

November 18, 2025

9:00 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 Moyer, County Attorney  
Nicole Jovanovski, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Director of Finance  
Mandy Houston, Deputy Clerk  
Sarah Cooper, Deputy Clerk

(09:00 a.m.)

**INVOCATION**

Office of Financial Management Director Kimberli Radtke

(09:00 a.m.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jeremy Parker, Ensign, United States Navy

(09:02 a.m.)

**1. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

Jon Thaxton commented on Beginning Farmer and 4-H Youth Agriculture Education Complex.

James Haft, Kay Cessaro, Greg Stovall, Ron Kushden, Alan Ezrin, Philip Stanaland, Laurel Quarberg, Martha Jones, and Kelly Brown commented on funding for the dredging of waterways. (See Item 40 later this meeting.)

Dave Bullock commented on the Bay Runner Interlocal Agreement, funding for the dredging of waterways, and Ted Sperling Park. (See Items 2, 40, and 42, later this meeting.)

Kelly Bauman and Michelle Largman commented on Manasota Beach Road.

Adam Armbruster commented on Stickney Point Road.

Rich Gulash commented on outstanding payments owed for hurricane related work

completed.

Kristy Molyneaux commented on dredging of Philippi Creek.

Michael Allan commented on Resilient SRQ Hurricane Ian program. (See Item 22 later this meeting).

(09:42 a.m.)

**CONSENT SECTION:**

**09:42 a.m. Board Action: Move approval Consent Items 2-20. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**2. BREEZE TRANSIT**

- A. To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment B2026-016, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for the Breeze Bay Runner Trolley operating from downtown Sarasota and Lido Key in the amount of \$811,843.00;
- B. To approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sarasota for fixed route Bay Runner service between downtown Sarasota and Lido Key;
- C. To authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation, indicating the transfer of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement to Sarasota County.

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

**3. BREEZE TRANSIT**

To adopt a resolution approving the Revised 2024 Sarasota County Transit Development Plan Major Update as attached or in a form substantially similar, and delegating to the County Administrator, or designee, the authority to submit the Revised 2024 Transit Development Plan to the Florida Department of Transportation and to take any further action necessary to effectuate acceptance of said submission.

**4. BREEZE TRANSIT**

- A. To adopt a resolution authorizing the Chair, Vice Chair, County Administrator, or the County Administrator's designee, to execute and submit the Federal Fiscal Year 2026/State Fiscal Year 2027 grant application, agreements, assurances, warranties, certifications, and any other documents which may be required by the Florida Department of Transportation for the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S. Code Section 5310 Formula Grant for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities;
- B. To execute and submit the Federal Fiscal Year 2026/State Fiscal Year 2027 grant application along with supporting documentation and assurances to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S. Code Section 5310 Formula Grant for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, in the amount of \$1,489,165.00.

**5. CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Project Assignment No. 240498 to Agreement No. SR 2396-06 with Jon F. Swift, Inc., for construction manager at risk construction phase services for the Twin Lakes Park Pickleball Improvements, increasing the not to exceed amount from \$39,870.50 to \$1,332,878.50.

**6. ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- A. To approve Major Encroachment Agreement 2025-ENC-02 with the City of Sarasota for the Downtown Fiber Project;
- B. To approve the City of Sarasota's Usage Permit for fiber optic conduit for the City's parcel of real property bounded to the North by Ringling Boulevard, to the east by School Avenue, to the south by Adams Lane, and portion of the western boundary by the Sarasota County Parking Garage.

**7. GENERAL SERVICES**

- 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 declare the identified tangible personal property as under-threshold property and move the under-threshold property to a disposed of status.

**8. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

- A. To adopt a resolution requesting the Florida Legislature (1) designate a portion of SR 780/Fruitville Road between McIntosh Road and Coburn Road as the "Charlie Kirk Memorial Road"; (2) to direct placement of markers by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) at the termini or intersections specified for the highway segment; and (3) to request active support of the designation by all members of the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation;
- B. To adopt a resolution designating a portion of County Road 780/Fruitville Road between Coburn Road and Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, as the "Charlie Kirk Memorial Road" and approving placement of "In Memoriam" signage below the existing street signs; and
- C. To authorize the Chair to sign a transmittal letter to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation and any other related documentation required to effectuate said memorial designations.

