

November 5, 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
Beatrice Patrizi, Deputy Clerk
Sarah Cooper, Deputy Clerk

(09:00 a.m.)

INVOCATION

Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Director Nicole Rissler

(09:01 a.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeromy Nelson, Aviation Metalsmith 2, United States Navy

(09:11 a.m.)

1. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence

David Scott commented on Phillippi Creek dredging and South Lido Beach. (See Items 10 and 35 later this meeting.)

Ed Mackenzie, Connie Neeley, Laura Odley, George Esteve, Kristy Molyneaux, Jen Topjun, David Ochs, and Seth Johnson commented on Phillippi Creek dredging. (See Items 10 and 35 later this meeting.)

Igor Pertile and Barbara Breggs commented on UF/IFAS Extension. (See Item 16 later this meeting.)

Taylor Neighbors commented on Health and Human Services funding. (See Item 17 later this meeting.)

Martin Filson commented on East Venice Avenue widening.

Chris Johnson commented on hurricane recovery program updates.

CONSENT SECTION:

09:50 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

2. LIBRARIES & HISTORICAL RESOURCES

- A. To approve a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services for the Fiscal Year 2026 State Aid to Libraries Grant;
- B. To certify the Hours, Free Library Service and Access to Materials;
- C. To approve the Sarasota County Library System Annual Plan of Service.

3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Presentation of the Development Services Advisory Committee Annual Report.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To appoint Nickolas Sennes to serve the remainder of a three-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective through December 2027.

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To adopt a resolution to approve a Maintained Right-of-Way Map for North Casey Key Road.

6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. To adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of West Coast Inland Navigation District County Navigation Improvement Funds for monitoring and maintenance of Midnight Pass, in the amount of \$500,000.00;
- B. To authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a funding application for consideration by the West Coast Inland Navigation District Board in the amount of \$500,000.00;
- C. To authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the West Coast Inland Navigation District project agreement, and any ancillary documents, amendments, closeout documents, and reimbursement requests for this request, in the amount of \$500,000.00;
- D. To adopt a Resolution, Budget Amendment No. 2026-012, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funds for the monitoring and maintenance of Midnight Pass, in the amount of \$500,000.00.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. To adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of West Coast Inland Navigation District County Navigation Improvement Funds for partial funding for the replacement of an Englewood Area Fire Control District fire boat, in the amount of \$150,000.00;
- B. To authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to submit a funding application for consideration by the West Coast Inland Navigation District Board in the amount of \$150,000.00;
- C. To authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the West Coast Inland Navigation District project agreement, the third-party sub-agreement, and any ancillary documents, amendments, closeout documents, and reimbursement requests for this request, in the amount of \$150,000.00;
- D. To adopt a Resolution, Budget Amendment No. 2026-011, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for the Englewood Area Fire Control

District fire boat replacement, in the amount of \$150,000.00.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To authorize the processing of a Unified Development Code text amendment relating to voluntary freeboard and height requirements.

9. SOLID WASTE

To authorize a public hearing on an ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the County Code, relating to solid waste.

10. STORMWATER

A. To adopt a resolution, amending the Sarasota County Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (Resolution No. 2025-164), to modify the scope of Capital Improvement Program Project No. 75888 - Phillippi Creek High Spots Stormwater Conveyance Dredging;

B. To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2026-015, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate additional funding for Capital Improvement Program Project No. 75888 -Phillippi Creek High Spots Stormwater Conveyance Dredging, in the amount of \$447,983.00;

C. To approve Addendum 1 to Contract No. 2025-386, West Coast Inland Navigation District Cooperation Agreement, in a form substantially similar to the attached draft, for marine engineering and environmental consulting services for the Phillippi Creek Dredging Project, in the amount of \$447,983.00.

(See Items 1 earlier and 35 later this meeting.)

11. STORMWATER

To approve the 2024 Sarasota County Floodplain Management Plan Annual Report.

12. TAX COLLECTOR

To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2026-008, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for the Tax Collector's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Department of Revenue approved budget, in the amount of \$7,083.00.

13. TRANSPORTATION

To approve a mobility fee credit agreement with Lakewood Ranch Stewardship District, for the Project Development and Environment Study of Fruitville Road Widening (East), in the amount of \$4,000,000.00.

14. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

To ratify and approve the Warrants dated October 6 through October 17, 2025, for \$69,988,042.04, as detailed in the voucher packages filed in the Finance Department.

15. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

To approve the Minutes of the meeting dated October 8, 2025.

DISCUSSION SECTION:

(09:57 a.m.)

16. UF IFAS EXTENSION & SUSTAINABILITY

To provide policy guidance on pursuing a Beginning Farmer and 4-H Youth Agriculture Education Complex.

