

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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: Clerk of the Circuit Court Roger D. Eaton, County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, Minutes Clerk Gerace, 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: F-1, Updated Wording – No action needed. Budgeted in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from ~~court related fines and fees~~ Federal seizure proceeds allocated locally for assistance in Federal Cases.

Requested by: Budget/Fiscal

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Proclamations - Commissioner Ken Doherty

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Destination Professionals Day

Tourism Director Sean Doherty and Staff accepted the Proclamation.

Employee Recognition

Years of Service - January 2026

5 Years: Dayna Harper, Utilities; Riley Dunow, Utilities; Timothy Turner, Budget & Administrative Services, Fleet; Richard Tomlinson, Utilities; Scott Rice, Community Development; **10 Years:** Jonathon Otto, Public Safety; Justin Hessinger, Public Safety; Sandra Weaver, Utilities; Stephen Scimemi II, Public Safety; Charles Rambo, Utilities; **15 Years:** Elizabeth Sporillo, Communications; **20 Years:** William Barrero, Utilities; **25 Years:** Mark Ulchinsky, Public Works; Robert Lyle, Budget & Administration, Fleet; and **35 Years:** Jay Sanders Jr., Public Safety.

Award Presentations

PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Attorney Derek Rooney discussed Rescission of Bulk Sewer Treatment and Utility Developer's Agreements.

Jeff Lustig mentioned Ordinance Regulating Operation of Electric Powered Devices and Set Public Hearing Date for Revisions to Sec. 2-4-10. Operation of Golf Carts.

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.

The Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee is seeking a volunteer to fill the vacancy of the District 4 Representative. The applicant must be a resident of Charlotte County and reside within the boundaries of District 4. The term will be effective immediately upon approval and expire December 31, 2029. This position will remain open until filled. To obtain an application send an email to Claudia.Mayo@charlottecountyfl.gov.

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.

- **Boca Grande Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Cook & Brown Street 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, 2027 and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Edgewater North Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term 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 one member to fill a position with a term 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.
- **Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Gulf Cove Waterway Benefit Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and 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.
- **Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Manchester Waterway Benefit 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.
- **Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.

- Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026.
- Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- Placida Area Street & Drainage Maintenance Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- Rotonda Sands Street & Drainage Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term 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.
- South Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- Suncoast Waterway Maintenance Unit is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026 and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.

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 Dawn.Johnston@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

Clerk of Court's County Quarterly Investment Report

Comptroller Division

Clerk of Court's County Quarterly Investment Report, December 31, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF F-3, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

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: Approve the following Minutes:

- January 13, 2026 BCC Regular Meeting
- January 13, 2026 Utilities Department Quarterly Update
- January 20, 2026 BCC Board Workshop
- January 26, 2026 BCC Pre- Agenda
- January 27, 2026 BCC Regular and Land Use Meeting

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

D. County Administration

1. BCC Schedule Change

Recommended Action: Approve the following BCC Meeting schedule change: Cancel the BCC Monthly Workshop on February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

E. County Attorney

F. Budget and Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

1. Federal Equitable Sharing FY 2026

(Change #1) Updated Wording – No action needed. Budgeted in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from court related fines and fees **Federal seizure proceeds allocated locally for assistance in Federal Cases.**

Recommended Action: Approve the transfer of \$21,000 to the Sheriff's Office.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from court related fines and fees.

Information Technology

Purchasing

2. 24-098, Amendment 2, Construction Manager at Risk - Williams R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, Guaranteed Maximum Price (Facilities)

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment 2 to Contract #24-098, Construction Manager at Risk - Williams R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park with Jon F. Swift Construction of Sarasota, Florida for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the management/construction phase of the project in the amount of \$1,650,135.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. A budget adjustment will be needed to increase the Capital Improvement Project "Wm. R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Phase 2" from \$1,750,000 to \$2,097,781. It will be brought back to the board with the quarterly adjustments based on board direction provided during the January 27th meeting.

