



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

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

MINUTES

April 8, 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

April 8, 2025 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

A.1. Invocation

Church and District Lay Leader, Pastor Greg Shaarda, from the Inverness First United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Lambert 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, Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger, Deputy Clerk Kristi Hugar

Absent: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry

A.4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Rebecca Bays requested the addition of item G2 and to move item N1 up to after the last time-certain of item H3.

County Administrator Steve Howard provided information for item G2.

Motion to approve the Agenda, with the addition of item G2 and to move item N1.

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan and Second Vice Chair Janet Barek commented

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

regarding item N1.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan
NAY: Barek

B. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

Motion to approve items B1 through 4.

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

B.1. Proclamation -- Gopher Tortoise Day

Approve and Authorize the Board to recognize April 10, 2025, as Gopher Tortise Day. **(Judy Boden, Athena Philips, Citrus Chapter of FNPS)**

B.2. Proclamation -- April is Water Conservation Month

Approve and authorize the Board to execute a Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Water Conservation Month in Citrus County. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

B.3. Proclamation - National Library Week

Approve and authorize the Board to execute a proclamation declaring April 6 through April 12, 2025, as "National Library Week" in Citrus County. **Eric Head, Community Services Director/ Adam Chang, Library Director)**

B.4. Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Approve and authorize the Board to proclaim the week of April 13–19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Citrus County, Florida. **(Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Director Dave DeCarlo).**

C. CONSENT

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Minutes

C.1. Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

Approve the following minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:

March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting

March 25, 2025 Interactive Growth Model Retreat

Administration

No items.

Attorneys Office

No items.

Clerk

C.2. Clerk IT Equipment for Disposal

Approve and authorize removal of obsolete asset 1508, Barracuda Web Filter 410.

C.3. Release of Special Assessment

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Release of Lien for Special Assessments by and between Citrus County and certain property owners 2018 Citrus Springs Waterlines, 2020 Citrus Springs Waterlines, 2020 Limerock Road Paving & 2023 Citrus Springs Waterlines special assessment district.

b. Authorize the Clerk to record the Releases of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida

C.4. State of Florida Auditor General Report No. 2025-137

Acknowledge receipt of Report No. 2025-137 dated March 2025 received from the State of Florida Auditor General regarding the Citrus County School Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

C.5. 2024-01A Cash Box Audits: BOCC

Receipt and Acknowledgment of the 2024-01A Cash Box Audits: BOCC. The final report will be available for public view on the Clerk's website upon acceptance by the Board.

C.6. Disposal of Surplus Property

Approve donation of the following item from the inventory of the Citrus County Health Department to the Daystar Life Center of Citrus County and the removal of the same item from the county's capital asset listing. Asset #55639 - Shower Trailer.

Community Services

C.7. Crystal River Little League, Inc. Agreement

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Youth Athletic Organization Agreement between Citrus County, and Crystal River Little League, Inc. for the 2025 season. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

C.8. Central Citrus Little League, Inc. Ageement

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Youth Athletic Organization Agreement between Citrus County, and Central Citrus Little League, Inc. for the 2025 season. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**.

C.9. Sun Coast Swim Team, Inc. Agreement

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Youth Athletic Organization Agreement between Citrus County, and Sun Coast Swim Team, Inc. for the 2025 season. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

C.10. Citrus County Transit Title VI Plan Update 2025

Approve and authorize the Chairman to adopt the Citrus County Transit 2024 Title VI Plan - 2025 Update. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Fire Services

No items.

Human Resources

No items.

Management and Budget

C.11. The Reallocation of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton HMGP Funds

Approve and authorize the Chairman the allocation of Hurricane Helene (DR-4828) and Hurricane Milton (DR-4834) funds to the Elevate Florida project. Including submission of the required LMS Letter. **(Erin Dohren, Management & Budget Director)**

Growth Management

No items.

Public Works

C.12. Asset Trade-In #55918 and 55919 Volvo L110H Wheel Loaders

Approve removal of the two Volvo L110H Wheeled Loaders asset # 55918 and asset #55919, from the County's capital asset listing. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

C.13. Webber Infrastructure (Ferrovial) Bond Continuation

Authorize chairman to accept Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Bond No. 285074253 extending the bond period to April 13, 2026, in reference to Webber Infrastructure (Ferrovial) Waste Disposal Account Agreement dated June 8th, 2020. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Systems Management

No items.

