

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**APRIL 14, 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: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, 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 Pastor Bill Frank, First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda**

**Addition #1:** D-1, Added Letter of Support – Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County.

Requested by: County Administration

**Change #1:** S-1, Added attachment – 2026 Sales Tax Presentation.

Requested by: County Administration

**Change #2:** D-1, Moved Consent item D1 to Regular item S3.

Requested by: County Administration

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

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**Proclamations - Commissioner Joseph M. Tiseo**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Alicia Shannon, Children's Advocacy Center Chief Executive Officer (CEO) accepted the Proclamation.

**National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**

Charlotte County Sheriff Office (CCSO) Sheriff Bill Prummell and Public Safety Communications Manager Melanie Bailey accepted the Proclamation.

**Building Safety Month**

Community Development Director Ben Bailey and Deputy Building Official Daryl Dillow accepted the Proclamation.

**UF IFAS Extension Charlotte County Master Gardener Volunteer**

Charlotte County Master Gardner Volunteers Joan Schneider, Phil Sollecito, Holly Bates, and Holly Dodds accepted the Proclamation.

**Parliamentary Law Month**

Charlotte County Parliamentarians Unit of Florida Treasurer Samantha King accepted the Proclamation.

**Water Conservation Month**

Proclamation to be mailed to the Utilities Department.

**SWFL Rotary Day**

Proclamation to be picked up by the Southwest Florida (SWFL) Rotary Club.

**Employee Recognition**

Years of Service - March 2026

**5 Years:** Brandon Moody, County Administration; Eugene Falcone Jr., Public Works; Ryan Kamba, Public Works; Vanessa Ortolan, Utilities; Kayle Truran, Public Safety; **10 Years:** Jacob Walker, Utilities; Evan Leibman, Budget & Administrative Services, IT; Luis Yeguez, Human Services; Anthony Jones, Community Development; Bruce Brooks, Public Works; George Jurco III, Public Works; Joseph Weinmann, Public Works; Michael Benjamin, Public Works; Stephen Ferracci, Community Development; David Lyles, People Operations; **20 Years:** William DePremio, Utilities; **25 Years:** Andrew Mitchell, Public Safety; and **30 Years:** Curtiss Owens, Public Safety.

**Award Presentations**

**PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Jack Vanderheyden discussed 2026 Sales Tax.

Donna Barrett, 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group Member mentioned 2026 Sales Tax.

Joe Blaze commented on 2026 Sales Tax.

Bob White, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce CEO and 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group Member noted 2026 Sales Tax.

Derek Rooney spoke to 2026 Sales Tax.

**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 Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** is accepting applications for the following volunteer positions:

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) - one At-Large Representative.** The CAC reviews and makes recommendations on transportation plans and projects for MPO Board consideration.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - one West County Representative (applicant must reside West of the Myakka River and one Mid-County Representative).** The BPAC reviews and makes recommendations on transportation plans and projects for MPO Board consideration.

**Charlotte County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB)** is seeking one volunteer representing the Economically Disadvantaged (rule: "A person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the county."); and **one experienced representative of the local private for-profit transportation industry**. The LCB identifies local service needs and to provide guidance to the Community Transportation Coordinator on services for the transportation disadvantaged.

**Application deadline:** Friday, May 8, 2026. Apply online at [www.ccpmpo.gov](http://www.ccpmpo.gov) or contact the MPO for an application. Address: Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, 1050 Loveland Blvd. Box C, Port Charlotte, FL 33980; Email: [office@ccpmpo.gov](mailto:office@ccpmpo.gov). The MPO Board will elect members at its **Monday, May 18, 2026 Meeting**.

The Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee is searching for one (1) Charlotte County citizen to volunteer as a representative of environmental expertise and to fill the unexpired term of Cody Oleckna. The term begins immediately and will expire on December 31, 2027. For more information, please contact [Morgan.Cook@charlottecountyfl.gov](mailto:Morgan.Cook@charlottecountyfl.gov).

