

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 14, 2025

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

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

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

The Invocation was given by Reverend Larry Yerger, Our Savior Lutheran Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: R-7, 10/09/2025, Added attachment - Revised Presentation. 10/13/2025, Added attachment - Final Presentation.

Requested by: Budget & Administration Services

Change #2: R-8, Added attachment – Revised Presentation.

Requested by: Human Services

Change #3: R-9, Added attachments – South Alligator Creek Map & LAP Agreement.

Requested by: Public Works

Change #4: F-5, Added attachment – Resolution.

Requested by: Budget & Administrative Services

Change #5: K-1, Added attachment – Cobbled Agreement.

Requested by: Human Resources

Deletion #1: R-1, Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Linda Cotherman and Lindsay Yates for the Don Pedro Knight Islands Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Requested by: Commission Office

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Proclamations - Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Deutsch discussed October 14, 2025 Honoring Charlie Kirk Event at Twisted Fork.

National White Cane Day

Proclamation to be mailed to Lighthouse Vision Loss Center.

Imagine A Day Without Water

Utilities Operations Manager Ken Stecher and Superintendent Tom Hill accepted the Proclamation.

Employee Recognition

Years of Service - September 2025

5 Years: Nicole Harrelson, Public Works; Joseph Monteleone, Utilities; William Thompson, Human Services; Russell Binder, Utilities; Anthony Aguirre, Budget & Administrative Services; **10 Years:** Scott Ford Jr., Utilities; Julie Pennock, Tourism; Brian Gleason, Communications; **15 Years:** Kyle Chermansky, Public Safety; Edwin Cooper, Public Works; **20 Years:** Martin Maberino, Utilities; Robert Netz, Public Works; Bryan Peyton, Public Safety; Eddie Tucker, Public Works; and James Wheeler, Community Services.

Award Presentations

Wellness Award

Stephane Phillips to present the Healthiest Employer Award, 7th place, in recognition of the organization's outstanding dedication to fostering a culture of health and well-being through the implementation of a comprehensive and impactful workplace wellness program that supports employees' physical, mental, and emotional health.

Stephane Phillips, Wellness Coordinator highlighted and presented the Healthiest Employer Award.

PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

William Hoffman spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Roland Coderre remarked on South Gulf Cove Waterway Advisory Board Appointment.

Brian Barnes mentioned Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Art Donaldson spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

John Waterworth spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Dennis Peck commented on Reappointments – Municipal Service Benefit Unit – Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSBU-MSTU) Advisory Boards and Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

John Shea spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Brian Irwin remarked on Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Dave Allen spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

David Rolando spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Ben Sumner spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Cliff McMahon spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Christina Smith spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Marjorie Bray spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Jillian Studders spoke in favor of Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Scott Rogers spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Phil Shaw noted Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Janice Nelms spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Eric Schilt spoke in favor of Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

James Pasterak spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Linda Howell spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Charles Howell spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Lindsay Collingsworth spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

Jack Vanderhayden spoke against Manchester Cut-Through Project Update.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The committee vacancy list below is for informational purposes only. It is not part of the County Commission agenda upon which action is to be taken, and therefore not a topic on which public input is allowed at the beginning of this meeting.

Barrier Island Fire Service Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Advisory Board is seeking a volunteer to fill a vacant position with term ending October 31, 2026. Applicants must be residents of Charlotte County and reside within the Unit. Submit applications to Public Safety Department, 26571 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982; call 941-833-5602 or email Carole.Thomas@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

The Historical Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers to fill two at-large vacancies, one vacancy as a Military Heritage Museum representative and one Historical Organization representative. Historical Organization must be in Charlotte County. For an application, please email Claudia.Mayo@CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Terms are effective immediately and will expire October 2028.

The following **MSBU/TU Advisory Boards** are seeking volunteers who must be both a property owner within and reside within the Unit. Submit applications to Public Works Department, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950; call 941-575-3600 or e-mail MSBU-TU@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

- **Alligator Creek Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Boca Grande Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Buena Vista Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Burnt Store Village Street & Drainage** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Cook & Brown Street Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2027, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Deep Creek Non-Urban Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Don Pedro/ Knight Islands Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Edgewater North Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Englewood East Non-Urban Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.