Visitors and Convention Bureau

No items.

Water Resources

C.14. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Joseph P Backes & Margaret Perreira

- 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 Joseph P Backes Jr & Margaret Perreira.
- 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)**

C.15. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Raymond A. and Marsha J. Runnels

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Raymond A. and Marsha J. Runnels.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.16. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Eugenia Outler Trustee

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Eugenia Outler Trustee.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.17. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Eric P & Julia M Swart

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Eric P & Julia M Swart.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.18. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Raymond & Kathy Helsell

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Raymond & Kathy Helsell.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.19. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Robert Glassburn

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Robert Glassburn.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.20. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Jacqueline Bilodeau

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Jacqueline Bilodeau.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

C.21. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Charlotte Foley

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Charlotte Foley.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & Satisfaction of Lien in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, Water Resources Director, Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

C.22. Release and Satisfaction of Lien Water and Wastewater Utility Services - Troy Thomas

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Release & 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 Troy Thomas.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to record Release & 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

C.23. Set a Public hearing for Section 5307 Capital FFY25 - Lapsing Funds FFY2020

Approve and authorize the setting of the public hearing for April 22, 2025, at 1:25 PM to obtain public input regarding the Program of Projects for Citrus County Transit FY25 grant application utilizing FFY2020 lapsing funds for the purchase of an 18-passenger bus for fleet expansion. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

*Dean Godfrey
Deb Spence*

[Public Speaker Forms for Item D](#)

E. REGULAR BUSINESS

E.1. Bids

Motion to approve items E1a through E1j.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Janet Barek

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.1.a. ITB 25-041 Tree Removal, Trimming, and Stump Grinding; Disaster Program & Operations, Inc.; Oscar Tree Services LLC; Tip Top Tree Experts, L.L.C.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Disaster Program & Operations, Inc., and between Citrus County, Florida, and Oscar Tree Services LLC, and between Citrus County, Florida, and Tip Top Tree Experts, L.L.C., to provide services for tree removal, trimming, and stump grinding for Specimen and Non-Specimen Trees on an as-needed basis. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.b. ITB 21-098 Amendment No. 1; Sell and Transportation of Scrap Metal at Central Landfill; Trademark Metals Recycling LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Trademark Metals Recycling LLC, to extend the duration of the Agreement to June 13, 2027 with no cost increase. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.c. ITB 23-051 Amendment No. 2; Citrus County Landfill Class I Phase 4A Expansion Project; T & K Construction, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and T & K Construction, LLC, extending the time for final completion to July 10, 2025. There is no additional cost associated with this Amendment. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.d. QTE 25-095 RE-BID Mowing Services for Citrus County Libraries; Schaeffers Commerical Landscaping & Hauling, LLC

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Schaeffers Commerical Landscaping & Hauling, LLC to provide finish mowing, trimming, weeding, edging, mulch maintenance, and litter pickup for Citrus County Libraries, at the cost of \$16,160. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

E.1.e. AGR 25-151 Vending Machine Services for County Owned Buildings; Atrato Vending LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Atrato Vending LLC to purchase, install, and service Vending Machines containing snacks and drinks in various County locations, at no cost to the County. **(Erin Dohren, Management & Budget Director)**

E.1.f. PB 25-061 RFB #2024-04 Stretchers and Power Cots; Stryker Sales, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Stryker Sales, LLC to purchase and service stretchers and power cots on an as-needed basis. **(Craig Stevens, Fire Chief of Fire Services)**

E.1.g. SGS 25-125 Purchase of a Centrifuge Planetary Gear Box; Alfa Laval, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chariman to execute an Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Alfa Laval, Inc. for the purchase of a centrifuge planetary gear box at the cost of \$44,614.23, including shipping. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Director of Water Resources)**

E.1.h. SGS 23-089 Amendment No. 2; Utility Billing and Customer Service; OPUS 21 Management Solutions, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and OPUS 21 Management Solutions, LLC to extend the duration of the Agreement to October 23, 2025, at no additional cost. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Director of Water Resources)**

E.1.i. ITB 25-075 Well Pump-Motor Repair and Replacement

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement between Citrus County, Florida and the Contractor listed on the Agreement to provide well pump-motor repair and replacement on an as-needed basis. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Director of Water Resources)**

E.1.j. SGS 25-137 Citrus County's Interactive Growth Model Maintenance and Support; Metro Forecasting Models, LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Metro Forecasting Models, LLC to provide necessary maintenance, ongoing support, and future enhancements to the Interactive Growth Model on an as needed basis. **(Steve Howard, County Administrator)**

E.2. Preliminary Budget Hearing Proposed Dates

Set the date and times for the Preliminary Budget Hearings for the Governing Body of the Special Library District, the Fire Protection Special District and the Board of County Commissioners. **(Erin Dohren, Management & Budget Director)**

Board discussion ensued.

