

May 6, 2025

09:00 a.m.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**ROBERT L. ANDERSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER
4000 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL
COMMISSION CHAMBER
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Joe Neunder, Chair, District 4
Ron Cutsinger, Vice Chair, District 5
Teresa Mast, District 1
Mark Smith, District 2
Tom Knight, District 3

Also present were:

Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator
Joshua Moye, County Attorney
Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller
Mandy Houston, Deputy Clerk
Moana Pele, Deputy Clerk

(09:00 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Commission Services Executive Assistant Katrina Johnson

(09:01 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Edward Landrith, Lieutenant, United States Navy

(09:02 a.m.)
PROCLAMATIONS

Building Safety Month
Air Quality Awareness Month
National Hurricane Preparedness Week
International Firefighters' Day

(09:22 a.m.)
1. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Items submitted: A copy of a presentation and copies of photographs

William Alford, Darryl Stacy, Tim Swies, Steven Sorrentino, Mary Burke, Dan Leslie, and John Walker commented on Keyway Road and the Manasota Beach Road extension. (See Item 30 later this meeting.)

Laurel Quarberg, Ronald Kashden, and Barbara Powell-Harris commented on a recycling facility and air quality.

Kevin Power, Jacob Crabtree, Kristy Molyneaux, David Ochs, Nadia Bowen, and Deb

Hays commented on dredging of Phillippi Creek (See Item 13 later this meeting.)

Regina Lamping commented on Camp Venice, LLC, Contract for Sale and Purchase (See Items 4 and 30 later this meeting.)

Mike Scarborough commented on South Seclusion Lake and Phillippi Creek.

Alecia Harper commented on National Historic Preservation Month.

Jarrod Sargent, Aneta Murman, and Emily Roe commented on the Voluntary Interim Program-Enhanced Recovery Program at Salvation Army (See Item 22 later this meeting.)

RECESS: 10:24 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

CONSENT SECTION:

10:36 a.m. Board Action: **Approved Items 2-18, with separate discussions on Items 4, 13, 14, and 15, as follows. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

2. EMERGENCY SERVICES

To approve a License Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation for the use of a portion of 2200 Stickney Point Road throughout the Stickney Point Highway Improvements Projects.

3. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- A. To approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Laurel Civic Association to allocate Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Social Services Case Management, in the amount of \$110,000.00;
- B. To authorize the County Administrator, or Designee, to approve amendments, extensions, and ancillary documents to the Subrecipient Agreement that do not increase the amount awarded.

(10:36 a.m.)

4. PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. To adopt a resolution amending the Sarasota County Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (Resolution No. 2024-145), to add the Camp Venice Property Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program (NPP) and Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection program (ESLPP) Land Acquisition and Start-Up as Project No. 85675;
- B. To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-039, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to appropriate funding for the Capital Improvement Program Project No. 85675 - Camp Venice Property NPP and ESLPP Land Acquisition and Start-Up Project, in the amount of \$16,048,900.00;
- C. To adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 20.83 acres of real property located at 4085 E. Venice Avenue, Venice, FL from Camp Venice, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, in the amount of \$14,000,000.00, authorizing the execution of the Contract for Sale and Purchase, and authorizing the County Administrator, or Designee, to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the closing, and providing for applicability and an effective date.

Staff Presenter: Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Director Nicole Rissler

10:40 a.m. Board Action: Moved to approve Consent Item 4 A, B, and C. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. To adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026 On-Cycle Waterway Development Program funding request applications to the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) in the amount of \$1,629,859.00;
- B. To authorize the County Administrator or Designee to submit the Fiscal Year 2026 On-Cycle Waterway Development Program funding request applications to the WCIND in the amount of \$1,629,859.00;
- C. To approve and authorize the County Administrator or Designee to execute the WCIND Project Agreements and third-party Grant Agreements for the 17 projects listed in Exhibit "A" of the Resolution in the amount of \$1,629,859.00.

6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To adopt a resolution requesting classification of a designated Lemon Bay navigational channel as a "public waterway" by the West Coast Inland Navigation District Board of Commissioners.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To appoint Michael Salewych to serve a three-year term on the General Contractors Licensing and Examining Board as a Citizen Representative, effective through May 2028.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To reappoint James Ditaranto to serve a three-year term on the Mechanical Contractors Licensing and Examining Board as a Trade Alternate Representative, effective through May 2028.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To adopt a resolution amending Exhibit A, Neighborhood Workshop Requirements, updating the workshop notification requirements to be consistent with other County meeting notification requirements, and superseding and replacing Resolution No. 2021-165.

10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To adopt a resolution declaring the reclassification of a roadway within a County-owned property to public right-of-way for Knights Trail Road.

11. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To grant a Temporary Facilities and Right of Entry Agreement to Florida Power and Light Company for the County-owned properties located at 4000 Knights Trail Road and 7730 Target Trail, Nokomis, Florida.