- **Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Grove City Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Gulf Cove Street & Drainage** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Gulf Cove Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Harbour Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Harbour Heights Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Manchester Waterway Utility Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Pirate Harbor Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Placida Area Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.

- **Rotonda Sands Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda West Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **South Burnt Store Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **South Charlotte Stormwater Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **South Gulf Cove Waterway Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Suncoast Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **West Charlotte Stormwater Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.

Tourist Development Council is seeking one volunteer to fill an open position and who is involved in the tourism industry (i.e. restaurant, attraction, etc.) or represents tourism accommodations as an owner or operator of a motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park or other tourist accommodation located in the county and subject to tourist development tax. Volunteer shall be an elector of Charlotte County or reside in a county adjacent to Charlotte County and own a business within Charlotte County, have demonstrated interest in tourist development and have paid the local business tax in Charlotte County. Volunteer will fill an unexpired term which ends on October 9, 2026. For an application, please contact Nina at (941) 743-1300, press 2 or via email Janina.Stamoulis@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Tourist Development Council is seeking one volunteer who is involved in the tourism industry (i.e.: restaurant, attraction, etc.) and has demonstrated an interest in tourist development but who is not an owner or operator of a motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park or other tourist accommodation located in the county and subject to tourist development tax. Volunteer shall be an elector of Charlotte County or reside in a county adjacent to Charlotte County and own a business within Charlotte County, have demonstrated an interest in tourist development and have paid the local business tax in Charlotte County. Volunteer will fill a four year term which ends on December 9, 2029. For an application, please contact Nina at (941) 743-1300, press 2 or via email Janina.stamoulis@charlottecountyfl.gov.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Constance spoke to International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Successor Agreement.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF F-8,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Comptroller Division

1. Finance

Recommended Action: Approve the Clerk's Finance Memorandum.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

B. Minutes Division

1. Minutes

Recommended Action: September 4, 2025 Public Hearing on Proposed County Budget 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

September 9, 2025 BCC Regular and Land Use Meeting

September 16, 2025 BCC Board Workshop

September 22, 2025 BCC Pre-Agenda

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

1. Appointment - Burnt Store Village Street & Drainage Advisory Board

Recommended Action: Approve the appointment of Robert Carrier to the Burnt Store Village Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a three-year term replacing Patrick Hurd who has chosen not to seek reappointment. This appointment will be effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

2. Appointment - Harbour Heights Waterway Advisory Board

Recommended Action: Approve the appointment of Patrick Bantz to the Harbour Heights Waterway Advisory Board. This will be a three-year term replacing Jeff Good who has chosen not to seek reappointment. This appointment will be effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

3. Appointment - West Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board

Recommended Action: Approve the appointment of Eric Axelson to the West Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board. This will be a three-year term replacing Geoffrey Norton who has chosen not to seek reappointment. This appointment will be effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

4. Reappointment - Tourist Development Council

Recommended Action: Approve the reappointment of David B. Haynes as a Tourism Accommodation Member, to the Tourist Development Council. Term is effective immediately and will expire November 14, 2029.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

5. Reappointments- Historical Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: a) Approve the reappointments of Clare Riggs as Historical Advisory Committee member-at-large; and b) Dianne Munson as a representative of the Charlotte County Historical Center Society. Both terms are effective immediately and will expire October 2028.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