Consensus of the Board was given to direct staff to keep the Preliminary Budget Hearings scheduled for July 23, 2025.

There was no action taken on this item.

E.3. Budget Transfers

Approve the budget transfers for the Inverness Airport, Crystal River Airport, Grounds Maintenance, Housing Services (2), Communication Services, Fire Rescue, Solid Waste Management, Veteran Services, Utilities (4) and Detention Services for fiscal year 2024-2025. **(Erin Dohren, Management & Budget Director)**

Motion to approve item E3.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.4. Budget Resolutions

Adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution adopting/amending the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) grant budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025. **(Erin Dohren, Management & Budget Director)**

Motion to approve item E4.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

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

Resolution Number 2025-025

E.5. Updated Interlocal Agreement with CareerSource Citrus/Levy/Marion

Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached Interlocal Agreement Amending the Citrus, Levy, Marion Workforce Consortium as Called for by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law No. 113-128. **(Steven Baham, Economic Development Director)**

Motion to approve item E5.

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

E.6. Proposed Cedar Lake Estates Watermain Extension Assessment Area

Approve and authorize staff to proceed with the construction process and implementation of an MSBU for the proposed Cedar Lake Estates Watermain Extension Assessment Area. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

Motion to approve item E6.

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

E.7. Release of Retainage ITB 24-088 Work Order# PR-3 (Citrus Springs MSBU Portion Only)

- a. Accept the completed Citrus Springs MSBU portion of the Project and acknowledge Pay App #6 Release of Retainage as the close-out for the Citrus Springs MSBU portion of Work Order No. PR-3.
- b. Approve the release of retainage and authorize the Clerk to release the MSBU retainage to the contractor, Pave-Rite, Inc. in the total amount of \$39,815.53.
- c. Return any encumbered Citrus Springs MSBU funds back to the appropriate accounts. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Motion to approve item E7a, b, and c.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.8. Sheffield Structures, Inc. Waste Disposal Account Agreement

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Waste Disposal Account Agreement between Citrus County and Sheffield Structures, Inc. for disposal fees up to \$2,000.00.

b. Approve termination of the existing Waste Disposal Account Agreement with Sheffield Structures, Inc. dated March 28, 2023, and transfer cash deposit to the new agreement. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Motion to approve item E8a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

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

NAY: None

E.9. Request for two additional staff for the Systems Management Department

a. Approve the request to add two (2) positions to the Department of Systems Management. Position one (1) is for a Network Administrator. Position two (2) is for a Cloud Administrator.

b. Approve related budget transfers. **(Louis Foltzer, Systems Management Director)**

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan made the motion to deny item E9, which was seconded by Second Vice Chair Janet Barek.

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan discussed the recommendation, followed by Board discussion with County Administrator Steve Howard and Chief Information Officer Louis Foltzer.

The motion was withdrawn by First Vice Chair Diana Finegan and Second Vice Chair Janet Barek.

Motion to table item E9.

At the request of the Board, County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn provided clarification prior to the vote.

RESULT: Tabled

MOVER: Diana Finegan

SECONDER: Janet Barek

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

NAY: None

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the motion.

E.10. TDC Request for WFLA Weather Camera

- a. Approve the additional fee of \$13,764 from Special Projects to reactivate and relocate the WFLA Weather Camera.
- b. Approve related budget transfer. **(Avis Cole, Tourism)**

Motion to approve item E10a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.11. TDC Request for Visit FL Canada Sales Mission - Out of Country Budgeted Travel

Approval for Terry Natwick, Marketing & Sales Manager, Visitors & Convention Bureau, to attend the Visit FL - Canada Sales Mission in Toronto & Ottawa from June 22-27, 2025. **(Avis Cole, Tourism)**

Motion to approve item E11.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Janet Barek