3. 22-200, Amendment 4, Construction Manager at Risk - Capital Maintenance Repair - Annual (Facilities)

Recommended Action: Approve Amendment 4 to Contract #22-200, Construction Manager at Risk - Capital Maintenance Repair - Annual, with Florida Premier Contractors, LLC (FPC) of Punta Gorda, Florida, for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in the amount of \$8,973,865 for Fiscal Year 2026 project list; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 4 to Contract 22-200, Construction Manager at Risk - Capital Maintenance Repair – Annual.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Facilities Capital Maintenance Plan as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied from Capital Projects, ad valorem.

Chair Tiseo noted email communication. Commissioner Constance commented on cost, backup material, category and work scope details, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), roof age and replacement, and South County Annex building. Commissioner Truex spoke to work scope details.

Travis Perdue, Facilities Construction and Maintenance Director replied to GMP and work scope details, Capital Maintenance Program (CMP) process, cost breakdown and savings, asset management program, project categorization and prioritization, and roof age and replacement.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 4 TO CONTRACT #22-200, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK - CAPITAL MAINTENANCE REPAIR - ANNUAL, WITH FLORIDA PREMIER CONTRACTORS, LLC (FPC) OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, FOR THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,973,865 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT LIST; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AMENDMENT 4 TO CONTRACT 22-200, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK - CAPITAL MAINTENANCE REPAIR – ANNUAL, SECONDED BY CHAIR TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

4. 11-079, Approve Amendment 5, Fixed Base Automatic Meter Reading System (Utilities)

Recommended Action: a) Approve Amendment 5 to Contract #11-079, Fixed Base Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) System, with Mueller Systems, LLC of Cleveland, North Carolina, to provide and install 2,630 composite fitting rings and locking pins at no cost to the County, provide 2,000 additional units of composite fitting rings and locking pins for inventory at no cost to the County, and provide additional quantities of composite fitting rings and locking pins at the request of the County at no cost until January 1, 2028; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 5.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in Capital Improvement Project "Water Meter Study Recommended Improvements" as approved in the FY26 budget process. This amendment does not have a financial impact to the project.

5. 26-129, Approve Ranking, Design - Zemel Road Landfill Operations Building (Facilities)

Recommended Action: a) Approved ranking of firms for Request for Proposal #26-129, Design - Zemel Road Landfill Operations Building: 1st: ADG Architecture, LLC, of Fort Myers, Florida; 2nd: RG Architects, P.A., of Fort Myers, Florida; 3rd: C. Alan Anderson Architect, P.A., of Sarasota, Florida; and b) Approve start of negotiations; and c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts after completion of negotiations, if contract does not exceed the amount of \$500,000.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project "Solid Waste Landfill Operations Building Zemel Road" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is provided from Landfill Fees.

6. 26-072, Award, Hurricane Ian Navigable Canal Debris Removal (Public Works)

Recommended Action: Approve award of Request for Bid #26-072, Hurricane Ian Navigable Canal Debris Removal to Looks Great Services of MS, Inc. of Columbia, Mississippi at a unit rate of \$68.75 per cubic yard. This is for the clearing of approximately 9,500 cubic yards of debris of (37 miles) of navigable canals throughout Charlotte County; including the cleaning, removing, and disposal of all storm-related debris from waterways.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. A Q1 budget amendment will be brought to the Board for approval. Grant funding will be provided by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. There is no local match required.

7. 26-066, Award, Kings Highway Widening (Public Works)

Recommended Action: a) Approve award of Request for Bid #26-066, Kings Highway Widening to Wright Construction Group, Inc. of Fort Myers, Florida for the total amount of \$9,696,002.70. This project is for the widening of Kings Highway from two to four lanes from Sandhill Boulevard to the DeSoto County Line; and b) Approve Resolution for budget adjustment BA26-225 in the amount of \$681,144; and c) Approve amendment to Capital Improvement Project "Kings Highway Widening - I75 to Desoto County Line". **RES 2026-024**

Budgeted Action: Approve budget adjustment BA26-225 in the amount of \$681,144 amending the FY26 budget for Capital Improvement Project "Kings Highway Widening - I75 to Desoto County Line" from \$11,549,619 to \$12,230,763. Funding is supplied from the Road Improvement Fund to be reimbursed by available road impact fees. Sufficient funding for the Utility improvement is available in Capital Improvement Project "Sandhill Widening" with funding supplied by the Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund and Utility Water Connection Fee Fund.