6. Reappointments - MSBU-TU Advisory Boards

Recommended Action: Approve the reappointments to the following Municipal Service Benefit Units & Municipal Service Taxing Units Advisory Boards: a) Alligator Creek Waterway (2 positions): Stephen Carey & Jennie Phipps; and b) Buena Vista Waterway (2 positions): Frank Kudrna & Richard Russell; and c) Burnt Store Village Street & Drainage: Roy McElwee; and d) Deep Creek Non-Urban Street & Drainage (2 positions): Art Seymour & Stephen Rabinowitz; and e) Edgewater North Waterway: Michael Ploskina; and f) Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage: James Newkirk; and g) Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage (2 positions): Greg Carney & Bob Logan; and h) Grove City Street & Drainage: Christopher Wilcox; and i) Gulf Cove Street & Drainage: James Wernicke; and j) Manchester Waterway: Dennis Peck; and k) Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway (2 positions): Beverly Donahue & Gregg Smith; and l) Pirate Harbor Waterway: John Schwind; and m) Placida Area Street & Drainage: Robert Howell; and n) Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage: James Harper; and o) Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage: Paul McGinley; and p) Rotonda Sands Street & Drainage: Karen Hartman; and q) South Burnt Store Street & Drainage: Dave Evans; and r) South Charlotte Stormwater (2 positions): Dave Evans & Robert DiMuzio; and s) Suncoast Waterway: David Clark; and t) West Charlotte Stormwater: Benjamin Sinclair. These reappointments will be effective November 1, 2025, and expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

D. County Administration

E. County Attorney

F. Budget and Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

1. Florida Rural Legal Services Funding Agreement

Recommended Action: a) Approve the Funding Agreement between Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and Florida Rural Legal Services; and b) Authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.
AGR 2025-220

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Legal Aid Fund budget as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from court related fees and ad valorem.

Information Technology

Purchasing

2. 23-154, Amendment 2, Repair or Replace Rotonda MSBU Bridge 014113 (Public Works)

Recommended Action: a) Approve Amendment 2 to Contract #23-154, Repair or Replace Rotonda MSBU Bridge #014113, with KCI Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$18,260; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 2.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. A fourth quarter budget adjustment will be brought to the Board if award is accepted. Funding for this Hurricane Ian Amendment #2 to Contract #23-154 will be collected in the hurricane fund. There is an anticipation of FEMA reimbursement.

3. 25-420, Approve Contract, Design El Jobean Fishing Pier and Approach (Community Services)

Recommended Action: a) Approve contract for Request for Proposal #25-420, Design El Jobean Fish Pier and Approach, to Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. of Englewood, Florida, for a Lump Sum project fee of \$249,960; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. A Q4 budget adjustment will be submitted. Hurricane costs are being collected in the Hurricane Fund. There is an anticipation of FEMA reimbursement.

4. 25-690, Award, Transit Mini Buses (Transit)

Recommended Action: a) Approve award of Piggyback purchase, File #25-690, Transit Mini Buses, for the purchase of two (2) Ford Transit Forest River Mini Buses 20' in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation Contract #TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-MODEL1 to Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the amount of \$118,903.47 per Bus for a total purchase price of \$237,806.94; and b) Approve for Auction Assets #36328 and #36250.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Capital grant funds, including the required 20% match, are included in the FY26 budget for Transit. Transportation Development Credits will be used to fulfill the match requirement. Grant funding will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Grant. Transportation Development Credits will be used as a "soft match", which allows the federal share to be reimbursed up to 100% as authorized by Chapter 53 of the Title 49 U.S.C.

5. 25-683, Award, Highwater Rescue Vehicles with Dual-Purpose Capabilities (Public Safety)

(Change #4) Added attachment – Resolution.

Recommended Action: a) Approve the Piggyback award of File #25-683, Highwater Rescue Vehicles with Dual-Purpose Capabilities per the Sourcewell Contract #032824-CER, and award to Acela Truck Company of Bozeman, Montana for a purchase price of \$400,280 per unit for a total of two (2) units, total price of \$800,560; and b) Authorize the addition of 2 High Water Rescue Vehicles to the County Fleet; and c) Approve Resolution for budget adjustment BA25-194 in the amount of \$825,000; and d) Approve amendment to grant project g262502 and Misc. Equipment (FY25) to include High Water Rescue Vehicles. **RES 2025-332**

Budgeted Action: Approve Budget adjustment BA25-194 in the amount of \$825,000.00 amending the expense and revenue budget to include the FY25 State Legislative Appropriation. There is no match required.

