



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Citrus County Courthouse
110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100
Inverness, FL 34450**

MINUTES

February 11, 2025 - 1:00 PM

**Rebecca Bays, Chairman, District 4
Diana Finegan, 1st Vice Chair, District 2
Janet Barek, 2nd Vice Chair, District 3
Jeff Kinnard D.C., Commissioner, District 1
Holly L. Davis, Commissioner, District 5**

**Steve L. Howard, County Administrator
Denise A. Dymond Lyn, County Attorney
Traci Perry, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller**

A. CALL TO ORDER

February 11, 2025 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

A.1. Invocation

Pastor Darrell Reneau, from Cornerstone Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Craig Zacke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A.3. Roll Call

Present: Holly L. Davis, Rebecca Bays, Jeff Kinnard D.C., Diana Finegan, Janet Barek, County Administrator Steve Howard, County Attorney Denise Lyn, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry, Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger, Deputy Clerk Ashlyn Russ

Absent: None

A.4. Approval of Agenda

County Administrator Steve Howard requested the addition of item C3, pulled the Utilities Balance Transfer from item E2, submitted additional information for items G1, H4, K1, and M1, and pulled item E11.

Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of item C3, deletion of one sub item on item E2, correction of item G1, and additional back-up for items H4, K1, and E11.

RESULT: Adopted

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MOVER: Holly L. Davis
SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

Following this item, Chair Rebecca Bays requested a moment of silence in acknowledgement of the passing away of Senator Massullo's wife, "Patty".

B. CONSENT

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety,

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

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B.1. Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

Approve the following minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:

January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

January 21, 2025 Strategic Planning Retreat

January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

Administration

No items.

Attorneys Office

No items.

Clerk

B.2. Public Official Bond for Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Approve and authorize the Chairman and the Commissioners to execute the Public Official Bond submitted by Traci Perry, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

B.3. Citrus County Mosquito Control District Board Dates

Acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the Citrus County Mosquito Control District regarding board dates.

B.4. State of Florida Auditor General Report No. 2025-084 January 2025

Acknowledge receipt of the Operational Audit Report No. 2025-084 dated January 2025 from the State of Florida Auditor General regarding the Citrus County District School Board.

B.5. 2024-06 Fleet Management/NAPA Billing Follow-up Audit

Receipt and Acknowledgement of the 2024-06 Fleet Management/NAPA Billing Follow-up Audit.

The Final Report will be available for public view on the Clerk's Website upon approval by the Board.

B.6. External Auditor Engagement Letter and Extension

Approve the engagement letter with Forvis Mazars for audit services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with the option to renew for five additional one-year terms. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Audit Engagement Letter.

Community Services

B.7. SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan 2025-2028

a. Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution adopting the Citrus County 2025-2028 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan.

b. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (**Eric Head, Community Services Director**)

Resolution Number 2025-010

Fire Services

B.8. Deletion of Surplus Property

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Approve deletion of the following items from the inventory of Fire Rescue and the removal of same items from the county's capital asset listing:

Asset #55867 - Stryker Stretcher; Asset #55871 - Stryker Stretcher; Asset #55873 - Stryker Stretcher; Asset #55874 - Stryker Stretcher; Asset #55875 - Stryker Stretcher; Asset #55876 - Stryker Stretcher (**Craig Stevens, Fire Chief**)

Human Resources

No items.

Management and Budget

No items.

Growth Management

No items.

Public Works

B.9. Wright Tree Service, Inc. Security Bond Verification Certificate for Bond No. 107771888

Authorize Chairman to accept the Verification Certificate for Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Bond No. 107771888 extending the period to January 23, 2026, in reference to Wright Tree Service, Inc.'s Waste Disposal Account Agreement dated April 25, 2023. (**Carlton Hall, Interim Public Works Director**)

B.10. Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. Security Bond Continuation Certificate for Bond No. EACX4018551

Authorize Chairman to accept the Continuation Certificate for Endurance Assurance Corporation Bond No. EACX4018551 extending the period to January 13, 2026, in reference to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.'s Waste Disposal Account Agreement dated July 9, 2024. (**Carlton Hall, Interim Director Public Works**)

B.11. Acknowledgment T-Hangar Lease Renewals – Troy Colson, CGC 1-D / Buy Fly Sell (Snyder) CGC 1-J & Scott Buell, KINF 1-C

Staff requests that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the attached, executed T-Hangar Lease Agreement(s) for CGC 1-D with Troy

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Colson, CGC 1-J, Buy Fly Sell, Donald Snyder, and KINF 1-C, Scott Buell.
(Carlton Hall, Interim Public Works Director)

Systems Management

No items.