8. 26-016, Award, Manhole and Sewer Pipe Replacement (Utilities)

Recommended Action: Approve award of Request for Bid #26-016, Manhole and Sewer Pipe Replacement to Andrew Sitework of Fort Myers, Florida for the total amount of \$382,706.10. This project is to perform replacement work to successfully restore the functionality and structural integrity of the wastewater collection systems located at 630 Woodbury Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33954 and the Intersection of Murdock Circle and Education Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948.

Budgeted Action: No Action Needed. Budgeted in the Utility Capital Maintenance Plan as approved in the FY26 budget. Funding is provided from Utility Renewal & Replacement Fund.

9. 26-098, Award, South Gulf Cove MSBU Bridge Rehabilitations-#014065, 014070, and 014072 (Public Works)

Recommended Action: Approve award of Request for Bid #26-098, South Gulf Cove MSBU Bridge Rehabilitations-#014065, 014070, and 014072, to Structural Technologies, LLC of Pompano Beach, Florida for the total amount of \$1,195,628.70. This is for the services of a Contractor to complete bridge repairs. Bridge #014065, St Paul Drive over Zephyr Waterway, Bridge# 014070, San Domingo Boulevard over Santa Cruz Waterway, and Bridge #014072, Ingraham Boulevard over Santa Cruz Waterway.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Public Works MSBU/TU Bridges Capital Maintenance Plan as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied from South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage MSBU assessments.

10. 25-188, Approve Contract, Inspection and Condition Assessment for Wastewater System Pipelines, Manholes and Force Mains (Utilities)

Recommended Action: a) Approve contract for Request for Proposal #25-188, Inspection and Condition Assessment for Wastewater System Pipelines, Manholes and Force Mains, to Mead & Hunt of Fort Myers, Florida for a total not-to-exceed project fee of \$999,640; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign.

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budgeted in the Utilities Operations and Maintenance Fund - Operations budget as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding for this expenditure comes from rate revenues.

11. Property Deletions for the Month of February 2026 (Purchasing)

Recommended Action: Approve the deletion of additional property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of February 2026.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Real Estate Services

12. Subordination of County Utility Interests Agreement between Charlotte County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Biscayne Landing Project

Recommended Action: a) Approve the Subordination of County Utility Interests Agreement between Charlotte County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Biscayne Landing Project; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Subordination of County Utility Interests Agreement between Charlotte County and the Florida Department of Transportation. **AGR 2026-017**

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Risk Management

G. Community Development

1. Set Public Hearing Date for Revisions to Sec. 2-4-10. Operation of Golf Carts

Recommended Action: Set a public hearing for February 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida, for Revisions to Sec. 2-4-10. Operation of Golf Carts.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

H. Community Services

I. Economic Development

J. Emergency Management

K. Facilities Management

L. Human Services

1. Set a Public Hearing on the proposed issuance of Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds (Gulf Breeze) by the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida

Recommended Action: Set a public hearing for February 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida to consider a Resolution approving the issuance of not exceeding \$32,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Gulf Breeze Apartment), Series 2026, pursuant to Chapter 259, Part IV, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Interlocal Agreement previously entered into between the County and the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida.

Budgeted Action: No action needed.