6. 25-360, Cancellation, Don Pedro and Knight Island Neighborhood Plan (Public Works)

Recommended Action: Request the Board cancel Request for Proposal #25-360, Don Pedro and Knight Island Neighborhood Plan.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

7. 24-452, Award, Request for Bid, Piling Replacement - Annual Contract (Public Works)

Recommended Action: a) Retroactively approve award of Request for Bid #24-452, Piling Replacement - Annual Contract, awarded to Pinnacle Building Corp of Englewood, Florida at the unit prices submitted through December 31, 2025; and b) Authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to approve renewal options for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods at the same prices, terms, and conditions, by mutual consent.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. The cost associated with the installation of seagrass buoys is budgeted in the Community Services Capital Maintenance Plan, as approved in the FY26 budget process, with funding provided through Capital Projects (ad valorem). The remaining components of the contract are budgeted in the FY26 Boater Revolving Fund, with funding supplied by the West Coast Inland Navigation District and the State Boater Improvement Fund. No local match is required.

8. 23-485, Approve, Change Order 8, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion (Utilities)

Recommended Action: Approve Change Order #8 to Request for Bids #23-485, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, with Poole and Kent Company of Florida, or Port Charlotte, Florida, in the amount of \$379,225.67. This project is for the upgrade of the East Port Water Reclamation Facility.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project “East Port WRF Expansion” as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied from the Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

Commissioner Doherty discussed Bid 2023-485 Change Orders, October 14, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting, and item deferral.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO DEFER THE ITEM TO THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE AGENDA ITEM 4 PROJECT UPDATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

9. Property Deletions for the Month of October, 2025 (Purchasing)

Recommended Action: Approve the deletion of additional property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of October, 2025.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Real Estate Services

10. Harborview Road Widening Project - Segment 1

Recommended Action: Approve Resolutions authorizing the acquisition of real property or easement interests in real property by any legal means that may be required for the construction of roadway and/or roadway improvements for the Harborview Road Widening Project. **RES 2025-333, RES 2025-334, RES 2025-335, RES 2025-336, RES 2025-337, RES 2025-338, RES 2025-339, RES 2025-340, RES 2025-341, RES 2025-342, RES 2025-343, RES 2025-344, RES 2025-345**

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project "Harborview Melbourne to Date St. Ph. 1" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Grant funding will be provided by the Florida Department of Transportation, with matching funds provided from the 2020 Sales Tax Extension.

Risk Management

Transit

G. Community Development

H. Community Services

I. Economic Development

1. 2025 FloridaCommerce & SelectFlorida Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Recommended Action: a) Approve Resolution authorizing the Economic Development Office Director to sign the Primary County Partner MOU between Charlotte County and FloridaCommerce and SelectFlorida; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution. **AGR 2025-221 / RES 2025-346**

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

J. Facilities Management

K. Human Resources

1. International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Successor Agreement

(Change #5) Added attachment – Cobbled Agreement.

Recommended Action: Approve a three-year successor agreement with the Affiliate Local 1010, District Council 78, of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), AFL-CIO from October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028. **AGR 2025-222**

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Any costs associated with implementation will be budgeted within respective departments' operating budgets.

L. Human Services

M. Public Safety

N. Public Works

O. Tourism Development

P. Utilities

Q. Other Agencies

1. Englewood Water District Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement

Recommended Action: Acknowledge Receipt of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement and Affidavit regarding Englewood Water District's insurance.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

REGULAR AGENDA

R. Regular Agenda

(Deletion #1) 1. Appoint by Ballot – Don Pedro & Knight Islands Advisory Board

~~Commission Office~~

~~Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Linda Cotherman and Lindsay Yates for the Don Pedro Knight Islands Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.~~

2. Appoint by Ballot - Englewood East Street & Drainage Advisory Board

Commission Office

Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Glen Burnap and Shaun O'Rourke for the Englewood East Non-Urban Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

County Administrator Flores announced ballot majority for Glen Burnap and Shaun O'Rourke.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPOINT BY BALLOT GLEN BURNAP AND SHAUN O'ROURKE TO THE ENGLEWOOD EAST STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

3. Appoint by Ballot - Rotonda West Street & Drainage Advisory Board

Commission Office

Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Carol DeLuca and Nicholas Kotzalas for the Rotonda West Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025, and will expire on October 31, 2028.