Visitors and Convention Bureau

No items.

Water Resources

B.12. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - BEDENBAUGH

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release and Satisfaction of Lien filed by and on behalf of the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Water and Wastewater Utility Services against property owned by Clyde Bedenbaugh.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release and Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

Set Public Hearings Workshops

No items.

C. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan made a motion to approve items C1 through 3, which was seconded by Second Vice Chair Janet Barek.

Board discussion ensued.

Second Vice Chair Janet Barek rescinded the second, the motion died for lack of a second.

C.1. Proclamation - American Freedom Canal

Approve a proclamation by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners recognizing the segment of the Cross Florida Barge Canal within the jurisdictional boundaries of Citrus County as the "American Freedom Canal."

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. commented, followed by Board discussion.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. made a motion to deny item C1 and direct staff to come back with some ideas and was seconded by Commissioner Holly Davis.

Board discussion ensued with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and County Administrator Steve Howard.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the motion.

The motion was rescinded by Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. and the second was rescinded by Commissioner Holly Davis.

There was no action taken on this item.

C.2. Proclamation Black History Month

Approve the Board to proclaim February, 2025, as Black History Month in Citrus County, Florida.

Motion to approve item C2.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

C.3. Recognizing February 11, 2025, as "211 Day"

Approve the Board to proclaim February 11, 2025, as "211 Day" in Citrus County, Florida.

Motion to approve item C3.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

This item was received after the agenda was published.

[Additional Item C3](#)

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

Alexander Alt, with Realtors Association of Citrus County and Chairman of the Legislative and Key Contact Committee

Max Schulman

Brian Snapp

Demetrius Branca

Chris Peterson, from Fortified Financial

Rachel Hobbs, with Home Run Financing

Mark Scheffel, with Ygrene Energy Fund Florida

Matthew Choy, with Renewed Financial

Don Taylor, representing Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. responded to comments from Mr. Branca.

[Additional Information for Item D - Submitted by Alexander Alt](#)

[Public Speaker Forms for Item D](#)

E. REGULAR BUSINESS

E.1. Bids

Motion to approve items E1a through I.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Janet Barek

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

E.1.a. PB 25-032 Clay County, Florida Request for Bid RFB No. 23/24-074; Various Equipment and Amenities for Parks and Recreation; Multiple Awarded

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and 360 Recreation, LLC; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Bliss Products and Services, Inc; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, Inc; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Industrial Shadeports, Inc.; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Kompan, Inc.; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Lanier Plans Inc. d/b/a KorKat; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and M. Gay Constructors, Inc; and the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Playmore West, Inc for various equipment and amenities for Parks and Recreation on an as-needed basis. **(Eric Head, Director of Community Services)**

E.1.b. QTE 25-057 Re-Bid Mowing Services for Citrus County Properties Zone 3; J & K Lawncare Specialists LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and J & K Lawncare Specialists LLC to provide mowing, trimming, weeding, edging, and litter pickup for Citrus County parks and properties in Zone 3 for an annual amount of \$15,300. **(Eric Head, Director of Community Services Department)**

E.1.c. ITB 23-014 Amendment No. 1; Mowing, Trimming, Edging and Clean-up Along the Suncoast Parkway Trail from US98 to SR44; Integrity Site Development, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Integrity Site Development, Inc., to extend the duration of the Agreement to February 27, 2026. There is no cost increase associated with this Amendment. **(Eric Head, Director of Community Services)**

E.1.d. ITB 23-002 Amendment No. 3; Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer Construction Project; Commercial Industrial Corp.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Commercial Industrial Corp., extending the time for final completion to May 29, 2025, no additional cost associated with this Amendment. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Director of Water Resources)**

