



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

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

MINUTES

May 12, 2026 - 1:00 PM

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

May 12, 2026 Citrus County Courthouse
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

A.1. Invocation

Pastor Steve Miller from Redemption Point Church gave the Invocation.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Citrus County Sheriff Sergeant Jason Shephard 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 Georgette Tozer, Deputy Clerk Kristi Hugar

Absent: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry

A.4. Approval of Agenda

County Administrator Steve Howard requested the following changes: pull items E9 and E10; additional information for items C5, E6 and U1; and the addition of item E11.

First Vice Chair Janet Barek requested to pull item L1.

Board discussion ensued with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn.

Chair Diana Finegan requested to move item O1 to follow the 1:15 PM time-

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certain.

Motion to approve the Agenda with the changes: item L1 pulled, move item O1 forward, and the additions that were read into the record.

RESULT: Defeated
MOVER: Janet Barek
SECONDER: Diana Finegan
AYES: Finegan, Barek
NAY: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C.

Motion to approve the Agenda as stated with the additions and moving item O1 to the front.

Board discussion ensued.

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

B. PROCLAMATIONS & AWARDS

Motion to approve B1 through B5.

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

B.1. Proclamation -- Hospital Week 2026

Approve and Authorize the Board to recognize May 10-16, 2026 as Hospital Week.

(Benjamin J. Kirby, Manager, Local Government Relations, HCA Healthcare, West Florida Division)

B.2. Proclamation -- National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

Approve and authorize the Board to execute a Proclamation declaring May 17 - May 23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Citrus County, Florida. **(Craig Stevens, Fire Chief)**

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B.3. Proclamation -- ALS Awareness Month

Approve and Authorize the BOCC to proclaim May 2026 as ALS Awareness month.

(Janet Croft & Jaclyn Schell)

B.4. Proclamation -- International Beef Month

Approve & Authorize the BOCC to proclaim the Month of May 2026, as International Beef Month.

(Valerie Ansell, Executive Director, Florida Farm Bureau)

B.5. Certificate of Recognition for Steve L. Howard, County Administrator

Acknowledgment of the Certificate of Recognition for Steve L. Howard, County Administrator of the Year 2026.

C. CONSENT

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda in full.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

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C.1. Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners

Approve the following minutes of the Board of County Commissioners:
April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting

Administration

No items.

Attorneys Office

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No items.

Clerk

C.2. Clerk IT Equipment for Disposal

Approve and authorize removal of obsolete asset 1542, Barracuda Web Security Gateway.

C.3. Release of Liens

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Release of Lien for Special Assessments by and between Citrus County and certain property owners in 2023 Citrus Springs Waterlines, 2024 Citrus Springs Waterlines, and 2025 Citrus Springs Waterlines special assessment district.

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

Community Services

C.4. Fort Island Gulf Beach Triathlon

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Fort Island Gulf Beach Use Agreement between Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and DRC Sports Inc., for the use of Fort Island Gulf Beach for the Triathlon event on May 22, 2026 and May 23, 2026. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Fire Services

No items.

Human Resources

C.5. Commercial Property and Equipment Breakdown Insurance Renewal

a. Approve and authorize the annual renewal and payment of the County's Commercial Property & Equipment Breakdown Insurance through Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust, Markel American Insurance, Great American, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford and Starr Surplus Lines with a

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renewal date of June 1, 2026

b. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute all documents related to the County's insurance renewal. (Premium recapitulation document; Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust signature page; Terrorism election forms; Surplus lines form; Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust signature page between Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the state of Florida, Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust and Brown and Brown, Inc., in the total premium amount of \$1,805,943.51)

c. Approve related budget transfer for various departments. **(Jessica Flynn, Human Resources Director, Ellen Nichols, Risk Manager)**

Additional information was received after the agenda was published.

[Additional Information for Item C5](#)

Management and Budget

C.6. Florida Development Finance Corporation (FDFC) Annual Financial Report

Acknowledge receipt of the Annual Financial Report from Florida Development Finance Corporation (FDFC) regarding the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025. **(Tammy Wilson, Management & Budget Director)**

C.7. Budget Transfers

Approve the budget transfers for Utilities, Utilities CIP, Stormwater, Housing Services, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Article V Technology and Various Departments for fiscal year 2025-2026 **(Tammy Wilson, Management & Budget Director)**

Growth Management

No items.