County Administrator Flores announced ballot majority for Carol DeLuca and Nicholas Kotzalas.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPOINT BY BALLOT CAROL DELUCCA AND NICHOLAS KOTZALAS TO THE ROTONDA WEST STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

4. Appoint by Ballot - South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Advisory Board

Commission Office

Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Ron Wozniak and Eric Axelson for the South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

County Administrator Flores announced ballot majority for Craig Anderson and Eric Axelson.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPOINT BY BALLOT CRAIG ANDERSON AND ERIC AXELSON TO THE SOUTH GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

5. Appoint by Ballot - South Gulf Cove Waterway Advisory Board

Commission Office

Choose by ballot to fill the two expiring terms of Roland Coderre & Jenna Ginsberg for the South Gulf Cove Waterway Advisory Board. This will be a new three-year term effective November 1, 2025 and will expire on October 31, 2028.

County Administrator Flores announced ballot majority for Roland Coderre and Jenna Ginsberg.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPOINT BY BALLOT ROLAND CODERRE AND JENNA GINSBERG TO THE SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chair Tiseo mentioned Advisory Board Appointments, Reappointments, applications, and volunteer service.

6. Manchester Cut-Through Project Update

Public Works

a) Presentation; and b) Discussion and direction on the considerations presented.

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Background, Design Options, Costs, MSTU Estimates, Project Letter, Update, Citizen Feedback, Cut #1: Christopher Waterway to Muddy Cove, Cut #2: Ohara Waterway to Muddy Cove, Cut #3: Como Waterway into Deerfly Bay, Considerations, responded to purpose, Myakka River, hydrological flows, silting, cost estimates, lock installation purpose, regulatory agency review, and Request for Proposal (RFP).

Chair Tiseo remarked on recusal, Manchester Lock permit and removal process, General Development dredging history, Cut #1: Christopher Waterway to Muddy Cove, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) settlement agreement and water quality concerns, Project Letter, net environmental benefits, Background, regulatory agencies, cost analysis, funding responsibility, property purchase due diligence, septic to sewer conversion project, waterway access, and Update. **Commissioner Constance** commented on public attendance and input, Update, intentions, State and Federal Funding, mangrove impacts and environmental benefits, flood mitigation, silting study, district boundaries, cost estimates and increases, project support versus opposition map, East Port and Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facilities (WRF), property taxes, Sunshine Law, engineering firm selection process, Christopher and Ohara Waterways, uncertainty, and Florida Association of Counties (FAC). **Commissioner Deutsch** noted proposed cuts, General Development, canal dredging history and restoration, lock installation and removal, water impairment sources and removal, Costs, Project Letter, Update, environmental impacts and concerns, public attendance and input, property purchase research, and FDEP Director John Iglehart. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to environmental permitting history, South Gulf Cove, Interceptor Lagoon and Ackerman Waterways, manmade canal water quality concerns, Department of Pollution Control (DPC), Project Letter, alternatives analysis process, Atkins strategy and design proposal language, funding source, Update, suggested improvements, MSTU concept, project support map, State Funding cuts, and Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR) Coordinator Amy Baker. **Commissioner Truex** discussed mangrove and lock removal impacts, septic to sewer conversion project, City of North Port, seagrass, Peace River, Ohara Waterway, and environmental concerns.

County Administrator Flores replied to FDEP.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on 2021 Project Summit, regulatory agencies review, cut through options, alternatives analysis, recusal, and Board motion.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT, SECONDED BY CHAIR TISEO

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD CANCELING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE MANCHESTER CUT-THROUGH PROJECT, SECONDED BY CHAIR TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MANCHESTER CUT-THROUGH PROJECT, INCLUDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 4:0., CHAIR TISEO ABSTAINED

7. 25-214, Amendment 1, Construction Manager at Risk - Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility, Guaranteed Maximum Price (Utilities)

(Change #1) 10/09/2025, Added attachment - Revised Presentation. 10/13/2025, Added attachment - Final Presentation.

