



# Hernando County

## Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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May 26, 2026

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 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
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Paul Hasenmeier	Public Safety Director/Fire Chief
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Christopher Linsbeck	Community Services Director
Darlene Lollie	Transit Administrator
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Brad Smith	Interim Utilities Director
Melissa Tartaglia	Assistant County Attorney
Nienke Osinga	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**America 250 Presentation**

**Unveiling of Wooden American Flag Sculpture Created by Captain Andy Bryant of Hernando County Fire Rescue**

### AGENDA

**Motion**

To approve the Agenda.

<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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

There were no Elected Officials' Comments.

**COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-102).

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

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments.

**BOARD/STAFF RESPONSES**

There were no Board or staff responses.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Amendment No. 2 to E911 State Board Grant Agreement With State Department of Management Services for Emergency Services to Upgrade Routing Functions and Increase Redundancy to 911 System for Hernando County Sheriff's Office**

**Grant Agreement with State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Private Package Plant Connections Project for Utilities Department and Associated Budget Resolution**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Professional Services Procurement Certification With Florida Department of Environmental Protection DWRA Grant Programs for Septic to Sewer Conversion, District A Project Engineering Services**

**Ratification of Donation Agreements Through County Travel Trailer Units Program for Disaster Housing Relief**

**Request for Easement Estoppel Certificate From Patrick G. Bryant, Esq. on Behalf of Grande Senior Living, LLC, in Connection With Reciprocal Easement Agreement for Property Located at 725 Desoto Avenue in Brooksville**

**Revocable License Agreement With Minnow Creek Conservancy, Inc., for Shoreline Stabilization and Natural Walking Path Enhancement Improvement Projects Located at Jenkins Creek Park and Linda Pedersen Park**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

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

**Satisfaction of Interim Disposal Special Assessment Liens for Bunde Development Real Estate, LLC, and Daniel James Thurman and Lai Yang**

**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. G-1, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-7 and G-8.

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

**Grant Agreement with State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Private Package Plant Connections Project for Utilities Department and Associated Budget Resolution**

**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. G-2 (Budget Resolution No. 2026-103).

<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

**Revocable License Agreement With Minnow Creek Conservancy, Inc., for Shoreline Stabilization and Natural Walking Path Enhancement Improvement Projects Located at Jenkins Creek Park and Linda Pedersen Park**

**Motion**

To approve Consent Agenda Item No. G-6.

<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

## CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

**Transmittal of Letter From Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Supporting Relocation/Reuse of Swim Platform Located Adjacent to Linda Pedersen Park at Jenkins Creek Spring**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

### Ex Parte Communications

Comm. Allocco announced that he had had no ex parte communications concerning the quasi-judicial petition being considered at this meeting.

Chairman Campbell and Comms. Amsler, Champion and Hawkins announced the ex parte communications that they had had concerning the quasi-judicial petition being considered at this meeting.

County Attorney Jon Jouben advised the Commissioners that any ex parte communications, however received, could play no part in their deliberations.

### Adoption of Informational Packet

The Agenda packet that was submitted to the Board included written information regarding the cases to be considered which needed to be accepted into evidence for the hearings.

The staff recommended that the Board accept the Agenda packet, including the staff reports, into evidence as if read aloud in their entirety.

### Motion

To approve.

<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

**Request Submitted by William J. Callahan, Jr., and Michelle Callahan for Appeal of Administrative Official's Variance Denial for Property Located at 11348 Newington Avenue**

There was no public input.

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion:

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

Comm. Amsler restated the Motion as follows:

**Restated Motion**

To approve the variance with all permits from the County and within regulations.

Comm. Champion confirmed his second on the Motion.

Comm. Amsler restated the Motion as follows:

**Restated Motion**

To approve with conditions as presented by staff (Resolution No. 2026-104).

(Note: The Motion pertained to Performance Condition Nos. 1 and 2 as detailed in the staff report.)

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

**Petition Submitted by Travis Gondek and Mindy Michelle Gondek for Hardship Relief From Subdivision Regulations for Property Located on Spike Road**

There was no public input.

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-105).

<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

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN**

**Appointment of Margaret Ann Bloomquist as Member to Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

<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

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

**Amendment No. 8 Contract With Tyler Technologies, Inc., for Addition of Public Sector and Education Administration Software Solutions With Related Services for Utilities Department Billing Software (Contract No. 25-P0191C; Amount: \$1,045,170.00)**

**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

**Award of Construction Contract to Firm Foundations Asphalt and Concrete, LLC, for County Administration Office Building Parking Lot Restoration Project (Amount: \$235,097.30)**

**Award of Construction Contract to Bandes Construction Company, Inc., for Fire Station No. 15 Construction Project (Contract No. 26-C01265; Amount: \$6,511,800.00)**

This item was pulled and voted on separately.

**Award of Contract and Professional Services Agreement With Ayres Associates, Inc., for Barclay Avenue Roadway Improvement Design Project From Powell Road to Lucky Lane and Associated Budget Amendment (Contract No. 25-RFQ01076/FH; Amount: \$6,414,280.58)**

Comm. Hawkins made the following Motion:

**Motion**

To approve Item Nos. K-2 through K-4.

Comm. Allocco seconded the Motion.

Comm. Hawkins amended his Motion as follows:

**Amendment to Motion**

To approve Item Nos. K-2 and K-4.

Comm. Allocco rescinded his second on the Motion.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

<p><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</p>
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**Award of Construction Contract to Bandes Construction Company, Inc., for Fire Station No. 15 Construction Project (Contract No. 26-C01265; Amount: \$6,511,800.00)**

**Motion**

To approve staff recommendation.

<p><b>RESULT:</b>      <b>ADOPTED</b>  <b>MOVER:</b>        Brian Hawkins  <b>SECONDER:</b>   John Allocco  <b>AYES:</b>          Campbell, Amsler, Allocco and Hawkins  <b>NAYES:</b>        Champion</p>
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**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF PAUL HASENMEIER**

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

**Motion**

To rescind the burn ban (Resolution No. 2026-106).

<p><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</p>
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There was Board consensus to direct County Attorney Jon Jouben to research options for billing a developer for Hernando County Fire Rescue services rendered during a county burn ban, and to bring them back to the Board for a discussion on a future Agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING**

**Letter of Understanding With Florida Department of Transportation and Pasco County for County Line Road Widening Project Located East of Mariner Boulevard to West of Suncoast Parkway a/k/a State Road 589**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

**TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR DARLENE LOLLIE**

**Public Transportation Grant Agreements With Florida Department of Transportation for State Block Grant and Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Funding for FY 2026 and Associated Resolution**

**Motion**

To approve the staff recommendation (Budget Resolution No. 2026-107).

<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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**

**Appointment of Member to Waterways Advisory Committee Until December 31, 2030**

**Motion**

To appoint Megan Champagne.

<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

**Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board commented on various issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.