

## County Commission receives hurricane recovery update

By Hector Flores

Commissioners received an update on hurricane recovery projects at their Tuesday meeting. Facilities Director Travis Perdue told the board the design development for the Mid-County Regional Library is under review and we have received estimates for HVAC, roof and exterior repairs. The reconstruction is projected to be completed in the fall of 2025. Community Services Director Tommy Scott said the interior floor plan will be revised to improve the flow of patrons throughout the library and to provide flexibility to adapt to future library technology trends.

Facilities is also progressing on a request for proposals for a master plan and programming for the former Cultural Center of Charlotte County building, which will be advertised to bidders in the near future. That phase of the project is expected to be completed in March 2025. Demolition of the building is scheduled for October 2025.

At the Charlotte County Justice Center, all interior repair work has been completed, as well as exterior lighting, gates and fences, Perdue said. Replacement of the roof is scheduled for August with a projected completion date in October. Replacement of multiple HVAC systems are in various stages of design and procurement.

All repairs inside and outside of the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center were completed in May, with the exception of exterior lighting repairs, which are in progress through a separate contract. The event center has been open and hosting events while the repairs were being made.

To give you a sense of the scope of hurricane damage the county sustained, Facilities staff and our contractors are working on 225 repair projects. We divided the contracts for repairs into several phases in three geographical areas, South County, Mid-County and West County. Repairs on 86 South County projects are 50% complete and we expect to be done in December. In Mid-County, 90 projects are 30% complete with expected completion in February 2025. In West County, 49 projects are 30% complete with expected completion in February 2025.

We'll continue to update and revise timelines and projected completion dates both for the board and the public, which can track projects on our website's Project Status Update page. Visit [www.charlottecountyfl.gov/projects](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/projects).

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