Budget & Admin Services

a) Approve Amendment 1, to Contract 25-214, Construction Manager at Risk - Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility with Jon F. Swift, Inc. for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the management/construction phase of the project in the amount of \$7,905,238.77; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 1.

Dave Watson, Utilities Director highlighted Amendment 1, Construction Manager at Risk – Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility, Guaranteed Maximum Price, and responded to options timeframe.

Lewis Bryant, Kimley-Horn gave a brief overview of Agenda, Current Flows and Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Capacity, Temporary Treatment Timeline, System Description, and replied to incorporated design compatibility.

Nathan Claussen, Haskell Project Director gave a brief overview of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), Schedule, Today's Request to the Board, responded to System Description, Cloacina Treatment, buyback options, and savings.

Chair Tiseo mentioned Schedule and Florida Power & Light (FPL) service. **Commissioner Constance** commented on Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), unit monthly rental and purchase costs, warranty options, System Description, and October 14, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Temporary Treatment Timeline, unit purchase, October 14, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update, permanent solutions, incorporated design compatibility, and final solution.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on consultant availability.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Agenda item and October 14, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM TO THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

8. Housing Finance Authority (HFA) Lee County - Multifamily Rental Housing Bond Program for Gulf Breeze Apartments Partners, LTD.

(Change #2) Added attachment – Revised Presentation.

Human Services

a) Discuss, consider, and approve the program parameters, including any community benefit commitments the Board may require as conditions in support of the proposed financing for Gulf Breeze Apartments Partners, LTD.; and b) Authorize the issuance of a Letter of No Objection for the HFA of Lee County to consider the issuance of Multi-family Mortgage Revenue Bonds (MMRB) to Gulf Breeze Apartments Partners, LTD.; and c) Authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of No Objection, in substantially the form attached hereto but which shall be prepared by the County Attorney's Office to include the program parameters as directed by the Board.

Colleen Turner, Human Services Manager gave a brief overview of Gulf Breeze Apartments - Bond Financing Request, Key Points, Financial Impact, Board Considerations, and Requested Action.

Chair Tiseo spoke to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Meeting, community room, and high-speed internet availability. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed affordability periods, established program parameters, high-speed internet availability, demographics, electronic rental program, South County Regional Park pedestrian crosswalk and connection options, Cooper Street, negotiation period, and Area Median Income (AMI). **Commissioner Truex** mentioned Board Considerations, affordability, laptops, and iPads.

Brian Evjen, NewStar President replied to Housing Finance Authority (HFA) purchase option, established affordability and bond issuance periods, Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA), required construction features and amenities, resident programming, and site development process.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Board considerations.

COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM PARAMETERS INCLUDING EXTENDED AFFORABILITY PERIODS TO FIFTY YEARS, TENANT RELOCATION PROTECTIONS, ACCESSIBILITY OR ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES, AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET OR RESIDENT AMENITIES; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF NO OBJECTION FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY (HFA) OF LEE COUNTY TO CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF MULTI-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS (MMRB) TO GULF BREEZE APARTMENTS PARTNERS, LTD., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

9. South Fork Alligator Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

(Change #3) Added attachments – South Alligator Creek Map & LAP Agreement.

Public Works

a) Presentation; and b) Discussion and direction regarding the South Fork Alligator Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Alligator Creek Pedestrian Bridge, Background, Additional Information, and Options.

Commissioner Constance commented on cost estimates, City of Punta Gorda, uncertainty, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funding reprioritization. Commissioner Doherty spoke to permitting, regulatory agencies, and FDOT control and timeline.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT AND THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

S. 10:00 A.M. Public Hearing

PRESENTATION AGENDA

T. 10:00 A.M. Presentations

PUBLIC INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

John Osanitch noted Harbor Village, Harbor East, concerns, regulatory agencies, native vegetation removal document and enforcement responsibility, DRC-22-00220, illegally permitted dock installation, regulations, Code Enforcement Complaints, and FDEP.