12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To grant a ten-foot-wide non-exclusive permanent Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light Company for the property located at 7730 Target Trail, Nokomis, Florida.

(10:40 a.m.)

13. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. To adopt a resolution authorizing the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) to expend Sarasota County Navigation Improvement Funds and to perform work on behalf of Sarasota County to manage a maintenance dredging

project in a portion of Phillippi Creek, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00;

- B. To approve an Interlocal Agreement with the WCIND for the management of a maintenance dredging project in a portion of Phillippi Creek, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00;
- C. To authorize the County Administrator or Designee to transmit the Resolution, Interlocal Agreement, and off-cycle funding request to the Executive Director of the WCIND.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Director Spencer Anderson

10:58 a.m. Board Action: Moved to adopt 13 A, B, and C, 14, and 15 for approval. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(10:41 a.m.)

14. PUBLIC WORKS

To adopt a resolution requesting classification of a portion of the Phillippi Creek navigational channel from U.S. 41 to Pinecraft Park as a "public waterway" by the West Coast Inland Navigation District Board of Commissioners.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Director Spencer Anderson

10:58 a.m. Board Action: Moved to adopt 13 A, B, and C, 14, and 15 for approval. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(10:44 a.m.)

15. PUBLIC WORKS

To approve and authorize the County Administrator or Designee to execute the West Coast Inland Navigation District Cooperative Agreement for the Phillippi Creek Dredging Project from U.S. 41 to Beneva Road to complete the pre-construction work.

Staff Presenter: Public Works Director Spencer Anderson

10:58 a.m. Board Action: Moved to adopt 13 A, B, and C, 14, and 15 for approval. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

16. TRANSIT

To approve the Expenditure Authorization Form and to authorize the County Administrator, or Designee, to approve individual purchases with Gillig, LLC, under Cooperative Purchase 2100 for the purchase of transit buses, accessories and associated training, in a total amount not to exceed budgeted funds.

17. TRANSIT

- A. To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-035, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to appropriate funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program in the amount of \$479,901.00;
- B. To adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair, Vice Chair, County Administrator, or the County Administrator's Designee to execute and submit the Section 5310 Capital Public Transportation Grant Agreement, Financial Management Numbers 451142-1-94-22 and 451142-1-94-24, and the Standard Lobbying Certification Form to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
- C. To approve the Section 5310 Capital Grant Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the FDOT, for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals

with Disabilities to purchase replacement paratransit buses, in an amount not to exceed \$533,225.00.

18. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

To ratify and approve the Warrants dated April 7 through April 18, 2025, in the amount of \$36,005,065.59, as detailed in the voucher packages filed in the Finance department.

CONSENT SECTION:

(10:58 a.m.)

19. TRANSIT

Sitting as the Sarasota County Transportation Authority (SCTA)

- A. To declare the identified tangible personal property as surplus property, authorize the disposal of the surplus property, and move the surplus property to a disposed of status;
- B. To authorize the disposal of five 2015 Chevrolet Titan II Paratransit Buses.

Chair Neunder recessed the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and convened as the SCTA.

11:00 a.m. Board Action: Moved approval. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION SECTION:

(11:00 a.m.)

20. TRANSIT

Sitting as the Sarasota County Transportation Authority

To authorize the public hearing of a resolution to establish fares for transit services.

Staff Presenter: Sarasota County Area Transit Director Jane Grogg

Items submitted: Copies of updated PowerPoint slides and a copy of a revised draft resolution

11:11 a.m. Board Action: Noted consensus by Neunder to charge a base fee of \$3.00 for the first three miles.

11:12 a.m. Board Action: Authorized to advertise a public hearing, setting the On Demand fares at \$3.00 for June 3, 2025. Moved by Smith, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.

11:13 a.m. Board Action: Directed that the County Administrator utilize the proceeds from the Florida Department of Transportation Corridor Grant for Route 99 to cover the operating expenses allowing the route to be fare free for riders, while the grant is in effect. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Chair Neunder recessed the SCTA and reconvened as the BCC.

(11:13 a.m.)

21. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

To receive a workforce development and evaluation update from CareerEdge Funders Collaborative.

Staff Presenter: Governmental Relations Director Robert Lewis

Public Presenter: Dan Sidler

(11:24 a.m.)

22. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- A. To approve and authorize the County Administrator, or Designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 1933 with Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc., in substantially the same form as Attachment 5, to expand their Scope of Services to include Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment for the Voluntary Interim Program-Enhanced Recovery program for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$101,738.00;
- B. To authorize the County Administrator, or Designee, to approve amendments and ancillary documents to Contract No. 1933 with Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc.

Staff Presenter: Health and Human Services Director Charles Henry

11:36 a.m. Board Action: Moved to approve Item 22A and B. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Knight, carried by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS UPON REQUEST:

(11:37 a.m.)

23. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

(Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-038, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to incorporate various supplemental appropriations, revenue adjustments, grants, interest income, debt proceeds, miscellaneous revenue, and transfers in the amount of \$16,931,872.00.

11:38 a.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

11:38 a.m. Board Action: Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:38 a.m.)

24. PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. (Not a public hearing.) To adopt a resolution, amending the Sarasota County Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program (Resolution No. 2024-145), to add the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2026 as Project No. 94721;
- B. (Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-036, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to appropriate funding for the Capital Improvement Program Project No. 94721, Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2026, in the amount of \$200,000.00.

11:39 a.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

11:39 a.m. Board Action: Moved for approval. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:39 a.m.)

25. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-011, repealing Ordinance No. 2019-051, dissolving the Lakes of Sarasota Community Development District.

11:40 a.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

11:40 a.m. Board Action: Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:40 a.m.)

26. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-012, repealing Ordinance No. 2021-116, dissolving the Lakes of Sarasota Community Development District 2.

11:40 a.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

11:40 a.m. Board Action: Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

REPORTS SECTION:

(11:40 a.m.)

27. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Filed for Record list.

(11:41 a.m.)

28. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(11:41 a.m.)

29. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Consider a Settlement in *Janice Mittendorf v. Sarasota County, Case Number 2023 CA 002395 NC.*

11:41 a.m. Board Action: Moved by Mast, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:42 a.m.)

30. COMMISSIONER MAST

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

Item submitted: A copy of a letter of support for Easterseals Southwest Florida's funding request

Commr. Mast commented on the Manasota Beach Road extension.

11:43 a.m. Board Action: Noted consensus by Neunder to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Easterseals Southwest Florida's funding request.

11:44 a.m. Board Action: Motion to approve an Invitation to Negotiate with specific language to allow tenants to complete their lease in the Scott Building until December 2028. Moved by Mast, seconded by Cutsinger, failed by a 2-3 vote; Neunder, Smith, and Knight voted "No."

(See Items 1 and 4 earlier this meeting.)

(11:52 a.m.)

31. COMMISSIONER SMITH

Staff Presenters: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis and County Attorney Joshua Moye

12:04 p.m. Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator review the regulations of air quality and report back to the Board. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(12:06 p.m.)

32. COMMISSIONER KNIGHT

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

Commr. Knight commented on the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) recommendations for funding and advertising for available workshops for behavioral and mental health on Sarasota County website.

(12:09 p.m.)

33. COMMISSIONER CUTSINGER

Commr. Cutsinger commented on Manasota Beach Road process, the purchase of Camp Venice Property, and the Sarasota County Resilient SRQ First Mobile Home Replacement.

(See Items 1 and 4 earlier this meeting.)

(12:12 p.m.)

34. CHAIR NEUNDER - No Items were presented.

(12:12 p.m.)

35. ADMINISTRATION

Outstanding Board Assignments.

(12:12 p.m.)

36. ADMINISTRATION

Board Meeting Schedule.

County Administrator Jonathan Lewis commented on upcoming May meetings and workshops and Sarasota County website resources.

RECESS: 12:14 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED:

(01:00 p.m.)

37. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-002, approving Rezone Petition No. 24-10 for property located southeast of University Parkway and north of Fruitville Road, Sarasota, to rezone approximately 548.3 acres from Open Use, Rural, 1 unit/10 acres (OUR) to Residential, Single Family, 3.5 units/acre, Planned Unit Development (RSF-2/PUD) zone district.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Planning Manager Todd Dary, County Attorney Joshua Moye, Public Works Program Manager Gregory Rouse, Public Works Transportation Mobility Senior Technical Specialist Kwamena Sankah, and Planning and Development Services Manager Laura Wilson

Public Presenters: Caleb Grimes, Michael Hutchinson, Jane Grandbouche, Fredy Ayech, Becky Ayech, and Glenn Peachey

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence, copies of emails, copies of presentations, and copies of photographs

02:35 p.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

02:35 p.m. Board Action: Moved approval Item 37. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 4-1 vote; Smith voted "No."

(02:47 p.m.)

38. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Erin West commented on a recycling facility.

Jane Granbouche commented on a bridge at Verna Road and Myakka Road.

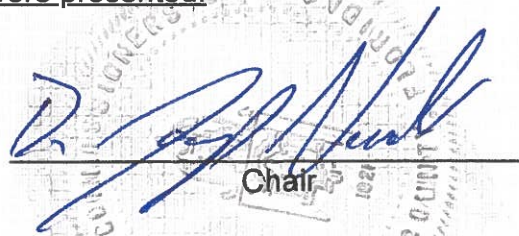
Becky Ayech commented on a bridge at Verna Road and Myakka Road and the Comprehensive Plan.

(02:58 p.m.)

39. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:58 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: 7/8/2025


Chair