Transit

M. People Operations

N. Public Safety

1. Central Florida Behavioral Network for FY25-26 Purchase Agreement

Recommended Action: a) Approve the Purchase Agreement with Central Florida Behavioral Network for FY25-26; and b) Approve Resolution authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to execute documents implementing the Purchase Agreement, and other documents relating to opioid funding; and c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Purchase Agreement and Resolution. **AGR 2026-018 / RES 2026-025**

Budgeted Action: No action needed. Budget action will be brought to the board at a later date.

O. Public Works

P. Tourism Development

Q. Utilities

R. Other Agencies

REGULAR AGENDA

S. Regular Agenda

1. 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda

County Administration

Discussion, direction and approval of 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Eve Sweeting, Legislative Manager introduced Greg Burns, Thorn Run Partners.

Mr. Burns highlighted the 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved reimbursements, Disaster Recovery and Reform, Federal Emergency Management Agency Reform, Energy Exploration, Transportation Issues: Harborview Road, Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange & Heavier, Longer Trucks, Federal Permitting Reform, Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation, and responded to Port Charlotte Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic building ownership.

Chair Tiseo discussed Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation, transportation funding, Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Urban County Qualification, and Port Charlotte VA Clinic shutdown process. Commissioner Constance mentioned Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation and transportation funding reimbursement. Commissioner Deutsch noted Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation, Port Charlotte VA Clinic expansion and relocation options, and transportation challenges. Commissioner Doherty commented on Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation, transportation component, VA Secretary Douglas Collins, Transportation Issues: Harborview Road, Yorkshire/Raintree Interchange & Heavier, Longer Trucks, Kings Highway/I-75 Interchange Operational Study, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). Commissioner Truex spoke to Veterans Affairs Clinic Relocation, Port Charlotte VA Clinic maintenance, transportation options, and Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Urban County Qualification.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS MODIFIED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

2. Charlotte HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Easier) - Recommendation for Donation of Surplus Land to Habitat for Humanity

Human Services

a) Approve the applications and Resolution awarding land donations to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., as recommended; or b) Approve the applications and Resolution with modifications to the recommendation; or c) Deny the applications and Resolution; or d) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution, if applicable. **RES 2026-026**

Colleen Turner, Human Services Manager highlighted Charlotte HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Easier) - Recommendation for Donation of Surplus Land to Habitat for Humanity.

Commissioner Deutsch discussed Habitat for Humanity, community service and benefit, and land donation.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS AND RESOLUTION 2026-026 AWARDING LAND DONATIONS TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC., AS RECOMMENDED; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION, IF APPLICABLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

3. Rescission of Bulk Sewer Treatment and Utility Developer's Agreements

County Attorney

Discussion and direction on rescission of AGR 2025-261 Bulk Sewer Treatment Agreement (Parties: CSWR - Florida Operating Company, LLC, and Charlotte County); and AGR 2025-262 Utility Developer's Agreement (Parties: Pulte Home Company, LLC, CSWR - Florida Utility Operating Company, LLC, and Charlotte County).

County Attorney David highlighted AGR 2025-261 Bulk Sewer Treatment Agreement, AGR 2025-262 Utility Developer's Agreement, Central States Water Resources (CSWR) General Counsel Russ Mitten and execution authority, Pulte Home Company, LLC, December 9, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, agreement amendments, receiver's approval requirement, interjected on Comprehensive Plan utility service availability and Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) requirements, and utility line extension concerns.

Chair Tiseo mentioned modified agreements, transparency, Comprehensive Plan, required services, mandatory hookup requirements, and potable water and sanitary sewer line extensions. Commissioner Doherty commented on December 9, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Attorney Derek Rooney, utility agreement prerequisite and concurrency, and horsepower concerns. Commissioner Truex noted agreement modification and rescission and utility concurrency.

Assistant County Administrator Claire Jubb replied to Comprehensive Plan provision, utility service availability, transmission lines, and mandatory service line hookup.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO RESCIND AGREEMENTS 2025-261 AND 2025-262, SECONDED BY CHAIR TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Taken Out of Order

PRESENTATION AGENDA

U. 10:00 A.M. Presentation or soon thereafter, as the agenda allows.

1. Tourism Research Results Update

Tourism research update provided by Downs & St. Germain Research.