Public Works

C.8. Approval of Certified Hauler Waste Disposal Account Agreement – Johnny Mac Dumpsters

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Certified Hauler Waste Disposal Account Agreement between Citrus County and Johnny Mac Dumpsters, for disposal fees at the Citrus County Central Landfill, with a limit of up to \$1,000.00. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

C.9. Approval of Monthly Charge Account Agreement – Nature Coast Ministries

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the monthly Waste Disposal Account Agreement between Citrus County and Nature Coast Ministries for disposal fees at the Citrus County Central Landfill, with a limit of up to \$200.00. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

C.10. Approval of Monthly Charge Account Agreement – On Budget Tree Service LLC.

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the monthly Waste Disposal Account Agreement between Citrus County and On Budget Tree Service LLC. for disposal fees at the Citrus County Central Landfill, with a limit of up to \$700.00. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

C.11. Deletion of Surplus Property

Approve the deletion of the following items from the inventory of Public Works and the removal of same items from the county's capital asset listing.

Asset # 12705-000 - Fuel Facility

Asset # 12705-001 - Containment Sump

Asset # 12705-002 - (2) Sump Savers. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Systems Management

No items.

Visitors and Convention Bureau

No items.

Water Resources

C.12. Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement - Matthew R Heidet

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement by and between the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Water and/or Wastewater Utility Services for Matthew R Heidet.

b. Authorize the Clerk to record a Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E.,**

Water Resources Director/ Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director).

C.13. Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement - Robert Herzog Jr & Katherine A Herzog

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement by and between the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Water and/or Wastewater Utility Services for Robert Herzog Jr & Katherine A Herzog .

b. Authorize the Clerk to record a Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director/ Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director).**

C.14. Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement - Devin Lee Watrous & Michelle Bailey Copeland

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement by and between the Citrus County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Water and/or Wastewater Utility Services for Devin Lee Watrous & Michelle Bailey Copeland.

b. Authorize the Clerk to record Connection Charge Installment Lien Agreement in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director/ Bernadine Flood-Nichols, Utility Business Services Director)**

Set Public Hearings Workshops

No items.

D. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

*Renee Bedford
Tracy Landry
Ray Brown
Del Wray
Wayne Gurba
Paul Ear
Susan Nelson
Pamela Larsen
Tonie Toney
John Sirois*

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*Bryan McCutcheon
Christina White
Tracey Duncan
Jacquelyn Barbee
Barry Tillis
Tyrone Jackson
Rachel Cullen
Gary Bartell, Jr.
Steven Westerfield
Sherrylin Winczuk
Curtiss Bryant
Amy Campbell
Susan Schedel
Lynsey Lawrence
Rob Batsel
Karen Baldwin
Robin Orlandi, representing Sierra Club
Holli Herndon
John Blean
Josh Wooten, President and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
PJ Auffhammer*

Commissioners responded to comments from the public.

[Public Speaker Forms for Item D](#)

E. REGULAR BUSINESS

E.1. Bids

Motion to approve items E1a through E1i.

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

E.1.a. SGS 26-001 Integrated Supply Agreement; Genuine Parts Company, Inc. d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Genuine Parts Company, Inc. d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts for Integrated Supplies with onsite location(s). The cost for these services is based on NAPA Product and Non-NAPA Product pricing as shown in the Exhibit "B" Pricing Plan Summary of the Agreement. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.b. ITB 24-095 Amendment No. 2; REBID Mowing & Trimming of Median/Curbed Roadways, Zone 2; Calloway & Clark Enterprises LLC

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Calloway & Clark Enterprises LLC to exercise the first renewal option, extending the duration of the Agreement from May 13, 2026, to May 13, 2027, add an additional four (4) extra trimmings to all locations to be serviced by the Contractor and to amend the fee schedule with an increase cost of 2.6% per the contract terms and to modify the language in Section 19.4 Compliance with Laws, in accordance with Executive Order 14173. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.c. ITB 23-050 Amendment No. 3; Asphalt Concrete Mix Type SP-9.5 and Type-12.5 also Liquid Emulsified Asphalt Grades SS-1 and AE-90 or Comparable; Superior Asphalt, Inc.

