



Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

| <u>Attendee Name</u> | <u>Title</u> |
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| Jerry Campbell | Chairman |
| Ryan Amsler | Vice Chairman |
| Steve Champion | Second Vice Chairman |
| John Allocco | Commissioner |
| Brian Hawkins | Commissioner |
| Toni Brady | Deputy County Administrator |
| Carla Burrmann | Natural Resources Manager |
| Scott Harper | Solid Waste Services Manager |
| Paul Hasenmeier | Public Safety Director/Fire Chief |
| Tammy Heon | Tourism Development Manager |
| Scott Herring | Public Works Director |
| Jon Jouben | County Attorney |
| Michelle Miller | Planning Manager |
| Jeffrey Rogers | County Administrator |
| Carla Rossiter-Smith | Chief Procurement Officer |
| Brad Smith | Interim Utilities Director |
| Rob Talmage | Parks and Recreation Administrator |
| Nienke Osinga | Deputy Clerk |
| Heidi Prouse | Deputy Clerk |

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

America 250 Presentation

Presentation by Live Oak Theatre of The Gettysburg Address

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Proclaiming May 6, 2026, Through May 12, 2026, as National Nurses Week

Motion

To approve Item No. D-3 (Resolution No. 2026-074).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 3, 2026, Through May 9, 2026, as National Correctional Officers' and Employees' Week

Resolution Proclaiming May 3, 2026, Through May 10, 2026, as National Travel and Tourism Week

Motion

To approve Item Nos. D-1 and D-2 (Resolution Nos. 2026-075 and 2026-076).

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

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.

RECESS/RECONVENE

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

Comm. Hawkins was not present when the meeting reconvened.

CONSENT AGENDA

Federal Transit Administration FY 2026 Certifications and Assurances Required for Receipt of Transit Planning, Operation and Capital Funding

Cooperative Funding Initiative Project Agreement With Southwest Florida Water Management District for Northwest Hernando Septic to Sewer Feasibility Study and Associated Budget Resolution

Local Housing Assistance Plan for Use in State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for FY 2026-2029 and Associated Resolution

Ratification of Nomination Form to Lowe's 2026 Community Impact Grant Program for Coach Lorenzo Hamilton Sr. Park Interior Renovation Project

Ratification of Nomination Form to Lowe's 2026 Community Impact Grant Program for Stewy's Skate Park Project Located at Pioneer Park

Resolution Authorizing Chairman's Signature to Application and Other Funding-Related Documents to Florida Department of Children and Families Under Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse, Mental Health Reinvestment Grant Program

Declaration of Various Tangible Property as Surplus for Disposal and Removal From Fixed Asset Inventory

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2026-53, Adopted on March 10, 2026, Authorizing Issuance of Non-Ad Valorem Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, to Finance and Reimburse Costs of Various Capital Improvements Within County and to Pay Costs of Issuing Bonds

Resolution Ratifying Declaration of Temporary Burn Ban Due to Drought Conditions

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

Various Satisfactions of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda (Budget Resolution No. 2026-077 and Resolution Nos. 2026-078 through 2026-082).

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED |
| MOVER: | Steve Champion |
| SECONDER: | Ryan Amsler |
| AYES: | Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Allocco |
| ABSENT: | Hawkins |

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Transmittal of Rabies Surveillance Quarterly Summary Report for January 1, 2026, Through March 31, 2026

Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project Maintenance Reports for Months Seven and Eight

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Campbell requested Board consensus to move Item Nos. I-1 [Ordinance Amending Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Capital Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance; Amending Definitions for Compliance With Florida Impact Fee Act] and I-2 [Resolution Adopting Revised Rates, Fees and Charges for Solid Waste Disposal Services at Hernando County Solid Waste Management Facility and Convenience Centers] to be heard in the Agenda upon the return of Comm. Hawkins to the meeting.

The Board concurred.