Staff Presenters: UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability Director Lee Hayes Byron and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

10:17 a.m. Board Action: Moved to bring back the Albritton property with a scope of work and cost attached to it for us to be able to have some direction given. Moved by Mast, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

(10:17 a.m.)

17. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- A. To approve the Contracted Human Services Program Funding Priorities and Definitions for the FY 2027 Contract Human Services Process;
- B. To approve the Application for Funding, Instructions, and Supporting Documents for the FY 2027 Contracted Human Services Process;
- C. To approve the Application Rating Form for the FY 2027 Contracted Human Services Process;
- D. To consider the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Human Services Advisory Council's recommendation to re-establish Essential Public Services (formerly known as Core programs) as a funding category;
- E. To consider changes to the financial audit requirements in the Contracted Human Services standard contract.

Staff Presenter: Health and Human Services Director Charles Henry

Public Presenters: Major Brian Meinberg and Chris Johnson

10:39 a.m. Board Action: So moved. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:39 a.m. Board Action: So moved. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:39 a.m. Board Action: So moved. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:41 a.m. Board Action: Moved that this be brought back to us with additional information. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:42 a.m. Board Action: So moved. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

(10:50 a.m.)

18. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

To appoint Carl Goodrich to serve an unexpired three-year term on the Human Services Advisory Council as a Health Services Professional, effective through June 2027.

Staff Presenters: Health and Human Services Director Charles Henry and County Attorney Joshua Moyer

10:52 a.m. Board Action: Moved to approve Carl Goodrich for the Human Services Advisory Board. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(10:52 a.m.)

19. PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

To authorize the Board Chair, or designee, to execute the Technical Assistance Letter to request assistance from The Trust for Public Land, Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Big Waters Land Trust for feasibility research, public opinion survey(s) and the development of strategies to sustain dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for the County's land acquisition and management program.

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

11:10 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to authorize the Board Chair Designee to execute the Technical Assistance Letter as presented on the screen. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS UPON REQUEST:

(11:10 a.m.)

20. PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. (Not a public hearing) To adopt a resolution amending the Sarasota County Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (Resolution No. 2025-164) to add the Ashton Road Property NPP Land Acquisition and Start-Up as Project No. 85691;
- B. (Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2026-010, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for Capital Improvement Program Project No. 85691 ? Ashton Road Property NPP Land Acquisition and Start-Up Project (\$2,457,755.00) and Operating Impacts (\$19,750), in the amount of \$ 2,477,505.00;
- C. (Not a public hearing) To adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 2.4-acre of real property located at 2401 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34231 from Peter M. Morton, Individually and as Trustee of the Peter M. Morton Revocable Living Trust Dated March 15, 1999, in the amount of \$1,942,000.00, 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

Public Presenters: Joel Palombo and Ted Ritter

11:12 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

11:19 a.m. Board Action: **Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:19 a.m. Board Action: **Move approval Item 20 B and C. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(11:19 a.m.)

21. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, approving Special Exception Petition No. 1913, to allow a Wholesale Plant Nursery with Landscape Supply in the OUE-1 zone

district for property located north of River Road, east of Winchester Boulevard, Englewood.

Item submitted: A copy of correspondence

11:20 a.m. Board Action: **Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:20 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

REPORTS SECTION:

(11:20 a.m.)

22. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Filed for Record List.

(11:20 a.m.)

23. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Jonathan Lewis commented on Phillippi Creek.

Staff Presenters: Stormwater Director Ben Quartermaine, County Attorney Joshua Moye, and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis.

11:49 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to give ability for Staff to contemplate dredging to the maximum extent possible by the code, including the oxbows and to come back with a price tag on that. Moved by Smith, seconded by Neunder, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(12:03 p.m.)

24. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. Request authorization to file a lawsuit against FP&Y, LLC for property damage;
- B. To consider proposed settlement in Casie Angers v. Sarasota County.

12:03 p.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

12:04 p.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(12:04 p.m.)

25. COMMISSIONER MAST

Commr. Mast commented on budgets.

(12:05 p.m.)

26. COMMISSIONER SMITH

Commr. Smith commented on a letter from the City of Sarasota and a request to write a letter in support of the nomination of an award for rehabilitation to the Sarasota Alliance of Historic Preservation for the property located at 5546 Avenida Del Mare.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

12:12 p.m. Board Action: **Moved to approve you writing a letter in support. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(12:12 p.m.)