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Superior Asphalt, Inc. to renew the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term, extending the duration of the Agreement to June 5, 2027, and to modify the language in Section 19.4 Compliance with Laws and Section 19.17 Equal Employment Opportunity, in accordance with Executive Order 14173. No cost increase associated with this Amendment. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

E.1.d. PB 25-223 Sourcewell #011723-JDC Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology; Beard Equipment Company

a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Quote document and related documents to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Beard Company Equipment for the purchase of an 850 P-Tier Construction Dozer to be used at the Citrus County Central Landfill at a cost of \$531,557.87 with a 36-month TT&M cost of \$29,758.48 and a 36-month PM Service cost of \$25,606.17.
b. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Customer's Acceptance Form and related documents between Citrus County, Florida and Beard Company Equipment to accept the equipment and acknowledge the County's understanding of the operation and warranty coverage for the Dozer once the equipment is received by staff and reviewed by County Attorney's office.
(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)

E.1.e. RFQ 25-096 Work Authorization; Continuing Services Contract (CCNA) for Professional Engineering; DRMP, Inc.

a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Work Authorization for DRMP, Inc. to provide the design and construction plans for a new traffic signal

at the intersection of CR491 and W Hampshire Blvd., at a cost of \$195,906.36.

b. Approve related Budget Transfer. (Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)

E.1.f. AGR 23-063 Amendment No. 3; Interlocal Agreement for EMS Billing and Collection Services; Pasco County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Pasco County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida for an additional one (1) year term, extending the duration of the Agreement to September 30, 2027. **(Craig Stevens, Fire Chief)**

E.1.g. QTE 26-124 Digital Billboard for Division of Water Conservation Advertising; The Lamar Companies

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and The Lamar Companies for advertising for Water Conservation on a digital billboard in Citrus County. The total annual cost will be \$14,280 and will be grant funded. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

E.1.h. RFQ 21-003 Elder Affairs and Older Americans In-Home Health Services; B & B Monitoring LLC d/b/a Personal Living Alert

a. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and B & B Monitoring LLC d/b/a Personal Living Alert to provide Emergency Alert Systems for all programs (CCE, HOPE, OAA Title IIIB).
b. Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute the Business Associate Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and B & B Monitoring LLC d/b/a Personal Living Alert. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

E.1.i. ITB 23-006 Amendment No. 2; Mowing at the Citrus County-Owned Buildings; Integrity Site Development, Inc

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Integrity Site Development, Inc to renew the Agreement for an additional one (1) year term, extending the duration of the Agreement to June 19, 2027, and to modify the language in Section 19.4 Compliance with Laws and Section 19.17 Equal Employment Opportunity, in accordance with Executive Order 14173 with no cost increase associated with this Amendment. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

E.2. 2026 - 2029 Citrus County Health Department Memorandum of Agreement

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and Citrus County Health Department to provide educational nutrition services to participants in the congregate and home delivered meals programs. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Motion to approve item E2.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.3. FDOT Public Transit Block Grant Program Agreement - G3O93

a. Execute the resolution to approve and authorized the Chairman, or 1st Vice Chairman, respectively of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, is authorized to sign the FDOT Block Grant Agreement, Amendments, Assurance and Certifications as required to obtain funding from the Florida Department of Transportation, after reviewed by the County Attorney, without the need to bring the documents before the Board of County Commissioners.

b. Approve and Authorize the Chairman, or 1st Vice Chairman, respectively to execute the FDOT Public Transit Block Grant Program Agreement in the amount of \$778,006 (\$389,003 grant funding with a required match of \$389,003). This grant funding and corresponding match will be utilized to reduce the local match for future FTA 5307 or FDOT 5311 grants at a 50% grant/25% block grant/25% county match. **(Eric Head, Community Services Director)**

Motion to approve item E3a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

Resolution Number 2026-030

E.4. Amendment to FDOT Agreement — Crystal River Fuel Farm Replacement

a. Authorize the Chairman to execute the related FDOT amended agreement FPN 451464-1-94-01 for the Crystal River Airport Fuel Farm Replacement Project.

b. Authorize the Chairman to execute the associated FDOT Resolution (Exhibit D). **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Motion to approve item E4a and b.