**9. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- A. To approve the amendment of the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028;
- B. To adopt a resolution delegating authority to the County Administrator or designee to take all actions necessary to manage, administer, allocate, expend, and make and implement decisions concerning State Housing Initiatives Partnership funding; and authorizing acceptance of electronic signatures for State Housing Initiatives Partnership applications, agreements, and related documents as permitted by law.

**10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

To approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute each Amendment No. 3 with the following vendors for demolition of private/public property, in a total amount not to exceed budgeted funds for all awarded vendors, and revising Exhibit B – Fee Schedule for Contract No. SR 2266-3:

- a. Forristall Enterprises, Inc., Contract No. SR 2266-01
- b. USA Fence Company, Contract No. SR 2266-02
- c. Johnson's Excavation & Services, Inc., Contract No. SR 2266-03

**11. 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, FL.

**12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

- A. To approve the termination of a permanent drainage easement on property owned by LEO@VENICE, LLC located on Indigo Lane, Nokomis known as Parcel ID No. 0365002003;
- B. To approve the termination of a temporary drainage easement agreement on property owned by LEO@VENICE, LLC located on Indigo Lane, Nokomis known as Parcel ID No. 0365002003;
- C. To approve the first amendment to flowage easement and conservation easement on property owned by LEO@VENICE, LLC located on Indigo Lane, Nokomis known as Parcel ID No. 0365002003.

**13. PUBLIC UTILITIES**

To approve a Utility Agreement with FruitvilleLWR75, LLC, related to the Fruitville Initiative Enclave, for wastewater system improvements and to authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to approve reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 for costs related to oversizing and constructing certain wastewater system improvements.

**14. PUBLIC UTILITIES**

To approve the Master Wastewater Interlocal Agreement (Forcemain/Mote Lift Station Upgrades) with the Lakewood Ranch Stewardship District ("District"), a local unit of special purpose government, created by Local Bill No. 1429, codified at Chapter 2005-338, Laws of Florida for utility improvements and the provision of utility service for the developments within District boundaries and to authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to approve reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$379,000.00 for costs related to oversizing and constructing certain utility system improvements.

**15. PUBLIC UTILITIES**

To approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. CP 2133 with Envirowaste Services Group, Inc., to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$250,000.00 to an amount not to exceed budgeted funds, for a period through February 28, 2027.

**16. STORMWATER**

To authorize the County Administrator or designee, to approve a term contract with Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. for ambient water quality monitoring of Sarasota County bays, for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$581,832.00.

**17. SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

To adopt a resolution revising precinct boundaries for Precincts 301, 305, 307, 431, 435, 437, 507, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, and 525 along with dissolving Precincts 111, 207, 213, 225, and 503, by combining them with Precincts 109, 205, 211, 223, and 427 pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 101.001.

**18. TRANSPORTATION**

To approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 4 to SS 2014 (Master Agreement No. MA-22-06216) with OpenGov, Inc., for computerized maintenance management, to renew the contract through December 31, 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$271,396.89.

**19. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

To ratify and approve Warrants dated October 20 through October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$42,404,742.57, as detailed in the voucher packages filed in the Finance Department.

**20. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting dated October 21, 2025.

**DISCUSSION SECTION:**

(09:43 a.m.)

**21. PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Presentation by Trust for Public Land providing an update on the Beneva Road Segment of The Legacy Trail Connector to Nathan Benderson Park.

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

Public Presenter: Charles Hines

(09:49 a.m.)

**22. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- A. To receive a presentation on the Resilient SRQ Hurricane Ian program;
- B. To consider a request from ReVital Development Group, LLC., awarded \$4,073,275.00 in CDBG-DR funds from the 2022 allocation for the "Autumn Palms North Port" project, to change the awarded sub-recipient from ReVital Development Group, LLC., to Bright Community Trust, Inc., due to anticipated negative tax and legal implications on the project's financing;
- C. To consider a request from ReVital Development Group, LLC., awarded \$4,073,275.00 in CDBG-DR funds from the 2022 allocation for the "Autumn Palms North Port" project, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute a Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding Form to support this development's pursuit of additional state financing for this project.
- D. To consider options and provide direction for the \$20,000,000.00 in Resilient SRQ Hurricane Ian funds that are available for re-purposing.