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

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

NAY: None

E.12. Utilize Budgeted Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Cash Match Funding

- a. Approve and authorize staff to utilize cash match funds totaling \$28,525 to cover program costs to complete the Extension and Progress Reporting for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Grant Year 2024 through June 8, 2025.
- b. Approve related budget resolution. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Motion to approve item E12a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Diana Finegan

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

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-026

E.13. Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Shirley Conroy Grant Rural Area Capital Assistance Grant Funding

- a. Authorize the Chairman, or 1st Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, to execute the resolution that grants Signature Authority to the Transit Services Director to sign and submit the application to the Florida Commission for the Shirley Conroy Grant for SFY2026 in the amount of \$288,045 with a required county match of \$32,005.
- b. The Chairman, or 1st Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida is authorized to sign the resulting contract with the Florida Commission for the Shirley Conroy Grant as required to obtain funding from the Florida Commission for the Shirley Conroy Grant for SFY2026, after review by the County Attorney.
- c. The Chairman, or 1st Vice Chairman, respectively, is authorized to sign and submit amendments to the application and/or executed contract, as necessary, after review by the County Attorney, without the need to bring the amendments before the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Motion to approve item E13a, b, and c.

RESULT: **Adopted**

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2025-027

F. OUTSTANDING COMMISSION ITEMS

Special Projects Manager Veronica Kampschroer provided the Outstanding List updates and responded to questions from the Board.

G. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - STEVE L. HOWARD

G.1. A Resolution expressing support for Ensuring Government Efficiency and Authorizing Collaboration with the Governmental Efficiency Team ("EOG DOGE")

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution in support of Ensuring Government Efficiency and authorize the collaboration with the Governmental Efficiency Team (EOG DOGE).

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation.

Motion to approve item G1.

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

Resolution Number 2025-028

G.2. 2026 Federal Appropriation Request

Select the project(s) listed below to be submitted by County staff to Congressman Gus Billirakis' Office for fiscal year 2026 funding consideration.
(Steve Howard, County Administrator)

- **Public Works - Engineering - N. Independence HWY Sidewalk**
- **Public Works - Aviation - Land Acquisition for Crystal River Airport Expansion**
- **Economic Development - Corporate Hanger**
- **Fire Rescue - Relocating Citrus County Fire Rescue Station 8 to Inverness Airport**
- **Utilities - NW Quadrant Utility Expansion**
- **Homosassa Wastewater Lift Station**

County Administrator Steve Howard provided the recommendation.

Motion to approve item G2, for the funding consideration of the Homosassa Wastewater Lift Station project.

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

Mr. Howard provided clarification of the motion to Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger following the motion.

[Additional Item G2](#)

This item was received after the agenda was published.

H. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

H.1. 1:10 p.m. Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) Presentation

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) Vulnerability Assessment Public Presentation. **(Amy Bidwell, MA - Principal Hazard Mitigation Planner)**

Amy Bidwell, Principal Hazard Mitigation Planner with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, provided the presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

There was no action taken on this item.

[Item H1 PowerPoint](#)

H.2. 1:15 p.m. Presentation on the State of Homelessness from Catholic Charities & Daystar Life Center

Presentation on the State of Homelessness in Citrus County from **Maggie Rogers, Catholic Charities & AnnMarie Briercheck, Daystar Life Center.**

Maggie Rogers, Executive Director for Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, and AnnMarie Briercheck, Executive Director of Daystar Life Center.

Commissioner Holly Davis commented, followed by Board discussion with Ms. Rogers and Ms. Briercheck.

The following citizens addressed the Board: George Schmalstig, President and CEO of United Way of Citrus County; Deb Spence; Father Ken Malley, Pastor in Lecanto; Susan Gill, Retired Citrus County Supervisor of Elections; Kristy Jocelyn; Dr. BJ Ezell; Barbara Venditto, Executive Director for Mid Florida Homeless Coalition; and Ardath Prendergast.

Commissioners responded to comments from the public.

[Item H2 PowerPoint](#)

[Public Speaker Forms for Item H2](#)

There was no action taken on this item.

H.3. 1:20 p.m. Update Building Division Fee Schedule

Consider and approve the revised Fee Schedule for the Building Division, and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the adopted Resolution. **(Eric Landon, Growth Management Director)**

Growth Management Director Eric Landon provided the Building Division Fee Schedule update.