Mr. Doherty introduced Joseph St. Germain, Downs & St. Germain Research President and responded to marketing strategies.

Mr. St. Germain gave a brief overview of Tourism Matters to Charlotte County, Direct Spending, Visitors, Tourist Development Tax, Jobs & Wages, Net Tax Benefit, Visitors Support Jobs, Household Savings, and replied to hurricane impacts.

Chair Tiseo discussed hurricane impacts. Commissioner Constance mentioned Tourist Development Council, Household Savings, weather events and population impacts, Net Tax Benefit, revenue sources, Direct Spending, staycations, community benefits, and local marketing strategies. Commissioner Deutsch commented on tourism impacts and data parameters.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

T. 10:00 A.M. Public Hearing or soon thereafter, as the agenda allows.

1. Ordinance Amending Code 2-1-36- Public Safety- Emergency Management

County Administration

Conduct a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Section 2-1-36 of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Charlotte County, Florida regarding the Office of Emergency Management. **ORD 2026-004**

Assistant County Attorney Alexander Villoria highlighted Ordinance Amending Code 2-1-36 - Public Safety - Emergency Management.

Public Hearing

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-004 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-1-36, OF THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA; "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE CREATED"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

2. Ordinance Regulating Operation of Electric Powered Devices

Government Agency

Conduct a public hearing to consider approving a countywide Ordinance to regulate the operation of electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, and other electric powered devices. **ORD 2026-005**

Terry Cochran, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Professional Standards & Training Director highlighted Ordinance Regulating Operation of Electric Powered Devices, responded to Florida statutory driving age requirements, behavioral regulations, greenways and trails, Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park, and speed determination mechanisms.

Chair Tiseo noted Ordinance language and prohibitions, greenways and trails schedule, speed and helmet regulations, and enforcement. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to helmet requirements and safety concerns. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed age restrictions, speed and safety concerns, and parental responsibilities. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned pending legislation and Ordinance amendments.

County Attorney David interjected on Ordinance amendments and Mr. Cochran's efforts.

Public Hearing

Jeff Lustig remarked on electric powered devices, transportation cost savings, greenways, Harold Avenue Recreation Center, helmet and speed regulations and enforcement, and education system.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE PUBLIC INPUT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-005 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 2-4 OF THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND PERSONAL ELECTRIC POWERED DEVICES ON STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND SIDEWALK AREAS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERM "ELECTRIC BICYCLE," "MOTORCYCLE," "MICROMOBILITY DEVICE," AND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC POWERED DEVICES ON TRAILS, GREENWAYS, GREENBELTS, AND EASEMENTS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

PUBLIC INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

Jay Rezendes commented on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program benefits and suspension, disabled veterans and fixed income funding assistance, and solar panels installation.

John Tarr, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Charlotte County Chapter noted community service, America 250 History Walk details and timeframe, William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, and public and tourism benefits.

Minister Guardian Robert Lewis Craft, International Human Rights Committee and International Bar Association Member read into the record and provided Notice OUR-APPT-USNA-04-FLST-06-CCC.

Jeff Lustig remarked on Sunseeker local resident parking fee suspension and reduced prices, water park element, mother-in-law apartments, Airbnb fees, nursing home staffing challenges and impacts, and affordable housing.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores spoke to recovery efforts, shade structure replacements, Community Services Director Tommy Scott and staff efforts, City of Punta Gorda Manager Melissa Reichert, Utilities Director Tom Spencer, reverse osmosis (RO) plant and service line expansion updates, and February 11, 2026 Council Meeting, and Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting schedule and attendance.

