

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 15, 2025**

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance (via teleconference), Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

**The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am,** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Medical Examiner Update – Dr. Vega**

Russell S. Vega, M.D., District 22 Medical Examiner gave a brief overview of Death Investigations, Criminal Investigations, Investigative Authority, Public Health, Mass Fatality Events, Operational Details, Workload Driver: Population, Workload 2015-2024: Accepted Cases and Autopsies, Referred Cases and Cremations, Common Violent Deaths, The Opioid Crisis, Opioids and Overdose, Overdose Deaths, Budget Request Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, and For the Future.

**Commissioner Constance** discussed Overdose Deaths and multiple drug intake.

**2. William R. Gaines Jr Veterans Memorial Park Update – Tommy Scott**

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director gave a brief overview of William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, Past resolutions and agreements: Resolution 2017-182, License agreement 2021, Initial Park, Park Master Plan Overview, Park development: phase 1, phase 1 - site map, trails, trails - site map, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) kayak launch, phase 2, phase 2 - site map, and phase 3.

Michael Gaines, William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Fund gave a brief overview of Memorial Fund - update: Tower Project Phase One, Tower Project Phase One Continued, and Tower Project Phase Two.

**Chair Tiseo** mentioned funding sources and needs, Tower Project Phase One Continued, Tower Project Phase Two, and William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Fund financial contributions. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on park accessibility and utilization, hurricanes, schedule impacts, community events, and shade structures installation.

**3. Master Space Plan - Travis**

Travis Perdue, Facilities Management Director gave a brief overview of Objectives, Tasks, Phase One, Departments/Constitutionals, Phase Two, Phase Three, Phase Four, Total Project, responded to CBRE, and industry standards.

**Commissioner Constance** spoke to Phase One, functional and spatial needs, swing workspaces, training options and facilities, and project costs. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted artificial intelligence (AI) technology, spatial requirements and needs, staffing, centralization, decentralization, regionalization, population growth, and timeframe. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Phase One, remote employees, consultant contract, July 22, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, and flexibility. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned Phase One, remote employees, Metro Forecasting Update, and timing.

#### 4. Fiscal Recovery – Fiscal

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Summary (Open Disasters), Tracking Expenses & Reimbursements, Projected Insurance reimbursement, Hurricane Ian Insurance Claims Progress, Insurance Parameters, Insurance Parameters - FY 2026, Other Sources, Projected County Share, Cashflow, remarked on April 12, 2025 memorandum titled “Actions to Rebalance Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)’s Role in Disasters” Analysis of Impacts on Charlotte County Memo, and Potential FEMA Changes.

Chris Spillman, CSA Consulting Group Principal Consultant gave a brief overview of Summary (Open Disasters), Projected FEMA Reimbursement, Project FEMA Cost Sharing, Process Timeline, FEMA Public Assistance National Workflow, FEMA Project Status, and Potential FEMA Changes.

**Chair Tiseo** commented on FEMA Project Status, Potential FEMA Changes, consultant preapproval and certification process, redundancies, FEMA Public Assistance National Workflow, consistency, category eligibility, Insurance Parameters - FY 2026, reimbursement strategies, net savings, resilient shade structures, local flexibility, Summary (Open Disasters), Hurricane Recovery website, Cashflow, Reserve levels, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Funds utilization, statutory limitations, and road and bridge storm-related damages. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Retention Fund, Insurance Parameters - FY 2026, Summary (Open Disasters), Projected County Share, Projected FEMA Cost Sharing, Cashflow, Projected FEMA Reimbursements, Reserve levels, and MSBU Fund utilization. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted Insurance Parameters - FY 2026, Retention Fund, and Reserves. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Insurance Parameters - FY 2026, funding sources, flexibility, MSBU Funds, Cashflow, debris removal and emergency traffic control devices costs, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Projected FEMA Reimbursements, storm-related damages, and Potential FEMA Changes. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned July 13, 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Disaster Task Force Meeting, redundancies, Hagerty Consulting Executive Chairman Brock Long, process improvements and redundancies, uninsured government buildings, Insurance Parameters – FY 2026, Projected FEMA Cost Sharing, paving costs, Summary (Open Disasters), and Projected FEMA Reimbursement.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on MSBU Funds usage parameters.

#### **AA. County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Flores commented on staff and consultant efforts and data sharing.

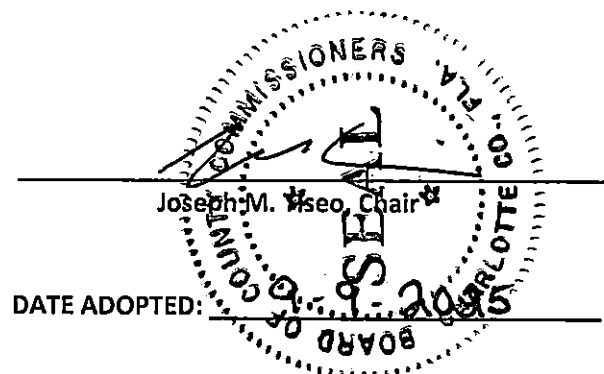
**BB. County Attorney Comments - None**

**CC. Commissioner Comments**

**Chair Tiseo** noted July 15, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to July 17, 2025 MSBU Public Hearing, mailed citizen input, Englewood East Street and Drainage Unit, property values, increased construction, Ad Valorem increases, and How Your Tax Dollar is Spent FY 2025/2026. **Commissioner Truex** discussed July 16, 2025 and July 17, 2025 MSBU Public Hearings, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent FY 2025/2026, Disaster Recovery Task Force mission, Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, and bipartisan co-sponsorship.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis replied to T&I Committee.

**ADJOURNED: 11:31 am**



**ATTEST:**

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
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By:   
Deputy Clerk