Property Located at Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success Within Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

**Resolution Proclaiming March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

**Resolution Proclaiming March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month**

**Motion**

To approve the Consent Agenda (Resolution Nos. 2026-035 and 2026-036).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

Comm. Champion temporarily left the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

**Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for January 2026**

**Transmittal of Letter From City of Brooksville Regarding Ordinance No. 1010 Pertaining to Terminating City of Brooksville Firefighters’ Retirement Trust Fund as Required by Interlocal Agreement to Effectuate Consolidation of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services**

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Comm. Champion was present when the meeting reconvened.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**

**Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Requested by Med-Trans Corporation d/b/a Med-Trans Florida for Provision of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Helicopter Ambulance Transport Services**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ERIN DOHREN**

**Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Opioid Settlement Reserves Account to Various Opioid Settlement Accounts**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH**

**Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Obligations and Discussion Regarding Reallocation of Previously Obligated Funds**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation, leaving the miscellaneous disaster relief pending FEMA review and the disaster management software as funds available for Eastside field cleanup from debris collection.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Allocco
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**Award of Term Contract to Amazing National Services Group, LLC, for Mowing Services at Utilities Water Treatment Facilities and Lift Stations for Hernando County Utilities Department (Contract No. 26-T01201/JG; Amount: \$383,760.00)**

**Award of Term Contract to Full Circle Property Concierge, LLC, d/b/a Flow Motion for Mowing Services at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport (Contract No. 25-T01176/JG; Amount: \$64,950.00)**

**Motion**

To approve Item Nos. K-2 and K-3.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR OMAR DEPABLO**

**Resolution Amending Building Division Fee Schedule**

**Resolution Amending Planning and Zoning Department’s Fee Schedule**

**Motion**

To approve Item Nos. L-1 and L-2 (Resolution Nos. 2026-037 and 2026-038).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING**

Comm. Hawkins temporarily left the meeting.

**Declaration of County Owned Property Located on Treiman Boulevard as Surplus Property and Consideration of Purchase Offer Submitted by Kimberly Prom (Key #832923)**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Hawkins returned to the meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**Resolution Amending Department of Public Works Fee Schedule for Engineering and Road Maintenance Division Fees**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-039).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAWKINS****Discussion Regarding Proposed Interlocal Agreement With Alvin Nienhuis in Official Capacity as Hernando County Sheriff Concerning License Plate Reader Technology**

There was Board consensus to schedule the Workshop for March 10, 2026, beginning at 5:01 p.m., in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers of the Government Center.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS****Appointment of Member to Library Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2030****Motion**

To appoint Joannah Holt.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ryan Amsler
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**Appointment of Russell D. Jaeger to Fine Arts Council Until December 31, 2030****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Hawkins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Champion
<b>AYES:</b>	Campbell, Amsler, Champion, Allocco and Hawkins

**Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**

There was Board consensus to direct County Attorney Jon Jouben to prepare an Agenda Item regarding a proposed ordinance related to prohibiting retail businesses from refusing to accept cash payments, and to bring this item back for discussion at a future Board meeting

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to draft a proposed Ordinance pertaining to regulation of dog and cat breeding within the County, and to bring it back to the Board for discussion at a future Board meeting.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board commented on various issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.