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

Resolution Number 2026-027

E.5. CORTA Black Diamond/BJ's Wholesale Right-of-Way Dedication

- a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to accept a Warranty Deed from Corta Black Diamond, LLC for the donation of a portion of the property within AK 3529310, Parcel ID #18E8S210060 0010 located at 3499 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto, FL 34461 as additional right-of-way for a dedicated turn lane in conjunction with the proposed BJ's Wholesale.
- b. Authorize the Clerk to place the acceptance stamp on the deed and record it in the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Carlton Hall, Public Works Director)**

Motion to approve item E5a and b.

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

E.6. MS001 CDBG-DR IRP Grant Agreement for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the MS001 CDBG-DR IRP Grant Agreement between Citrus County, Florida and the Florida Commerce Department.
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a resolution adopting policies protecting individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations as required of recipients of CDBG funds. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

Motion to approve item E6a, b and c.

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

Following this item, County Administrator Steve Howard commented.

Resolution Number 2026-028

Additional information was received after the agenda was published.

Additional Information for Item E6

E.7. Proposed Citrus Springs 2026 Assessment Area - Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights DVR 2026-010 Fagan

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights Agreement for residential properties within the Proposed Citrus Springs 2026 Assessment Area for Zack & Bridgett Fagan DVR 2026-010.

b. Authorize the Clerk to attest and record in Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

Motion to approve item E7a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.8. Proposed Cedar Lake Estates Watermain Extension Assessment Area - Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights DVR 2025-008 Standard and DVR 2026-004 Roberts

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights Agreement for residential properties within the Proposed Cedar Lake Estates Watermain Extension Assessment Area for Fred Standard, DVR 2025-008 and Pilarita Roberts, DVR 2026-004.

b. Authorize the Clerk to attest and record in Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

Motion to approve item E8a and b.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

E.9. Proposed Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer Assessment Area - AR 11.10-1, Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights (DVR) 2026-008 Phillips

a. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights Agreement for residential properties within the Proposed Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer Assessment Area for Rosa Phillips, DVR 2026-008.

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- b.** Authorize the Clerk to attest and record in Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

This item was pulled during the meeting.

E.10. Proposed Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer Assessment Area - AR 11.10-1, Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights (DVR) 2026-00 Jordan

- a.** Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Permanent Reassignment of Development Rights Agreement for residential properties within the Proposed Cambridge Greens Septic to Sewer Assessment Area for Cynthia Jordan, DVR 2026-009.

- b.** Authorize the Clerk to attest and record in Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. **(Ken Cheek, P.E., Water Resources Director)**

This item was pulled during the meeting.

Pull Item E10

E.11. Temporary Boat Ramp Closure Authorization

Approve and authorize County Administrator, or designee, to temporarily close County-operated boat ramps in the Citrus County lakes' region when low water levels create unsafe conditions for public use. This authorization would remain in effect until conditions improve and water levels return to allow for safe public access.

Motion to approve item E11.

Board discussion ensued and County Administrator Steve Howard addressed Board questions.

RESULT: **Adopted**
MOVER: Holly L. Davis
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 E11

F. OUTSTANDING COMMISSION ITEMS

Outstanding Commission Items

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Special Projects Manager Veronica Kampschroer provided the updates and Ms. Kampschroer and County Administrator Steve Howard addressed Board questions.

G. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

County Administrator Steve Howard commented.

H. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - STEVE L. HOWARD

H.1. Fleet Management Presentation

Information Only, **(Bryan Cope, Fleet Management Director)**

Fleet Management Director Bryan Cope provided the presentation and County Administrator Steve Howard commented.

Following this item, the Board returned to item J1.

I. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

I.1. 1:15PM Atty. Patrick Collins - Dissolution of Davis Reserve Comm Dev District

Accept dissolution of the Davis Reserve Community Development District, and direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the ordinance to dissolve the District. **(Eric Landon, Growth Management Director, Joanna Coutu, Deputy Growth Management Director)**

Growth Management Director Eric Landon provided the recommendation.

Motion to approve item I1.

Patrick Collins, on behalf of the applicant, addressed Board questions.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

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

NAY: None

Ordinance Number 2026-01

[Public Speaker Form for Item I1](#)

I.2. 4:45PM Proclamation — Citrus Futbol Club - Storm U14 Boys Competitive Soccer Team

Approve & Authorize BOCC to recognize the United Soccer Association U14 Championship, Citrus Futbol Club - Storm U14 Boys Competitive Soccer Team for their outstanding achievement of an undefeated regular season and postseason championship. **(Earnie Olsen, Citrus Futbol Club Storm U14 Boys Competitive Soccer Team)**

Motion to approve item I2.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Janet Barek

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

NAY: None

Clerk's Note: The meeting was recessed at 5:52 PM and resumed at 6:02 PM.

J. ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

J.1. Industrial Development Authority — Nominate, Appoint, and Execute Resolution

a. Nominate and appoint five (5) individuals to the newly formed Citrus County Industrial Development Authority.

b. Authorize the Chair to execute the associated resolution. **(Steven Baham, CEcD, EDPF, Economic Development Director)**

Board discussed nominations.

Motion to appoint five individuals to the newly formed Citrus County Industrial Development Authority: Rickey Wilson for 4 years; Phyllis Dixon for 4 years; James "Jim" Green for 3 years; Robert Bass for 2 years; and Cynthia Oswald for 1 year.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

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

NAY: None

The motion was amended to add: authorize the Chair to execute the associated resolution.

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

Resolution Number 2026-029

Clerk's Note: Following item H1, the Board returned to this item to amend the motion.

K. COMMISSIONER REBECCA BAYS - DISTRICT 4

No Items.

L. COMMISSIONER HOLLY L. DAVIS - DISTRICT 5

L.1. Reconsideration of Betz Farm Contract Cancellation

Motion and vote to rescind the Notice of Termination related to the Contract for Sale of Betz Farm and reaffirm the Contract as amended remains in full force and effect.

Commissioner Holly Davis provided an overview.

Motion for the Board to withdraw the April 17, 2026 Notice of Termination related to the contract for sale of Betz Farm and reaffirm the contract as amended remains in full force and effect, and direct staff to resume ordinary processing activities consistent with the contract.

The following individuals addressed the Board: Robert Batsell, on behalf of Bravo Land Group; Tracey Duncan; Curtiss Bryant; PJ Auffhammer; Josh Wooten, President and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce; Ray Brown; Gary Bartell, Jr; Robin Orlandi, and Lynsey Lawrence.

Board discussion ensued and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and County Administrator Steve Howard responded to Board questions.

Chair Diana Finegan commented.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the motion.

Board discussion continued.

RESULT: **Adopted**

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

[Public Speaker Forms for Item L1](#)

[Additional Information for Item L1 - Submitted by Curtiss Bryant](#)

M. 2ND VICE CHAIR JEFF KINNARD D.C. - DISTRICT 1

M.1. Watercraft Launch Fees for Non-Residents of Citrus County

Motion and vote to direct staff to prepare a resolution updating the current annual pass fee for a non-resident of Citrus County launching a watercraft.

Second Vice Chair Jeff Kinnard, D.C. provided the recommendation, followed by Board discussion with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and County Administrator Steve Howard.

Motion to abolish the non-resident annual pass.

Board discussion continued and the County Attorney addressed the Board.

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

N. 1ST VICE CHAIR JANET BAREK- DISTRICT 3

First Vice Chair Janet Barek discussed a PUD adopted at the last meeting, the one cent sales tax referendum, and the Early Learning Coalition meeting.