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Construction Contract to Sawcross, Inc., for Wiscon Water Treatment Plant and Hexam Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed System Improvement Projects for Utilities Department (Contract No. 26-C01212/JG; Amount: \$9,905,170.00)

Change Order No. 2 to Purchase Order With McKim & Creed, Inc., for Killian Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 18-R00020; Amount: \$223,391.10)

Change Order No. 6 to Purchase Order With McKim & Creed, Inc., for Chalmer Pumping Station Upgrade Project for Utilities Department (Contract No. 18-R00020; Amount: \$59,616.00)

Ratification of Emergency Change Order to Purchase Order With Citrus Well Drilling for Well No. 11 Repair Related to Acid Treatment for Utilities Department

Utilization of Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County Agreement With Paradigm Software, LLC, for Integrated Point of Sale/Vehicle Scale Software Management and Accounts Receivable System for ScaleHouse Software for Hernando County Solid Waste Department (Contract No. 26-P0288; Amount: \$134,313.75)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. J-1 through J-5.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Proposed Revised Public Survey of Residents Living Within or Adjacent to Proposed Manatee Protection Zone

Motion

To not do the survey, save the money for the taxpayers, and continue the discussion with staff for educational signage.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED |
| MOVER: | Ryan Amsler |
| SECONDER: | Steve Champion |
| AYES: | Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Allocco |
| ABSENT: | Hawkins |

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER TAMMY HEON

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County’s America 250 Celebration

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve.

Chairman Campbell announced that each request would be voted on separately .

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County’s America 250 Celebration

Motion

To approve the budget amendment.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED |
| MOVER: | Ryan Amsler |
| SECONDER: | Steve Champion |
| AYES: | Campbell, Amsler, Champion and Allocco |
| ABSENT: | Hawkins |

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County’s America 250 Celebration

Motion

To find the celebration and the expenditures serve a valid public purpose.

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

Budget Amendment for Tourism Department to Provide Sponsorship Support for Hernando County’s America 250 Celebration

Motion

To authorize the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING

Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Real Property Between Hernando County Water & Sewer District a/k/a HCUD and Withlachooshee River Electric Cooperative a/k/a WREC Conveying HCUD-Owned Property Located at 5095 Kettering Road to WREC With Statutory Deed and Acceptance of Quitclaim Deed From WREC Conveying Property Located at Ponce De Leon Boulevard to HCUD

FY 2027 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate Increase for Ridge Manor Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit and Establishment of Future Maximum Rate and Associated Resolution

Motion

To approve Item Nos. M-1 and M-2 (Resolution Nos. 2026-083 and 2026-084).

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

Chairman Campbell announced the next Agenda item to be heard would be Item No. P [Commissioner Ryan Amsler].

(Note: Item Nos. N [Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Paul Hasenmeier] and O [Commissioner Brian Hawkins] were heard later in the Agenda.)

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

Update Regarding Accomplishments and Recommendation From Hernando County Delegation of Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE Committee

Comm. Hawkins returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amending Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Capital Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance; Amending Definitions for Compliance With Florida Impact Fee Act

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Ordinance No. 2026-11).

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

Resolution Adopting Revised Rates, Fees and Charges for Solid Waste Disposal Services at Hernando County Solid Waste Management Facility and Convenience Centers

There was no public input.

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-085).

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

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER

Resolution Providing for Modifications of Established Schedule of Fees and Charges to be Imposed by Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-086).

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

Presentation Regarding Results of Fire Assessment Impact Fee Study to Include City of Brooksville Due to Consolidation of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services for FY 2027 Rate Adjustment

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion:

Motion

To approve Option No. 1 for one year.

Comm. Amsler amended his Motion as follows:

Amendment to Motion

To approve Option No. 2 for two years (24 months).

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED |
| MOVER: | Ryan Amsler |
| SECONDER: | John Allocco |
| AYES: | Campbell, Amsler, Allocco and Hawkins |
| NAYES: | Champion |

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Presentation Regarding Fire Assessment Municipal Service Benefit Unit Rates for FY 2027

Comm. Champion made the following Motion:

Motion

To deny any increase in property taxes.

The Motion died for the lack of a second.

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to advertise the assessment and to bring it back for discussion at a future Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER BRIAN HAWKINS

Follow-up Discussion Regarding Proposed Revisions to Waterways Advisory Committee Meetings

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

COMMISSIONER RYAN AMSLER

This Item was moved up on the Agenda and heard after Item No. M [Public Works Director Scott Herring].

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of G. Thomas St. Clair to Tourist Development Council Until December 31, 2030

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

RESULT: **ADOPTED**
MOVER: John Allocco
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 4:35 p.m.