Construction Industry Licensing Board is seeking one volunteer to represent the "consumer advocate" category. Volunteer must be a resident of Charlotte County for at least two years and have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the building trades. Length of term is four years. To obtain an application, please email [Diane.Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Diane.Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov)

**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](mailto:Dawn.Johnston@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](mailto: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.

· **Don Pedro Knight Island Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026.

· **Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026.

· **Greater Port Charlotte 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.

- **Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Gulf Cove Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- **Harbour Heights Street & Drainage 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 Benefit Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms 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.
- **Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Pirate Harbor Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- **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 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.

#### **REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A-2 AND O-1, 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.

## 2. New Commercial Paper Loan

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve Resolution authorizing a new Commercial Paper Loan in the amount of \$1,227,000 for South Gulf Cove Bridge Repair; and b) Authorize the Chairman to execute any documents necessary to effectuate loan.  
**RES 2026-060**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

Chair Tiseo discussed commercial paper loan, repayment funding source, and April 9, 2026 Pre-Agenda. Commissioner Doherty mentioned South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) repayment source. Commissioner Truex commented on South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage MSBU.

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager responded to MSBU bridge repair project and repayment source, and Resolution language.

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-060 AUTHORIZING A NEW COMMERCIAL PAPER LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,227,000 FOR SOUTH GULF COVE BRIDGE REPAIR; AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE LOAN, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT REPAYMENT WILL COME FROM THE SOUTH GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRUEX**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

## **B. Minutes Division**

### 1. Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Approve the following Minutes:

March 17, 2026 BCC Reserve and Debt Policy Workshop  
March 19, 2026 BCC Pre-Agenda  
March 25, 2026 BCC Regular and Land Use Meeting

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

## Board of County Commissioners

### **C. Commission Office**

#### 1. Appointment - Construction Industry Licensing Board - Electrical Contractor

**Recommended Action:** Approve the appointment of Mr. Gregg Brown to the Construction Industry Licensing Board representing the "Electrical Contractor" category. Length of term is until March 26, 2028.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

#### 2. Appointment - Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board

**Recommended Action:** Approve the appointment of Mary Russo to fill a vacant position on the Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board. This appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on October 31, 2028.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

3. New Appointment - Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee

**Recommended Action:** Approve the new appointment of John Osanitsch to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee as a representative of Business/Land Development. The term will begin immediately and expire December 31, 2029.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

**D. County Administration**

**(Addition #1)** 1. Letter of Support – Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County.

**(Change #2)** Moved Consent item D1 to Regular item S3.

Authorize the County Administrator to sign a letter of support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County to apply for a Florida Department of Education - 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant.

**E. County Attorney**

**F. Budget and Administrative Services**

Fiscal Services

1. Public Safety Coordinating Council

**Recommended Action:** a) Adopt a Resolution establishing the Charlotte County Public Safety Coordinating Council; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution. **RES 2026-061**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

Information Technology

Purchasing

2. 26-251, Approve Ranking, Design - Tiki Point Living Shoreline (CHNEP)

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve ranking of firms for Request for Proposal #26-251, Design - Tiki Point Living Shoreline: 1st Cummins Cederberg, Inc., of Sarasota, Florida, 2nd: RES Florida Consulting, LLC, of Orlando, Florida, 3rd: GHD Services, Inc., of Tampa, 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 \$320,000.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Grant funding is included in the FY26 budget for CHNEP fund 1026. Grant funding will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. There is no local match required.

3. 23-171, Approve Change Order, Purchase of Two (2) E-One Level 1 Custom Pumpers (Public Safety)

**Recommended Action:** Approve Change Order #1 for File #23-171, Purchase of Two (2) E-One Level 1 Custom Pumpers from Hall-mark RTC, Inc., of Ocala, Florida, in the amount of \$15,000. This will remove the credit for the trade-in previously approved as the fire engine will be retained in the fleet.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Budgeted in the Heavy Equipment Replacement plan as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding is supplied from assessments in the Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

4. 26-182, Award, Ackerman Vacuum Zones 1 and 2 - Plumbing Contract 5 (Utilities)