Staff Presenters: Office of Financial Management Program Management Division Manager Steve Hyatt, Policy and Compliance Program Manager Kinsey Patel, County Attorney Joshua Moye, and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

10:15 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to approve 22 B and C. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

10:45 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to fund Revital \$6,676,725.00 and the balance of 13 and change, to be brought back at a later date. Moved by Mast, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

**RECESS:** 10:46 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

(10:57 a.m.)

**23. CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To provide an update on the Clerk Records Center Facility replacement.

Staff Presenter: Capital Projects Director Carolyn Eastwood

11:09 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to give board direction to continue forward with negotiations with the Swift Family Limited Partnership for the long-term lease with a purchase option. Moved by Smith, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS UPON REQUEST:**

(11:09 a.m.)

**24. SOLID WASTE**

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance 2025-031 amending Chapter 106 of the County Code, relating to solid waste.

11:10 a.m. Board Action: **Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:10 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:10 a.m.)

**25. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-033, approving Rezone Petition No. 25-06, for property located at 8801 Stoneybrook Boulevard, Sarasota, from RSF-2/PUD zone district with stipulations to RSF-2/PUD zone district with amended stipulations.

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

11:11 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to approve Item 25. Moved by Smith, seconded by Cutsinger, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:11 a.m.)

**26. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

(Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2025-067, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to incorporate various supplemental appropriations, revenue adjustments, grants, interest income, debt proceeds, miscellaneous revenue, and transfers resulting in a decrease in the amount of \$773,544.00.

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

11:11 a.m. Board Action: **I'll move. Moved by Smith, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:12 a.m.)

**27. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- A.** (Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2026-013, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for substantial amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fiscal Year 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Action Plans, in the amount of \$1,251,903.00.
- B.** (Not a public hearing) To approve a Second Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan, re-allocating \$1,189.15 in unspent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support Affordable Housing Acquisition;
- C.** (Not a public hearing) To approve a First Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan, re-allocating \$929,010.85 in unspent

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support Affordable Housing Acquisition;

- D. (Not a public hearing) To approve a Second Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan, re-allocating \$680,260.00 in unspent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support Affordable Housing Acquisition and Public Service Activities;
- E. (Not a public hearing) To authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to approve and execute subrecipient agreements with provider agencies for the activities and amounts listed in the substantial amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Action Plans.

11:13 a.m. Board Action: **Closed the public hearing. Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:13 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to approve 27 A through E. Moved by Mast, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:14 a.m.)

**28. SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

(Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2026-009, amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to appropriate funding for the carry forward of purchase orders for vehicles ordered in Fiscal Year 2025, but not yet received, in the amount of \$172,642.00.

11:14 a.m. Board Action: **Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:14 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Smith, seconded by Neunder, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:15 a.m.)

**29. PUBLIC UTILITIES**

(Public hearing) To adopt a resolution amending Resolution 2025-177 superseding and replacing the Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, and Other Utility Rates, Fees, Charges and Billing Adjustment Policy for the Sarasota County Utilities System.

11:15 a.m. Board Action: **Closed by Neunder, without objection.**

11:15 a.m. Board Action: **Moved approval Item 29. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Smith, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**REPORTS SECTION:**

(11:15 a.m.)

**30. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

Filed for Record List.

(11:15 a.m.)

**31. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - No Items were presented.**

(11:15 a.m.)

**32. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. Request authorization to prosecute Equix Energy and People's Gas for property damage;
- B. To consider recommendation in Harris Act Claim - Cougar Investment Management, LLC and 8Square, LLC.

11:16 a.m. Board Action: **So moved. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Mast, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

11:17 a.m. Board Action: **Moved to send the letter for denial. Moved by Mast, seconded by Knight, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:17 a.m.)

**33. COMMISSIONER MAST - No Items were presented.**

(11:17 a.m.)

**34. COMMISSIONER SMITH**

Commr. Smith commented on the dredging on Philippi Creek.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

11:24 a.m. Board Action: **Directed Staff to come back to us with a report on the direction to amend our County of Code Ordinances to include littering, to include these signs in our littering Ordinance, as well as, revising section 98-9 "removal of signs from a Right-of-Way", to amend paragraph 'A' that we discard immediately the signs and delete paragraph 'B' in its entirety. Moved by Smith, seconded by Knight, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:28 a.m.)