Chair Tiseo discussed Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) February 4, 2026 Meeting attendance and Executive Director Richard Anderson, City of Punta Gorda agreement modification, water purchase options, February 11, 2026 Council Meeting, Utilities Director Tom Spencer, and Councilman Greg Julian. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned PRMRWSA Executive Director Richard Anderson and allocated water purchase, City of Punta Gorda water purchase agreement and capacity, timeline and buildout limitations, and Manatee County. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on shade structures replacement costs and FEMA reimbursement. **Commissioner Doherty** noted PRMRWSA February 4, and April 1, 2026 Meetings, Executive Director Richard Anderson, water purchase contract, Phase 1 and Phase 1A Projects, City of Punta Gorda Councilman Greg Julian and Utilities Director Tom Spencer, interconnect water charges and non-customer water rates review, RO plant expansion time frame and design, Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP) distribution system, Shell Creek Plant, and December 16, 2025 Special Meeting. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to water purchase solutions.

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Economic Development Director Comments

Commissioner Constance discussed weekly Economic Development briefing, inbound and outbound commuter workforce data, and Lee and Sarasota Counties.

Kay Tracy, Economic Development Director replied to Charlotte County commuter workforce data.

DD. County Commissioner Comments

Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Roger D. Eaton mentioned statutory responsibilities, Minutes Department, and Garden of Roses Valentine's themed ceremony room and event.

Chair Tiseo commented on cash payments data and challenges, Human Services, Community Action Agency Advisory Board (CAAAB), fiscal constraints, cashless system impacts, additional position requests, Charlotte Sports Park, PACE Program interest rates and inflated pricing, SAR American 250 History Walk, Sarasota County Commissioner Ron Cutsinger, February 12, 2026 House Bill (HB) 4077 Hearing and economic impact statement, lobbyist attendance, City of Punta Gorda water supply and plant improvements, shade structures installation, and Harold Avenue Park. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to payment processing options, legal concerns, reverse cash machine locations, Charlotte Sports Park, South County

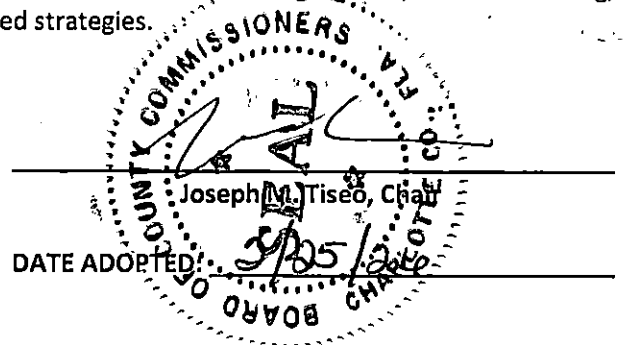
Regional Park and Centennial Pool temperatures, Workshop topics, Property Tax Reform, PACE Program financing protocols and regulations, consumer protections, inflated pricing, derelict vessel database and cases, West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) and staff efforts, and Tourist Development Tax history. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted PACE Program challenges and pool water temperatures. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed cashless system data and impacts, National Association of Counties (NACo), reverse cash machines, regional parks, February 12, 2026 Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, February 11, 2026 City of Punta Gorda Council Meeting and collaborative efforts, communication, Representative Vanessa Oliver, Punta Gorda Utility District Boundary Codification and Utility Transfer Act, and PRMRWSA. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned cash handling disease transmission risks and embezzlement issues, payment processing options, SAR America 250 History Walk, William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast community and financial impacts, PACE Program inflated pricing and interest rates, HB 4077, Representative Vanessa Oliver, City of Punta Gorda partnership and interlocal agreements, PRMRWSA, communications, and Punta Gorda Utility District Boundary Codification and Utility Transfer Act.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director responded to cash handling operations, alternative payment options, communication improvements, financial constraints, additional position requests, air temperature and wind pool water impacts, and geothermal systems.

County Administrator Flores remarked on March 17, April 21, and May 19, 2026 Workshop topics.

Ms. Sweeting replied to February 12, 2026 Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, HB 4077 hearing, Representative Vanessa Oliver, letter distribution, and recommended strategies.

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