**Recommended Action:** Approve award of Request for Bid #26-182, Ackerman Vacuum Sewer Zones 1 and 2 - Plumbing Contract 5, to the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, Quality Plumbing of Sarasota, located in Bradenton, Florida, in the amount of \$315,420. This is to furnish and install all piping and appurtenances, abandon septic tanks, and restore affected property to successfully connect approximately 100 properties in the Phase 2 - Ackerman Countryman Plumbing Contract Zones 1 and 2 area to the vacuum central sewer system.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Budgeted in the "Ackerman Septic to Sewer and Water Expansion" project as part of the Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative as adopted in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied from the Ackerman MSBU Fund through Ackerman Sewer MSBU Assessments and Base Rates.

5. 26-277, Award, Northwest Port Charlotte Bridge Rehabilitations - #014044 and #014045 (Public Works)

**Recommended Action:** Approve award of Request for Bid #26-277, Northwest Port Charlotte Bridge Rehabilitations - #014044 and #014045 to Zep Construction, Inc. of Fort Myers, Florida for the total amount of \$1,870,145.46. This project is for various minor bridge repairs for Chamberlain Boulevard over Jupiter Waterway and Chamberlain Boulevard over Apollo 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 Northwest Port Charlotte Street and Drainage MSBU assessments.

6. 26-286, Award, Veterans Boulevard Intersection Improvements (Public Works)

**Recommended Action:** Approve award of Request for Bid #26-286, Veterans Boulevard Intersection Improvements, to the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, EHC Incorporated of Fort Myers, Florida in the amount of \$3,375,027.61. This project consists of intersection improvements at Veterans Boulevard & Norman Street, Veterans Boulevard & Harbor Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Loveland Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Orlando Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Torrington Street, and Veterans Boulevard & Yorkshire Street.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project "Intersection Improvements at Various Locations" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied from the Road Improvement Fund to be reimbursed by available road impact fees.

7. Property Deletions for the Month of April 2026 (Purchasing)

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

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

Real Estate Services

Risk Management

**G. Community Development**

**H. Community Services**

**I. Economic Development**

**J. Emergency Management**

**K. Facilities Management**

**L. Human Services**

**1. Re-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:** Re-set a public hearing for April 28, 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 Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds Series 2026 in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000.00 for the Gulf Breeze Apartments project, pursuant to Chapter 159, Part IV, Florida Statutes, as amended and the Interlocal Agreement previously entered into between Charlotte County and the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

**2. Charlotte HOME Program Modification**

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve a Resolution amending the Charlotte HOME Program guidelines and policy; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution. **RES 2026-062**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

**3. State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) FY23 Close-out Annual Report**

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve the revised SHIP FY23 Close-out Annual Report of Expenditures and FY24 Encumbrance; and b) Authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification of the Annual Report. **AGR 2026-040**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

**M. People Operations**

**N. Public Safety**

**O. Public Works**

**1. Southwest Florida Water Management District Permit Application and Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operation and Maintenance Entities for the Peace River 6 Roadway and Stormwater Project**

**Recommended Action:** a) Authorize the Chairman to sign Part 4: Sections A, B, and C of the Southwest Florida Water Management District permit application; and b) Approve the Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operations and Maintenance Entities for the Peace River 6 Roadway and Stormwater Project; and c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operations and Maintenance Entities.

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Upon Board approval, the annual estimated amount of \$4,000 for the perpetual operating and maintenance commitment would be the responsibility of the applicable MSBU.

Chair Tiseo noted permit application information and signature page discrepancies and legal review.

John Elias, Public Works Director replied to dedicated not accepted right of way development and permit application.

County Attorney David interjected on permit applicant information and perpetual maintenance statement requirement.

Assistant County Attorney David Moscoso responded to permit application modification.

