



Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

May 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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
Omar DePablo	Development Services Director
Scott Herring	Public Works Director
Dominique Holmes	Director of Communications & Government Affairs
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Kristian Sloan	Deputy Fire Chief
Paige Jefferys	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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no Elected Officials' comments.

COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Proclaiming Hernando County to be Recognized as a “BACK THE BLUE” County in Support of All Law Enforcement

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-092).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 10, 2026, Through May 16, 2026, as National Hospital Week

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-093).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 17, 2026, Through May 23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-094).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 20, 2026, as Florida Emancipation Day

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-095).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 21, 2026, as Stop the Bleed Day

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-096).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis a/k/a ALS Awareness Month

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-097).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as Beef Month

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-098).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as National Treatment Court Month

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-099).

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

Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as Water Safety Month

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-100).

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens commented on various topics and issues.

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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.

Comm. Hawkins made the following Motion:

Motion

To rehear the special exception request (SE2606)

(Note: The Motion pertained to a request for appeal to the decision made by the Planning and Zoning Commission denying the request for a Special Exception Use Permit for a Place of Assembly; namely, a Venue for Special Events by Old Florida Forever, LLC, Joseph Conrad. This item will be brought back to the Board at the first available public hearing.)

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

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

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF KRISTIAN SLOANE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Affiliation Agreement With First Response Training Group, LLC, for Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Educational Field Experience Program for Hernando County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services

Memorandum of Agreement for Use of WeatherSTEM Stations Between Florida Division of Emergency Management and Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

Memorandum of Understanding With Florida Division of Emergency Management for Elevate Florida Grant Program

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

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

Satisfaction of Mortgage for Freddie Johnson Through Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program

Various satisfactions of Second Mortgages Through State Housing Initiative Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program

Acceptance of Perpetual Utility Easement From 4685 Mazco, LLC, With Hernando County Water and Sewer District for Property Located at 4685 Commercial Way, Regency Oaks Commercial Subdivision

Motion

To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Notice of Purchasing Policy Exceptions for April 2026

Transmittal of Minutes From Delegation on Government Efficiency a/k/a DOGE Committee Meetings of February 2026

Transmittal of Minutes From Library Advisory Committee Meeting of March 10, 2026

Transmittal of Minutes From Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of March 9, 2026

Weeki Wachee River Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Restoration Project Maintenance Report for Month Nine

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES CARLA ROSSITER-SMITH

Award of Term Contract to American Standard Landscaping, LLC, for Mowing Services for Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport (Amount: \$134,820.00)

Addition of Contingency Funding and Change Order No. 4 Due to Delay In Implementation of Payroll Services With Tyler Technologies, Inc., For Public Sector and Education Administration Software Solutions With Related Services for Dedicated Project Manager Services and Remote Implementation (Contract No. 25-P0191C; Change Order Amount: \$738,400.00)

Utilization of Lake County Contract With Aero Groundtek, LLC, for Roadside Mowing and Litter Removal Services for Hernando County Department of Public Works (Contract No. 26-P01316; Amount: \$685,800.00)

Utilization of Sourcewell Contract With SHI International Corp., for Technology Products and Services for Development Services: Building Department, Planning Department and Zoning Department (Amount: \$180,677.25)

Motion

To approve Item Nos. J-1 through J-4.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY JON JOUBEN

Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Requested by Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed for Provision of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Helicopter and Ground Ambulance Transport Services

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation.

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

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DOMINIQUE HOLMES

Legislative Priorities Requests for 2027-2028 State Legislative Session

Chairman Campbell requested Board consensus to move Item No. N-1 [Appointment of Member and Two Alternates to 2026 Canvassing Board] up on the Agenda to be heard after public comment on this Item No. L.

The Board concurred.

There was Board consensus to remove Item No. 5 [Canvassing Board Membership Reform] from the Proposed Legislative Priorities Request.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS

Appointment of Member and Two Alternates to 2026 Canvassing Board

Motion

To appoint Doug Chorvat as member to canvassing board and to appoint two alternates, John Mitten and Amy Blackburn.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SCOTT HERRING

Resolution to Adopt Special Assessment Rate for Rainbow Woods Traffic Calming Municipal Service Benefit Unit

Motion

To approve the staff recommendation (Resolution No. 2026-101).

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**Appointment of Member and Two Alternates to 2026 Canvassing Board**

This Item No. N-1 was moved up and heard earlier on the Agenda after Item No. L [Director of Communications and Government Affairs Dominique Holmes].

Update Regarding Ongoing Board Directives

There was Board consensus to add directives for consideration for both mobility fees and a possible gun range to be located in the county.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board commented on various issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.