**35. COMMISSIONER KNIGHT**

Commr. Knight commented on a property on 10th Street under Code Enforcement action and the Blackburn Point Road swing bridge.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

(11:31 a.m.)

**36. COMMISSIONER CUTSINGER**

Commr. Cutsinger commented on recognizing Parks and Recreation employees.

(11:33 a.m.)

**37. CHAIR NEUNDER**

Government Efficiency Advisory committee.

Commr. Neunder commented on the Government Efficiency Advisory committee.

Staff Presenter: County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

11:53 a.m. Board Action: **Motion to bring back at a later meeting Staff update on the Live Local Act, Senate Bill 208. Moved by Neunder, seconded by Knight, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(11:54 a.m.)

**38. ADMINISTRATION**

Outstanding Board Assignments.

(11:54 a.m.)

**39. ADMINISTRATION**

Board Meeting Schedule.

**RECESS:** 11:54 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**DISCUSSION SECTION:**

(01:00 p.m.)

**40. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

To select and approve applications, up to the program cap of \$30 million, submitted under Dredging of Major Waterways within the Resilient SRQ Infrastructure Program.

Staff Presenters: Office of Financial Management Program Management Division Manager Steve Hyatt and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis

Public Presenter: Nick Patel

01:18 p.m. Board Action: **Moved that we approve the selected projects for dredging the major waterways in the case of the city making sure there is federal funding before that money is sent. Moved by Smith, seconded by Knight, carried by a 5-0 vote.**

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

(01:27 p.m.)

**41. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Presentation of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee report.

Staff Presenter: Planning and Development Services Director Matthew Osterhoudt

Public Presenter: Trey Saunders

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED:**

(01:47 p.m.)

**42. PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES**

(Public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-040 amending Chapter 130, Articles II and III of the Sarasota County Code, related to motorboat restrictions at Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach, expansion of the authorization for law enforcement and making additional updates.

Staff Presenters: Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Director Nicole Rissler, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, and County Attorney Joshua Moyer

Public Presenters: Justin McBride, Philip Secord, Lourdes Ramirez, Wendy O'Neill, Celine O'Conner, Gina Nerlino, Jane Conrad, David Rayner, and Mike Skinner

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence and a copy of a presentation

03:05 p.m. Board Action: **Moved to bring this back another public hearing and moving forward with the idle speed, no wake zone as presented here on the screen Option B. Moved by Cutsinger, seconded by Knight, carried by a 4-1 vote; Smith voted "No."**

(See Item 1 earlier this meeting.)

**Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.**

(03:08 p.m.)

**43. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

- A. (Public hearing) To adopt a resolution, transmitting Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2022-D, adding new policy 1.3.3(E), allowing for voluntary demolition and rebuilding of multi-family structures, comprising of nonconforming density, within the Siesta Key Overlay District, to the Florida Department of Commerce for review and comment;
- B. (Not a public hearing) Land Development Regulation Commission to find Ordinance No. 2024-053 to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. (Must be done prior to the adoption of C.);
- C. (First public hearing) To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-053, approving Unified Development Code Amendment No. 55, relating to voluntary demolition and rebuilding of multi-family structures, consisting of nonconforming density, within the Siesta Key Overlay District.

Staff Presenter: Planning and Development Services Planner Everett

Public Presenters: John Doherty, Lourdes Ramirez, Neal Schleifer, Hilla Blatt, Paul Adler, Capers Jones, and Carlyn Berghoff

Items submitted: Copies of correspondence and a copy of Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and other Local Public Officers submitted by Commissioner Smith

**RECESS:** 3:15 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Neunder passed the gavel to Commr. Cutsinger.

04:20 p.m. Board Action: **Moved to deny transmitting Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2022-D, adding new policy 1.3.3(E), allowing for voluntary demolition and rebuilding of multi-family structures, comprising of nonconforming density, within the Siesta Key Overlay District, to the Florida Department of Commerce for review and comment. Moved by Neunder, seconded by Knight, carried by a 4-0 vote; Smith abstained.**

**Note: Oath/Signature Cards Filed for Record.**

(04:21 p.m.)

**44. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Lourdes Ramirez commented on Senate Bills 180, 208, and 48.

(04:24 p.m.)

**45. OTHER BUSINESS - No Items were presented**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:24 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

12/16/2025