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO POSTPONE THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PERMIT APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY FOR PERPETUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ENTITIES FOR THE PEACE RIVER 6 ROADWAY AND STORMWATER PROJECT UNTIL THE APRIL 28, 2026 REGULAR AND LAND USE MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

#### **P. Tourism Development**

#### **Q. Utilities**

##### 1. KL Westport Expansion LLC Off-Site Utility Agreement for West Port East Project

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve Off-Site Utility Agreement between the County and the Developer, KL Westport Expansion, LLC; and b) Authorize Chairman to sign the Off-Site Utilities Agreement. **AGR 2026-041**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Budgeted in Capital Improvement Project "Water Transmission/Wastewater Collection Reimbursement" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied by the Utility Water Connection Fee Fund and Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

##### 2. KL Westport Village, LLC Off-Site Utility Agreement for West Port Village Project

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve Off-Site Utility Agreement between the County and the Developer, KL Westport Village, LLC; and b) Authorize Chairman to sign the Off-Site Utilities Agreement. **AGR 2026-042**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. Budgeted in Capital Improvement Project "Water Transmission/Wastewater Collection Reimbursement" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied by the Utility Water Connection Fee Fund and Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

##### 3. Resolution Supporting South County Utility Improvements Project

**Recommended Action:** Approve adoption of Resolution supporting the Charlotte County South County Utility Improvements Project, including construction of an elevated potable water storage tank and related system upgrades, and formally acknowledge approximately \$10.7 million in loan funding awarded through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Fiona and Ian (SAHFI) Program. **RES 2026-063**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed. A budget adjustment and project amendment will be brought back to the board to recognize the FDEP SAHFI funding.

## R. Other Agencies

### 1. West Port East CDD Interlocal Agreement Regarding Traffic Enforcement

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Traffic Enforcement (“Agreement”) between Charlotte County and West Port East Community Development District; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. **AGR 2026-043**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

### 2. Interlocal Agreement between Charlotte County on behalf of the CHNEP and City of Punta Gorda

**Recommended Action:** a) Approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) on behalf of the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) and City of Punta Gorda outlining respective duties in undertaking the joint Tiki Point Living Shoreline project; and b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the ILA Agreement. **AGR 2026-044**

**Budgeted Action:** No action needed.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### S. Regular Agenda

#### 1. 2026 Sales Tax

##### County Administration

**(Change #1)** Added attachment – 2026 Sales Tax Presentation.

a) Discussion and direction on the 2026 Sales Tax projects; and b) Discussion and direction on the duration of 2026 Sales Tax.

County Administrator Flores highlighted 2026 Sales Tax, staff efforts, Capital Needs Assessment (CNA), Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group members and meetings, January 20, 2026 Board Workshop, and Public Safety Academy.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis gave a brief overview of 2026 Sales Tax Timeline, Construction Program, Infrastructure Projects, Public Safety Projects, Quality of Life Projects, Focus Group 2026: Process, Results, Sales Tax 2026, Six Year Program - Tier 1, Six Year Program - Tier 2, Proposed 2026 Sales Tax Projects - Approved 6 Year Projects, Eight Year Program - Tier 1, Eight Year Program - Tier 2, Proposed 2026 Sales Tax Projects - Approved 8 Year Projects, Ten Year Program - Tier 1, Ten Year Program - Tier 2, Proposed 2026 Sales Tax Projects - Approved 10 Year Projects, External Projects, Next Steps, responded to alternate funding and management partnership options, project estimated budgets and training components, Babcock Ranch Community Master Development Order (MDO), combined project cost savings, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) awards, property acquisition costs, ballot language, CNA, Cultural Center, Port Charlotte Library, Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage estimated cost and parking capacity challenges, City of Punta Gorda parking survey, Tampa Bay Rays ownership changes, Charlotte Sports Park parking and utilization, April 21, 2026 Special Meeting, funding reallocation, and Englewood Fire District project funding.

Chief Matthew McElroy, Public Safety Director gave a brief overview of Training Center Proposal, Current Staffing Snapshot, Functioning Building Design, Economic Impact, Economic Impact Provided by Tourism, Summary, responded to operating and training costs, cost savings, alternate funding sources, and Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) and Charlotte Technical College (CTC) partnerships.