Motion to approve the updated fee schedule.

Citizen Dennis Bailey, owner of Bailey Electric & Signs, commented and Mr. Landon responded to comments from Mr. Bailly prior to the vote.

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

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

Resolution Number 2025-029

[Public Speaker Form for Item H3](#)

I. ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

No items.

J. COMMISSIONER HOLLY L. DAVIS - DISTRICT 5

No items.

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

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. directed staff to schedule a public workshop on the homeless issue and potential shelters, followed by Board discussion regarding scheduling it for July.

L. 2nd VICE CHAIR JANET BAREK- DISTRICT 3

Second Vice Chair Janet Barek addressed the Commissioners.

M. 1ST VICE CHAIR DIANA FINEGAN - DISTRICT 2

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan addressed Second Vice Chair Janet Barek and shared information regarding the Homosassa River discussions with FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection), SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District), FWC (Fish and Wildlife Commission) and FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation).

N. CHAIR REBECCA BAYS - DISTRICT 4

N.1. Appropriations project request: CR 491 from Pine Ridge Blvd to SR 41 - Road Widening Design

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

Board Discussion and Ratify the signature of the County Administrator Steve L. Howard as the signatory responsible for supervising the management and administration of projects on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for appropriations received. If appropriations are received, bring back to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance or rejection of project funds.

Chair Rebecca Bays provided the recommendation, followed by Board discussion with County Administrator Steve Howard.

Motion to deny the ratification of the signature of the County Administrator Steve Howard as the signatory responsible for supervising the management and administration of projects on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for appropriations received.

Board discussion ensued.

Citizens Renee Bedford, Andrea McCray, Curtiss Bryant, Deb Spence, Tracey Duncan, Terry Weber-Nelles, Gwen Martin, Nicholas Holmes, and Dr. Carmen Koubicek commented.

Commissioners and Mr. Howard responded to comments from the public prior to the vote.

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

[Public Speaker Forms for Item N1](#)

O. COUNTY ATTORNEY DENISE A. DYMOND LYN

No items.

P. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

Dean Godfrey

County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and Judge Edward Spaight responded to comments from Mr. Godfrey.

[Public Speaker Form for Item P](#)

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

Q. ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items.

R. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, April 22, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Regular Meeting, May 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Regular Meeting, May 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

S. UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Citrus County Network Pavement Strategy Workshop, May 13, 2025 at 9:00AM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Board of County Commissioners Fire Protection Special District Preliminary Budget Hearing, July 23, 2025, at 8:45AM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Board of County Commissioners Preliminary Budget Hearing, July 23, 2025 at 9:00AM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
4. Legislative Planning Retreat, August 14, 2025 at 9:00AM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

T. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk's Note: The meeting was in recess at 5:09 PM and resumed at 5:20 PM.

T.1. 5:01 p.m. PUD3064 Hampton Hills, LLC and Truett Gardner and Gardner Truett Hudson PA o.b.o. Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital

- a. Conduct a public hearing on April 8, 2025, at 5:01 p.m. to consider application PUD3064, Hampton Hills, LLC and Truett Gardner and Gardner Truett Hudson PA o.b.o. Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital
- b. If approved, direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the ordinance for PUD3064, Hampton Hills, LLC and Truett Gardner and Gardner Truett Hudson PA o.b.o. Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital. **(Eric Landon, Growth Management Director)**

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

The following parties provided the applicant information on behalf of Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. doing business as Tampa General Hospital: Eric Abel, Vice President of Hampton Hills, LLC, a developer of Citrus Hills DRI; Addie Clark, with Gardner Brewer Hudson; Truett Gardner; and Linda Stockton, Senior Vice President and Hospital President of TGH Crystal River.

Growth Management Deputy Director Joanna Coutu provided the staff presentation.

Citizens Frank Diamond, Dr. Desai, Elizabeth Feldt, Gary Kenworthy, John Wilder, and Greg Johnson commented.

Mr. Able provided a rebuttal to the public comments and responded to questions from the Board.

Based on competent and substantial evidence, motion to approve PUD3064 and direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the ordinance for PUD3064.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

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

NAY: None

Commissioners addressed Tampa General Hospital following the motion.

Ordinance Number 2025-A05

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Meeting - April 8, 2025

[Public Speaker Forms for Item T1](#)

U. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

[Proof of Publication](#)