E.1.e. ITB 23-114 Amendment No. 4; Bicentennial Park Sewer Improvement Project; Daly & Zilch (Florida), Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Daly & Zilch (Florida), Inc., extending the time for final completion to February 26, 2025, due to delays with Duke Energy in scheduling the disconnect/reconnect of electric service to the pool building. There is no additional cost associated with this Amendment. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Director of Water Resources)**

E.1.f. ITB 25-042 Traffic Signal Emergency/Planned Repair and Install; TransCore ITS, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and TransCore ITS, LLC to provide services for traffic and other

signals, planned and emergency repair and installations on an as-needed basis.
(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)

**E.1.g. PB 25-040 Florida Sheriffs Association Contract FSA23-EQU21.0:
Equipment; Humdinger Equipment LTD**

- a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Humdinger Equipment LTD for the purchase of a 2024 TANA H555 Landfill Compactor from National Equipment Dealers, LLC, the Authorized Dealer, The total of \$1,364,071.93 (including the three-year Warranty) plus the three-year service Maintenance Agreement.
- b. Approve Related Budget Transfer **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)**

E.1.h. ITB 24-134 Notice of Termination; Contract Mowing District 11; Gilmer Lawn Service, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Notice of Termination between Citrus County, Florida and Gilmer Lawn Service, Inc. to terminate the Agreement as of March 13, 2025. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)**

E.1.i. ITB 20-025 Notice of Termination; Mowing Right of Way Districts 1-7, 8a & 13; Gilmer Lawn Service, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Notice of Termination between Citrus County, Florida and Gilmer Lawn Service, Inc. to terminate the Agreement as of March 13, 2025. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)**

E.1.j. RFQ 21-095 Work Authorization; Continuing Contract for Professional Engineering Services; Tierra, Inc.

- a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute a Work Authorization to Tierra, Inc. to provide CEI services for Stormwater for FY 24/25. The estimated total is \$172,640, funded by Stormwater MSBU.
- b. Approve the related Budget Transfer in the amount of \$172,640. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)**

E.1.k. ITB 24-035 Amendment No. 1; Ozello Bridges Construction/Repair Project; Titan Construction Management LLC

- a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Titan Construction Management

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LLC, extending the time for final completion to July 25, 2025.

b. Approve the related Budget Transfer in the amount of \$323,200. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director of Public Works)**

E.1.I. ITB 25-052 RE-BID Sod & Sodding; AP Sod Service LLC and Megascapes Landscape Services, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and AP Sod Service LLC, and between Citrus County, Florida and Megascapes Landscape Services, Inc., to furnish and/or place sod on an as-needed basis. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Public Works Director)**

E.2. Budget Transfers

Approve the budget transfers for the Facilities (2), Housing (2), Utilities, Road Impact Fees Districts A, B, & C and General Government Vehicle Trust, for fiscal year 2024-2025. **(Erin Dohren, Director, Management & Budget)**

Motion to approve item E2.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

[Additional Information for Item E2](#)

E.3. Budget Resolutions

Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution adopting/amending Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant, the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program grant (EHEAP), the Transportation Block grant, the Citrus Opioid MOU, the Florida Department of Commerce grant, the Florida Department of Economic Development grant, the State of Florida Department of Commerce grant, the Older American's act - Tittle III B grant, the Older American's Act – Title III C-1 grant, the Older American's Act – Title III C-2 grant, and the Older American's Act – Title III E grant budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025. **(Erin Dohren, Director Management & Budget)**

Motion to approve item E3.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-011

E.4. Crystal River Airport - Airport Geographic Information System (AGIS) Survey

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA G3702 in the amount of \$117,089, with funding contributions from the FAA (\$105,380 or 90.0%), FDOT (\$9,367 or 8.0%), and Citrus County (\$2,342 or 2.0%) for the AGIS Survey project at Crystal River - Captain Tom Davis Field.
- b. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Acceptance Resolution included in the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA G3702 “Exhibit D.”
- c. Approve the associated budget transfer for this AGIS project at Crystal River - Captain Tom Davis Field. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director Public Works)**

Motion to approve item E4a, b, and c.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-012

E.5. Inverness Airport - Update Master Plan

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA 3281 in the amount of \$491,761, with funding contributions from the FAA (\$442,585 or 90.0%), FDOT (\$39,341 or 8.0%), and Citrus County (\$9,835 or 2.0%) for the Airport Master Plan Update project at Inverness Airport.
- b. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Acceptance Resolution included in the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA 3281 “Exhibit D.” **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director Public Works)**