27. COMMISSIONER KNIGHT

Commr. Knight commented on the input from law enforcement regarding Ted Sperling Park.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

12:17 p.m. Board Action: Moved that at our next meeting about Ted Sperling Park that we have a law enforcement representative from the work group present to provide guidance to us on our recommendation or policy decision. Moved by Knight, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(12:17 p.m.)

28. COMMISSIONER CUTSINGER - No Items were presented.

(12:17 p.m.)

29. CHAIR NEUNDER

Chair Neunder commented on the Government Efficiency Citizen Committee.

(12:19 p.m.)

30. ADMINISTRATION

Outstanding Board Assignments.

(12:19 p.m.)

31. ADMINISTRATION

Board Meeting Schedule.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED:

(01:20 p.m.)

32. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(Public hearing) To consider a proposed resolution regarding Coastal Setback Variance No. 79-03-25-608 for the construction of a new single-family residence and accessory structures located a maximum of 262.2 feet seaward of the Gulf Beach Setback Line on a vacant lot at 162 Beach Road, Siesta Key, Property Identification No. 0080240028.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Environmental Protection Division Environmental Permitting Manager Howard Berna, County Attorney Joshua Moye, and Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Director Nicole Rissler

Public Presenters: Bill Galvano, Lourdes Ramirez, Mary Smarelli, and John Dory

Items submitted: A copy of a presentation, a copy of an amended Resolution, a copy of exhibits, and copies of correspondence

02:28 p.m. Board Action: Moved to approve the Coastal Setback Variance No. 79-03-25-608 for the construction of a new single-family residence and accessory structures located a maximum of 262.2 feet seaward of the Gulf Beach Setback Line on a vacant lot at 162 Beach Road, Siesta Key, Property Identification No. 0080240028. Moved by Mast, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 4-1 vote; Smith voted "No."

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record

(02:29 p.m.)

33. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. (Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-026, approving Small Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. SA-2024-03 amending the Future Land Use Map for property located south of East Venice Avenue and east of Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, from Moderate Density Residential to Village II Commercial Center;
- B. (Not a public hearing) Land Development Regulation Commission to find Ordinance No. 2025-027 and Ordinance No. 2025-028 to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. (Must be done prior to the adoption of C and D.);
- C. (Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-027, approving Critical Area Plan Amendment No. 83-04-SP-2024 amending the Future Land Use Map of the I-75, Jacaranda Boulevard, East Venice Avenue Critical Area Plan adopted by Resolution No. 85-373 (as amended) for property south of East Venice Avenue and east of Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, from Single Family Residential to Mixed-Use with up to 17.87 dwelling units per acre;
- D. (Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-028, approving Critical Area Plan Amendment No. 86-01-SP-2024 amending the Future Land Use Map of the I-75 Corridor Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 89-35 (as amended) for property south of East Venice Avenue and east of Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, from Low Density Residential to Mixed-Use Residential;
- E. (Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-029, approving Rezone Petition No. 24-19 for property located south of East Venice Avenue and east of Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, from OUE-1 to OPI/PD zone district;
- F. (Public hearing) To adopt a Resolution, approving Special Exception No. 1915 to allow Height of up to 55 feet in the OPI/PD zone district, for property located south of East Venice Avenue and east of Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Planner Everett Farrell, Transportation Senior Engineer Professional Kwamena Sankah, Stormwater Manager Robert A. Laura, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, and County Attorney Joshua Moye

Public Presenters: Jackson Boone, Philip DiMaria Jr., Trenton Strackbein, Bonnie Peterson, Martin Ficson, Nerina Sperl, Raymond Sperl, Joan Cash, John DeYoung, and David Culp

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence and copies of photographs

03:47 p.m. Board Action: **Closed the public hearings. Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

03:56 p.m. Board Action: **Moved to deny 33A. Moved by Knight, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.

(03:57 p.m.)

34. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- A. (Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-030, approving Rezone Petition No. 25-01 for property located at 1407 East Manasota Beach Road,

Englewood, from OUE-2 and OPI with stipulations to OPI zone district with amended stipulations;

- B. (Public hearing) To adopt a Resolution, approving a waiver request to the SR 776 Corridor Plan Condition of Development Approval 19.A. to reduce landscape buffer width from 50 feet to 20 feet.

Staff Presenters: Planning and Development Services Planner Evan Claessens and County Attorney Joshua Moya

Public Presenters: Rhea Hunter, Nicole Beckel, and Derek Silcox

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence

04:45 p.m. Board Action: Closed the public hearings. Closed by Neunder, without objection.

04:50 p.m. Board Action: Moved approval on 34 A and B. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record

(04:51 p.m.)

35. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kristy Molyneaux commented on Phillippi Creek. (See Items 1 and 10 earlier this meeting.)

(04:54 p.m.)

36. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:54 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: _____

12/16/2025

