



# Hernando County

## Board of County Commissioners

### Regular Meeting

### Minutes

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September 23, 2025

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<b><u>Attendee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allococo	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Commissioner
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Albert Bertram	Office of Management and Budget Director
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Carla Burmann	Aquatic Services Manager
Todd Crosby	Assistant County Engineer
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Scott Herring	Public Works Director/County Engineer
Dominique Holmes	Public Information Officer
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Valerie Pianta	Economic Development Director
Veda Ramirez	Housing and Supportive Services Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Kelly Soreng	Real Property Supervisor
Melissa Tartaglia	Assistant County Attorney
James Terry	Code Enforcement Manager
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### AGENDA

#### **Motion**

To approve the Agenda with changes.

(Note: Item No. L-2 [Consideration of Three City/County Interlocal Agreements to Effectuate Planned Consolidation of Fire Rescue] included an updated Interlocal Agreement Relating to Pension Matters.)

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

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

## **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**

**Clinical Affiliation Agreement Between Hernando County Fire Rescue and EMS Training School, LLC, d/b/a School of EMS for Paramedic Hybrid Education Program**

**Contract With State Department of Health for Provision of Services by County Health Department for FY 2025-26**

**License Agreement With The Community Center of Ridge Manor, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation to Establish Sandbag Site on Property Located at 34240 Cortez Boulevard**

**Modification to State Department of Commerce Federally-Funded Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Subgrant Agreement for FY 2021-2022**

**Ratification of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application to Department of Emergency Management for Disaster Assistance Resulting From Hurricane Milton for Long Lake Outfall Project and Associated Resolution Ratifying County Administrator's Previous Signature and Granting Signature Authority for Grant Program Application**

**Ratification of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications to Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency for Disaster Assistance Resulting From Hurricane Helene for Fire Rescue Wind Retrofits and Generators, and Generator for Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport; and Associated Resolution Ratifying County Administrator's Previous Signature and Granting Signature Authority for Grant Program Application**

**State-Funded Grant Agreement with State Division of Emergency Management for Emergency Preparedness and Assistance Grant for FY 2025-26 and Associated Budget Resolution**

**Discharge of Order and Satisfaction of Sheriff's Office Special Master Lien for Tuyet Minh Johnson**

**Resolution Regarding Reimbursement of Certain Costs Relating to Acquisition of Vehicles and Equipment for Fleet Replacement Program**

**Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for John R. Camuglia and Maria R. Camuglia Through State Housing Initiative Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program**

**Satisfaction of Second Mortgage for Judith Marie Power Through Neighborhood Stabilization Program Purchase Assistance Program**

**Transmittal of List of Accounts Payable Disbursements for Weeks Ended August 15, 2025, and August 22, 2025**

**Various Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens**

**Various Satisfaction of Code Enforcement Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Liens**

**Various Satisfaction of Code Enforcement Special Master Liens**

**Various Satisfaction of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens**

**Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Resolution Proclaiming October 5, 2025, Through October 11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week**

**Resolution Honoring Life and Legacy of Charlie Kirk**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. F-1 through F-16 and F-18 (Resolution Nos. 2025-154 and 2025-155, Budget Resolution No. 2025-156, and Resolution Nos. 2025-157 through 2025-160).

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** Steve Champion**SECONDER:** Ryan Amsler**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**Resolution Proclaiming October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month****Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. F-17 (Resolution No. 2025-159).

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** John Allococo**SECONDER:** Ryan Amsler**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**Resolution Honoring Life and Legacy of Charlie Kirk****Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. F-19 (Resolution No. 2025-160).

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** Steve Champion**SECONDER:** John Allococo**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE****Transmittal of Lake Hideaway Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26****Transmittal of Lake Hideaway II Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26****Transmittal of Sterling Hill Community Development District FY 2025-26 Meeting Schedule****Transmittal of Sterling Hill Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26**

**Transmittal of Sunrise Community Development District Final Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26****Update Regarding Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project Two Months Post Installation**

Comm. Champion temporarily left the meeting,

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

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

Comm. Champion was present when the meeting reconvened.

**Pre-Suit Mediated Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release With New Vista Builders Group, LLC, Regarding Florida Prompt Payment Act Dispute Pertaining to Contract No. 21-C0008 for Constructions of Fire Station No. 5**

There was no public input.

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN****Appointment of Two Commissioners From Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to Board of Directors of Hernando County Fair Association****Motion**

To appoint Comms. Hawkins and Allococo; and for the remaining three Board members to be alternates, with the agenda to be distributed to all commissioners.