Motion to approve item E5a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-013

E.6. Inverness Airport - Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Rehabilitation

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA G3703 in the amount of \$164,205, with funding contributions from the

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FAA (\$147,785 or 90.0%), FDOT (\$13,136 or 8.0%), and Citrus County (\$3,284 or 2.0%) for the AWOS Replacement project at Inverness Airport.

b. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Acceptance Resolution included in the FDOT Grant Contract – PTGA G3703 'Exhibit D' (**Carlton Hall, Interim Director Public Works**)

Motion to approve item E6a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-014

E.7. TDC Request for Unbudgeted Out-of-State Travel Requests

a. Approval for 1 additional individual to attend the Brand USA IPW from June 14-18, 2025.

b. Approval for 2 additional individuals to attend the Destinations International Annual Conference from July 9-11, 2025.

c. Approval for 2 additional individuals to attend the Travel & Adventure Show Mar 22-23, 2024 *and* Mar 29-30, 2025.

d. Approval for 1 individual to attend the FL Golf Alliance Show from Mar 7-9, 2025.

e. Approval for 2 individuals to attend Zarticon from May 12-14, 2025.

f. Approve related budget transfer from Special Projects in the amount of \$16,850. (**Auvis Cole, Tourism Director**)

Motion to approve item E7a, b, c, d, e, and f.

Second Vice Chair Janet Barek commented prior to the vote.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

E.8. CoreCivic Non-performance assessment, staffing levels contract amendment negotiation

Vote of the Board to pause the non-performance assessment against CoreCivic's invoice, while negotiating an amendment to the contract, concerning staffing levels. (**Joseph Whittick, Contract Monitor**)

Motion to deny item E8.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Janet Barek
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

E.9. Assignment of Developer's Utility Pre-paid Credits

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to acknowledge receipt of this assignment from Lecanto Investments, Inc to Dix Development, LLC, as shown in Exhibit "A".

b. Approve and authorize the Clerk to place an acceptance stamp on the assignment and record in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

Motion to approve item E9a and b.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Janet Barek
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

E.10. Letter of Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. DBA Clear Health Alliance

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Letter of Agreement by and between Citrus County, Florida and Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. DBA Clear Health Alliance. **(Craig Stevens, Fire Chief)**

Motion to approve item E10.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

E.11. Letter of Support for YMCA Senior and Family Activities Expansion Project

Approve and Authorize the Board to provide a letter of support for the YMCA Senior and Family Activities Expansion Project to Senator Ingoglia and Representative Grow for additional funding request. **(James Toy, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager)**

This item was pulled during the meeting.

E.12. Request from the City of Crystal River for letters of support for the City's Legislative Priorities

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Approve and Authorize the Board to provide letters of support to the City of Crystal River on the Legislative priorities funding requests for:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- b. Hunter Springs Beach Restoration
- c. Expansion/ Improvement of existing vessel launch facilities (**James Toy, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager**)

Motion to approve item E12a, b, and c.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

E.13. Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

Provide consensus on Local Government Infrastructure Surtax and direct staff to begin development of next steps and timeline for creating a draft resolution. (**James Toy, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager**)

Motion to approve item E13.

Intergovernmental Affairs Manager James Toy addressed the Board with an overview and responded to questions from the Board prior to the vote.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

F. OUTSTANDING COMMISSION ITEMS

Special Projects Manager Veronica Kampshroer provided the updates and responded to questions from the Board.

G. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - STEVE L. HOWARD

G.1. Confirmation of Public Works Director, County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineer

- a. Confirmation of the appointment of Carlton Hall as the Public Works Director effective February 11, 2025.
- b. Confirmation of the appointment of Ken Cheek, Public Works Director, as the County Engineer effective February 11, 2025.

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- c. Confirmation of the appointment of Cory Dilmore, Utility Planning and Engineering Division Director, as the Assistant County Engineer effective February 11, 2025.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation.

Chair Rebecca Bays acknowledged the Water Resources Director Ken Cheek and Public Works Director Carlton Hall. Mr. Howard introduced the Utility Planning and Engineer Director Cory Dilmore to the Board.