Robin Wilkins, Gasparilla Beach Access Coalition remarked on home values, Lee County Ordinance 25-16 and taxpayers, Boca Grande parking and South shoreline, Senator Ben Albritton, Representatives Danny Nix and Vanessa Oliver, Resolution 2025-303, documented incidents, vacancy rates, seasonal residents,

Sanibel and Captiva Islands population, FDEP critical eroded classification and Agreement, parking access regulations, beach renourishment funding, accepted donations, local impact, Boca Grande Chamber of Commerce, and revenue loss.

Carol McCoy, Coastal Wildlife Club and Florida Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network discussed Englewood Beach Waterfest, sea turtle season hatching and nesting impacts, beach monitoring, preservation and protection responsibilities, and turtle vessel strikes and stranding.

Jeff Lustig mentioned September 23, 2025 Final Budget Public Hearing, late budget reduction suggestions, Commission Office staffing, political motivation and statements, MPO Director formal investigation, and 9/11 Memorial Event attendance and representation.

Camilla Spicer commented on Englewood Beach Waterfest, sea turtle nest, and public input opportunity time period.

Jeff Lendroth spoke to September 9, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting public input, Resolution 2025-303, Interlocal Agreement (ILA), Lee County Ordinance 25-16 modification, Charlotte County resident parking privileges, possible further action, mediation, timeframe, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Nancy Martin noted Boca Grande, Lee County Ordinance 25-16, local business impacts, lost revenues, injunction relief, Gasparilla Beach Access Coalition, public access rights, and Cape Haze and South Gulf Cove property value protections.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores remarked on West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Meeting and Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) Agenda placement.

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Economic Development Director Comments - None

DD. County Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo discussed signage installation, remote employee listing, Florida Statute 106.15, Board Rules 3.33 and 3.25, political activities in government buildings prohibition, violation enforcement, Englewood Beach Waterfest reschedule and timing, sea turtle habitats, proper oversight, water monitoring, dais seating, public input time limit, WCIND Agenda placement, displaced employees, Harbor Village native vegetation and mangrove removal and dock installation, Boca Grande Parking Committee, parking availability, Lee County Ordinance 25-16 and Commissioner outreach, Legislative Delegation and Agenda, and Gasparilla Beach Access Coalition. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned October 28, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Lee County Ordinance 25-16 and County Manager Dave Harner, Boca Grande parking update and negative impacts, fact-finding mission, injunction action discussion, implementation, remote employee functions, work environment, and oversight, Workshop, Code violations, November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting, dais seating, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Roger Eaton, and meeting attendance and representation. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Boca Grande parking, Lee County Ordinance 25-16 and Commissioners, legal authority, local and economic

impacts, Resolution 2025-303, and Legislative Delegation outreach. Commissioner Doherty spoke to Boca Grande Parking Committee formation, October 28, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Lee County Commissioner Mike Greenwell and Ordinance 25-16 modification, implementation, November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting, legal action opportunity, collaborative efforts, County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, government shutdown, Legislative Agenda, and Florida Senate Committee Meetings. Commissioner Truex noted Public Information Office (PIO), misinformation, inaccurate social media posts, Video On-Demand Archives, derelict vessel removal cases and program modifications, Boca Grande parking, Lee County Commissioners outreach and Ordinance 25-16 modification, Legislative Delegation, unauthorized parking prevention measures, remote employee benefits, and productivity.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected collaborative efforts, Legislative Delegation, outreach, lawsuit authorization, and Harbor Village dock installation.

County Administrator Flores responded to Lee County Administration, Boca Grande Parking Committee appointments, timeline, local impacts, Workshop, and dais seating.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis remarked on Legislative Delegation outreach and engagement request.

ADJOURNED: 12:18 pm



ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By *Kimberly Cook*
Deputy Clerk