



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

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

**WORKSHOP: HOMELESSNESS COOPERATION
MINUTES**

July 8, 2025 - 9:00 AM

**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

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

A.1. Invocation

Benjamin Whitlock, from U Turn for Christ, gave the Invocation.

[Public Speaker Form for Item A1](#)

A.2. 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, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry, Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger

Absent: County Attorney Denise Lyn

B. WORKSHOP HOMELESSNESS COOPERATION

County Administrator Steve Howard provided an additional item B6 to be added to the Agenda.

B.1. Presentation from Community Services Housing Director, Michelle Alford

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

B.2. Presentation from the PATH of Citrus County, DuWayne Sipper

DuWayne Sipper, Executive Director of the Path of Citrus County, provided the presentation, followed by comments from the Board.

[Public Speaker Form for Item B2](#)

B.3. Presentation from Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition: Barbara Venditto

Barbara Venditto, Executive Director of the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition, provided the presentation and introduced Stephen Teaster, Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition Board Member and Senior Attorney with the Regional Counsel of Florida, who addressed the Board, Ms. Venditto and Mr. Teaster addressed questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion.

[Public Speaker Forms for Item B3](#)

B.4. Presentation from Catholic Charities - Shelters of Hope; Maggie Rogers

Maggie Rogers, Executive Director of Catholic Charities-Diocese of St. Petersburg, provided the presentation and addressed questions from the Board.

[Public Speaker Form for Item B4](#)

B.5. Presentation from Citrus County Schools, District Services, Youth and Young Adult Shelter, Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy

Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, McKinney-Vento Liaison for the Citrus County School District and Founder of the Youth and Youth Adult Shelter (YAYAS) of Citrus, provided the presentation and addressed questions from the Board.

[Public Speaker Form for Item B5](#)

B.6. Presentation from Family Resource Center, R.J. Fontana

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R. J. Fontana, Executive Director of the Family Resource Center, provided information and addressed questions from the Board.

This item was received after the agenda was published.

[Additional Item B6](#)

[Additional Information for Item B6 - Submitted by Family Resource Center](#)

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C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

Heather Cogar

Douglas Lobel

Dr B J Ezell

Benjamin Whitlock

Susan Gill

Barbara Wheeler, former Executive Director of Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition

Becky Beattie

Wes Smith

Carla Hinote

Shanna Miller

Kristy Jocelyn, Director of Social Services at Daystar Life Center and Executive Director of BASICS United

Josh Wooten, President & CEO of Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

AnnMarie Briercheck

Heiko Kallenbach

Commissioners responded to comments from the public.

[Public Speaker Forms for Item C](#)

[Additional Information for Item C - Submitted by Kristy Jocelyn](#)

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, **July 8, 2025**, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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