Motion to approve item G1a, b, and c.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the motion.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Rebecca Bays
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

[Additional Information for Item G1](#)

H. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

H.1. 1:05 p.m. Capital Project Update

Informational purposes only.

Management and Budget Director Erin Dohren provided the presentation and Community Services Director Eric Head, County Administrator Steve Howard, Public Works Director Carlton Hall, and Ms. Dohren responded to questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion.

There was no action taken on this item.

[Item H1 PowerPoint](#)

H.2. 1:15 P.M. Elevate Florida - Flood Mitigation Program Information

Staff will provide an update on program implementation in Citrus County. Informational only. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director; Michelle Alford, Housing Services Director)**

Housing Services Director Michelle Alford provided the presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioner Diana Finegan recognized Ms. Alford and staff.

There was no action taken on this item.

Item H2 PowerPoint

H.3. 1:35 pm - Plat Vacation PV-2024-00003 Huchro

- a. Conduct a public hearing for PV-2024-00003, Huchro.
- b. If approved, authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the resolution for PV-2024-00003, and the clerk to record the resolution in the public records. **(Eric Landon, Growth Management)**

Growth Management Deputy Director Joanna Coutu provided the staff presentation.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to approve PV-2024-00003 Huchro.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

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Item H3 - Proof of Publication

Item H3 PowerPoint

H.4. 1:48 p.m. Public Hearing - Northwest Quadrant Water Main Assessment Correction

- a. Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments to correct inaccuracies existing in the Northwest Quadrant Water Main Assessment Area Assessment Roll, confirmed and adopted July 23, 2024, by Resolution 2024-065.
- b. Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution to correct the inaccuracies existing in the assessment roll related to the Northwest Quadrant Water Main Assessment Area adopting and certifying a non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes as it pertains to the addition, removal & adjusting of ERUS for properties shown in Exhibits "A", "B" & "C" of the attached resolution and provide an effective date.
- c. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to adjust the special assessment billing program as directed by the attached Resolution and record the Resolution in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

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Water Resources Director Ken Cheek provided the recommendation.

Citizens Kwame Chisolm, Kay Hopkins Thompson, Arelia Parker, Betty Beeler, Dr. Kentaya Beeler, and Al Hopkins commented.

Board discussion ensued with Mr. Cheek and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn.

Motion to approve item H4b and c.

Commissioner Holly Davis and Chair Rebecca Bays commented prior to the vote.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

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[Additional Information for Item H4](#)

[Public Speaker Forms for Item H4](#)

I. ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

I.1. Planning and Development Commission (PDC) - select 1 alternate member and clarify recent regular member appointments

- a. Nominate and Appoint one alternate member for a term on the Planning and Development Commission with an expiration date of 1/31/29.
- b. Specify which two recently appointed regular members were selected for expiring terms with new expiration dates of 1/31/29, and which recently appointed regular member was selected for an unexpired term with an expiration date of 1/31/27. **(Joanna Coutu, Director of Land Development, Growth Management)**

Motion to appoint Janis Murphy as an alternate member to the Planning and Development Council, select Richard Barmes for the term to expire on 1/31/2027, and select Stuart Bozeman and Jenette Collins for the terms to expire on 1/31/2029.

Board discussion ensued prior to the vote.

RESULT: Adopted

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SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

I.2. Nominate and appointment 3 individuals to the Beverly Hills Advisory Board as regular members to fill the two-year positions that will expire on January 31st, 2027.

Nominate and appoint three (3) individuals to the Beverly Hills Advisory Board as regular members to fill the two-year positions that will expire on January 31st, 2027. **(Carlton Hall, Interim Director Public Works)**

Motion to nominate and appoint Bonnie Larsen Schaefer and Michael Belkin and re-appoint Richard Fontaine to the Beverly Hills Advisory Board.

Citizen Janice Smith commented.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Janet Barek
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

J. COMMISSIONER HOLLY L. DAVIS - DISTRICT 5

Commissioner Holly Davis provided an update on the Medical Examiner's Board.