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

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR ALBERT BERTRAM**

**Budget Amendment Transferring Funds From Reserves for Contingency to Professional Services and Promotions for Weeki Wachee Preserve Phase I**

**Budget Resolution Reducing and Realigning Funds for Community Development Block Grant Entitlement and HOME Investment Partnership Programs for Housing and Supportive Services Department**

**Motion**

To approve Item Nos. J-1 and J-2 (Budget Resolution No. 2025-161).

**RESULT: ADOPTED**

**MOVER: Ryan Amsler**

**SECONDER: Steve Champion**

**AYES: Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Amsler and Champion**

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH**

**Award of Contract and Professional Services Agreement With McLeod Real Estate, LLC, for Real Estate Broker and Marketing Agent Services for Hernando County Property Management Department (Contract No. 25-RFP01011/AP)**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Award of Contract to Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., d/b/a Abbott Laboratories, Inc., for Non-Clinical Testing Services for Drug Court (Contract No. 25-AG0238; Amount: \$180,000.00)**

**Award of Term Contract and Professional Services Agreement With Dr. Robert J. McPhee for Inmate Medical Management Services (Contract No. 25-PS01144/AP; Amount: \$230,738.00)**

**Award of Term Contract to Integrated Environmental Technology, LLC, for Leachate and Gas Collection System Maintenance Services for Solid Waste and Recycling Department (Solicitation No. 25-TF01018/JC; Amount: \$679,800.00)**

**Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order With Centrisys CNP Corporation for Repair of Centrifuge Equipment for Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-TS0204/JC; Amount \$367,550.00)**

**Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With Centrifuge-Systems, LLC, for Lease of Centrifuge Equipment for Utilities Department (Contract No. 25-SS0205/JC; Amount: \$150,000.00)**

**Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With Mid Florida Diesel, Inc., for Generator Maintenance and Repairs for Utilities Department (Contract No. 23-TFG037; Amount: \$165,000.00)**

**Utilization of CoreTrust Cooperative Contracts With Various Vendors for Purchase of Services and Supplies on As-Needed Basis by Various County Departments****Motion**

To approve Item Nos. K-2 through K-8.

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** John Allococo**SECONDER:** Steve Champion**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**Award of Contract and Professional Services Agreement With McLeod Real Estate, LLC, for Real Estate Broker and Marketing Agent Services for Hernando County Property Management Department (Contract No. 25-RFP01011/AP)****Motion**

To approve Item No. K-1.

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** Ryan Amsler**SECONDER:** Steve Champion**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Amsler and Champion**NAYES:** Allococo**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER****Collective Bargaining Agreement With Hernando County Professional Firefighters Local Union 3760****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** Ryan Amsler**SECONDER:** John Allococo**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**Consideration of Three City/County Interlocal Agreements to Effectuate Planned Consolidation of Fire Rescue****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR VALERIE PIANTA**

### **Request for Waiver of Late Fees by William Smith for June T-Hangar Lease Payment at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

#### **Motion**

To approve waiver.

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

### **Request From Experimental Aircraft Association a/k/a EAA Chapter 1298 for Reduced T-Hangar Lease at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport**

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

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to work with EAA Chapter 1298 regarding the lease terms and work towards a proposed grant, and to bring it back to the Board on a future Agenda once a hangar becomes available.

## **HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR VEDA RAMIREZ**

Comm. Champion temporarily left the meeting.

### **Certification of Annual Report for FY 2021-2022 for State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for Submittal to Florida Housing Finance Corporation**

Comm. Champion returned to the meeting.

#### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**Request to Apply for 2023 and 2024 Storms Infrastructure Repair Program Through Florida Commerce Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** Steve Champion**SECONDER:** John Allococo**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion**RECESS/RECONVENE**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER SCOTT HERRING****Contract for Purchase of Real Estate With Sundara Holdings, LLC, for Property Located at 924 Hale Avenue for Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Building****Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

**RESULT: ADOPTED****MOVER:** John Allococo**SECONDER:** Brian Hawkins**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell and Allococo**NAYES:** Amsler and Champion**CODE ENFORCEMENT MANAGER JAMES TERRY****Presentation Regarding Proposed Department Name Change From Code Enforcement to Code Compliance**

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion.

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Amsler clarified his Motion as follows:

**Clarification to Motion**

To approve without increasing the budget to get it done.

(Note: The Motion pertained to updating or replacing as needed the vehicle and uniform logos.)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Ryan Amsler

**SECONDER:** Steve Champion

**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

**Appointment of Gina Ellen Calhoun to Economic Development and Airport Technical Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2029**

### **Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Steve Champion

**SECONDER:** Jerry Campbell

**AYES:** Hawkins, Campbell, Allococo, Amsler and Champion

## Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.