O. CHAIR DIANA FINEGAN - DISTRICT 2

O.1. Jail Contract with Core Civic

Motion and vote to direct staff to prepare the termination notice and to authorize the Chairman to sign.

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Chair Diana Finegan provided the recommendation.

Motion to direct staff to prepare the termination notice, to authorize the Chair to sign, and for that notice to be for cause.

Citrus County Sheriff David Vincent addressed the Board and responded to Board questions.

Board discussion ensued and County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn addressed the Board.

The following citizens addressed the Board: PJ Auffhammer; Loretta Tennant-Whelpton; Trina Romeo; Ray Brown; John Sirois; Tracey Duncan, and Kathy Bixler.

County Administrator Steve Howard and Ms. Lyn addressed questions from the Board, followed by Board discussion.

RESULT: Defeated
MOVER: Diana Finegan
SECONDER: Janet Barek
AYES: Finegan, Barek
NAY: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C.

[Public Speaker Forms for Item O1](#)

O.2. Moratorium on Data Centers

Motion and vote to direct staff to bring back to our next meeting, an Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium (not to exceed 12 months) on the issuance of building permits, development orders or the rezoning of property relating to Data Centers.

Chair Diana Finegan provided the recommendation, followed by Board discussion with County Attorney Denise A. Dymond and Growth Management Director Eric Landon.

Motion to direct staff to bring back to our next meeting an ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium (not to exceed 12 months) on the issuance of building permits, development orders or the rezoning of property relating to Data Centers.

Board discussion ensued and Ms. Lyn addressed the Board.

Chair Diana Finegan provided a recommended motion.

The motion was amended to: direct staff to bring back to our next meeting an ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium (not to exceed 12 months)

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until or while the county gets the Land Development Code regulations adopted relating to the issuance of building permits, development orders or the rezoning of property relating to Data Centers.

Board discussion continued with Ms. Lyn and Growth Management Director Eric Landon.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the motion.

The following citizens commented: Clark Stillwell, on behalf of Deltona Corporation; PJ Auffhammer; Curtiss Bryant; Robin Orlandi; Maxine Connor and Joe Hicks.

Board discussion ensued with Ms. Lyn.

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

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P. **COUNTY ATTORNEY DENISE A. DYMOND LYN**

No items.

Q. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

*Tracey Duncan
Joe Hicks*

Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn addressed the Board and Chair Diana Finegan responded to comments from Mr. Hicks.

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R. **ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No items.

S. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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1. Regular Meeting, May 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
2. Regular Meeting, **Thursday**, June 11, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
3. Regular Meeting, **Monday**, June 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

T. UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. Preliminary Budget Hearing **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, Governing Body of the Special Library District **8:30am**, Fire Services Special District **8:45am**, Board of County Commissioners, **9:00am**, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100, Inverness, Florida
2. Tentative Budget Hearing, **Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 5:00pm**, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100, Inverness, Florida
3. Final Budget, **Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:01pm**, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100, Inverness, Florida.

U. PUBLIC HEARINGS

U.1. 5:01PM CPA/AA/PUD-2024-00023 Atty Robert Batsel Jr. for Seagrass Resort

If approved, direct the Chair and Clerk to execute the ordinances for CPA/AA/PUD-2024-00023, Robert W. Batsel, Jr. for Seagrass Resort, LLC.
(Eric Landon, Growth Management Director)

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

Attorney Robert Batsel provided an overview and introduced Paul Gibbs, landscape architect with Community Land Design, who provided the architect presentation.

Mr. Batsel addressed the Board regarding the addition of condition number 13 "fences within buffers may be located on the east and west property boundaries as depicted on the PUD Master Plan, rather than the inside of the buffers", and provided applicant information and addressed Board questions.

Land Development Principal Planner Joe Hochadel provided the staff presentation and Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Batsel addressed Board questions.

Citizens Tracey Duncan and PJ Auffhammer commented.

Mr. Batsel provided rebuttal comments.

Based on competent and substantial evidence, motion to approve CPA/AA/PUD-2024-00023 for Seagrass Resort, LLC.

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

Ordinance Numbers 2026-A13 and 2026-A14

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V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 07:45 PM.

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