K. COMMISSIONER JEFF KINNARD D.C. - DISTRICT 1

K.1. Rescinding PACE “Property Assessed Clean Energy” Resolution

Motion and vote to direct staff to bring documentation to our next meeting to rescind our 2018 Resolution along with termination letters for the Chair’s signature terminating our participation in the four (4) Interlocal Agreements.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. provided the recommendation.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. made a motion to direct staff to rescind the 2018 Resolution and terminate this program in Citrus County, motion died for lack of a second.

Board discussion ensued.

Chris Peterson, with Fortified Financial, responded to questions from the Board.

There was no action taken on this item.

[Additional Information for Item K1](#)

[Public Speaker Form for Item K1](#)

L. 2nd VICE CHAIR JANET BAREK- DISTRICT 3

L.1. Riverview Club House Citrus Springs

Consensus from the Board to direct staff to acquire two (2) appraisals for the Riverview Club House, Citrus Springs, located at 561 W. Withlacoochee Trail, Citrus Springs, Florida.

Second Vice Chair Janet Barek provided the recommendation.

Board discussion ensued with County Administrator Steve Howard.

There was no action taken on this item.

M. 1ST VICE CHAIR DIANA FINEGAN - DISTRICT 2

M.1. Reducing building permit fees and waiving customer deposits for grant funded Septic to Sewer project properties

- a. Motion and vote to reduce the permit fees and to waive the additional customer deposit for those customers current on their existing water accounts for those properties that will be connecting to our system because of a grant funded septic to sewer project.
- b. Direct staff to bring back a resolution amending our current Building Permit Fee Schedule consistent with our discussion.
- c. Motion and vote to give clear direction to staff regarding Septic to Sewer grants. Staff will apply for grants for the full amount of the projects and connection fees when allowable and feasible.

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan provided the recommendation.

Motion to approve item M1a, b, and c.

Water Resources Director Ken Cheek responded to questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion with Mr. Cheek and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn.

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The motion was amended to remove "reduce permit fees" from a and add "direction to staff to take a look at making the proposed fees zero for only the grant funded Septic to Sewer projects" to b.

Citizen Carl Puylara, Jr. commented.

Commissioner Holly Davis commented prior to the vote.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Janet Barek
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

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N. CHAIR REBECCA BAYS - DISTRICT 4

No items.

O. COUNTY ATTORNEY DENISE A. DYMOND LYN

O.1. Attorney/Client Session – Southwest Florida Water Management District v. Citrus County, Florida (Case No: 2023 CA 000135)

Approval to set an Attorney/Client Session on February 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the matter styled Southwest Florida Water Management District v. Citrus County, Florida (Case No: 2023 CA 000135)

Motion to approve item O1.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

P. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no citizen comments.

Q. ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Q.1. Announce Vacancies - Citrus County Veterans Services Advisory Board

Announce the terms of three (3) positions, and the taking of applications. The terms will be for two years, which begin on April 1, 2025, and will end on March 31, 2027. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director, Philip Watson, Veterans Service Officer Manager)**

Executive Assistant to the Board Cheryl Stanton provided the announcement.

R. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, February 25, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Regular Meeting, March 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Regular Meeting, March 25, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

S. UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Legislative Planning Retreat: August 14, 2025, at 9:00AM, Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path Lecanto, FL 34461, Room 166

T. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk's Note: The meeting was in recess from 5:46 PM to 5:51 PM.

T.1. 5:01 pm PUD2790 James Hartley, Esq. for Jump Station Sales, LLC

- a. Conduct a public hearing on February 11, 2025, at 5:01 pm to consider application PUD2790, James Hartley, Esq. for Jump Station Sales, LLC.
- b. If approved, direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the ordinance for PUD2790,

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James Hartley, Esq. for Jump Station Sales, LLC. (**Eric Landon, Growth Management Director**)

County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn read the proposed ordinance title into the record and polled the Board for ex parte communications.

James Hartley, from Gooding & Batsel, and Kenneth Ward, from Burrell Engineering, provided the applicant information and responded to questions from the Board.

Land Development Planner Kelli Caudill provided the staff presentation.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to approve PUD2790, James Hartley, Esq. for Jump Station Sales, LLC, with the suggested conditions, except eliminating the cross access.

Board discussion ensued prior to the vote.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

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U. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

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