Chief Kevin Easton, Englewood Fire Department gave a brief overview of Fire Station 72: Built for 2, Serving Today's Community with 3, replied to non-ad valorem and ad valorem assessments, funding sources, Representative Danny Nix appropriation support, Fire Station 10 design, property acquisition and elevation, emergency service calls, voter referendum, property tax reform impacts, and Sarasota County funding commitment.

Assistant County Administrator Claire Jubb gave a brief overview of Cultural Center/Port Charlotte Library Replacement, Port Charlotte Library Replacement, Cultural Center Replacement, responded to Babcock Ranch Community Library & Annex project estimate, Babcock Ranch Community MDO provisions, library land dedication and square footage, public outreach, spatial programming, and public-private funding partnership.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director gave a brief overview of Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage, Sales Tax: Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center Parking Garage, Charlotte Sports Park - parking improvements, Charlotte Sports Park - renovation, Sales Tax: Charlotte Sports Park, replied to Placida Passive Park project estimate details and alternative funding sources, City of Punta Gorda height restrictions, parking capacity impacts and limitations, and spatial and event programming options.

**Chair Tiseo** discussed City of Punta Gorda, local partnerships, Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage projected cost and commercial space, Public Safety Academy Project Detail and site planning, Babcock Ranch Community Library & Annex property size limitations and land dedication, Bissett Park - Phase 3 sheltering capacity, project capital planning and funding sources, Englewood Fire District appropriation request and funding participation, Sarasota County, emergency service calls breakdown, Sales Tax program length and ballot language, April 21, 2026 Special Meeting, time constraints, tax payer savings, inflated construction costs, Cultural Center flex space and maintenance and operations (M&O) costs, parking space methodology and expansion, Tampa Bay Rays contract expiration, Charlotte Sports Park parking improvements and programming, and land speculation. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group meeting and hour totals, Public Safety Academy Project Detail, Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage, commercial storefronts, City of Punta Gorda projects and participation, Charlotte County School Board Superintendent Mark Vianello, workforce development, Economic Development Director Kay Tracy, funding alternatives, partnerships, CCSO Administration Building, artificial intelligence (AI) impacts, Functional Building Design, Englewood Fire District service area and funding request, Fire Station 72 property elevation and alternative locations, Sarasota County, Sales Tax program length extension benefits, time limitations, CNA, infrastructure improvements, Cultural Center/Port Charlotte Library Replacement, spatial programming and management, Parkside Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Master Plan, Charlotte Sports Park Parking Improvements, Charlotte Sports Park - renovation, Tampa Bay Rays contract expiration, travel team league tournaments, and timing. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Public Safety Academy, operational and training costs, alternate training locations and funding sources, staff impacts, Babcock Ranch Community Library & Annex project estimate and cost responsibility, Sales Tax program length, Cultural Center management responsibility and programming, Charlotte Harbor Event Center, Tampa Bay Rays, Charlotte Stone Crabs, and property expansion and acquisition. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Sales Tax program length and extension benefits, Derek Rooney, bonding opportunities, flexibility, funding distribution, West County, Babcock Ranch, Englewood Fire District, Fire Station 72 project funding contribution, CIP, Ten Year Program - Tier 1, Ten Year Program - Tier 2, Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage, Charlotte Sports Park original construction costs, renovation, and future programming options, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) regulations. **Commissioner Truex** noted Placida Passive Park, property acquisition costs, Fire Station 72 building material and funding contribution, project reprioritization, Sales Tax program length, Cultural Center Replacement programming and funding restrictions, Babcock Ranch Community Library & Annex, Representative Danny Nix appropriation support, CNA, Charlotte Harbor Event Center Parking Garage, construction material cost inflation, Tampa Bay Rays communication, Charlotte Sports Park usage restrictions and programming options, Englewood Fire District, and funding reallocation.

**COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO CHANGE THE APRIL 21, 2026 SPECIAL LAND USE MEETING TO A SPECIAL MEETING TO ADD AS AN AGENDA ITEM STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A TWENTY YEAR SALES TAX PROGRAM, SECONDED BY CHAIR TISEO**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

2. Countywide 250th Birthday Party

**Commission Office**

Discussion and direction on a Countywide 250th Birthday Party.

Chair Tiseo spoke to park utilization request. Commissioner Deutsch discussed Countywide 250th Birthday Party, Charlotte County Veterans Council, celebration options, marketing, and park utilization request. Commissioner Doherty mentioned involvement scope. Commissioner Truex commented on involvement scope.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Charlotte County Veterans Council.

3. Letter of Support - Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

**County Administration**

**(Change #2)** Moved Consent item D1 to Regular item S3.

Authorize the County Administrator to sign a letter of support for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County to apply for a Florida Department of Education - 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant.

**COMMISSIONER TRUEX MOVED TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (CCLC) GRANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC INPUT - ANY SUBJECT**

Jack Vanderheyden noted March 4, 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting cancellation, public notice and participation, transparency, 2026 Sales Tax Focus Group, project prioritization, budgets, and staffing, Public Safety Academy, Port Charlotte Beach Park, Cultural Center, affordable housing, parks, and fishing piers.

Carla Smith spoke to medical-related documentation, county-issued equipment, elected officials, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protections, legal concerns, Florida Statutes 810.45 and 838.022, public record laws and requests, liability, Florida Commission on Ethics, public trust, and standards.

Cathy Bateman remarked on investigative report findings and explanation, county-issued equipment, public property and trust, elected officials, ethical standards, transparency, accountability, Florida Sunshine Law, and potential misconduct.

David Grossman discussed misconduct allegation process, Florida Administrative Code, and Florida Commission on Ethics formal ethical violations complaint and investigative process.

Katherine Templin Culbert mentioned Shell Creek, wildlife, Pulte Group's Meadow Vue project and extension request, traffic and environmental impacts, transparency, and utility connections.

Craig Williams commented on elected officials, ethical standards, responsibility, investigations, integrity, transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Cindy O'Hara noted elected officials, investigative report, resignation, and formal complaints.

United States Air Force Retired Colonel Mary Ann Tipton spoke to Pulte Group extension request, TCP-24-04 transmittal letter and timeline, February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting, Agreements 2025-261 and 262 rescission, Manatee, Orange and Sarasota Counties, and legal document process.

Rob Robbins remarked on RSAOD.com, December 9, 2025 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Planning and Zoning Official Shaun Cullinan, US-17 Corridor Study, funding source public record request, Comprehensive Plan, extension request letter process and rescission request, and statutory requirements.

W. Cort Frohlich discussed Pulte Group granted extension request, affected communities, legal ramifications, Florida Statute and Code violations, Attorney Derek Rooney, and wastewater and sewer connections.

Lindsay Harrington, Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ANRAC) Member mentioned Pulte Group extension request, agricultural land and state natural resources impacts, 1000 Friends of Florida, Dr. Ken Smith, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), legislative lobbyists, Home Rule, Senator Rick Scott, and Community Development Department policy and name changes.

Michael Muscari commented on public comments and mifepristone water contamination and water supply impacts.

Patty Castro noted TCP-24-04 and Pulte Group extension request rescission.

Paul Haber spoke to County budget and responsibilities, tax payer dollars, growth and development management, infrastructure, public services, allegations, policy violations, Wink News, investigation findings and resolution, and John Fleming.

Anne Macfayden remarked on TCP-24-04, Pulte Group, precipitation wetland and wildlife impacts, and aquifers.

Camilla Spicer discussed TCP-24-04, rural and agricultural area development impacts, and extension request denial.

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

County Administrator Flores mentioned Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) support letter.

Eve Sweeting, Legislative Manager commented on March 30, 2026 MPO Board Meeting, support letter, Surface Transportation authorization expiration date and reauthorization extensions, transit funding and competitive program limitations, Representatives Kristen McDonald Rivet and Robert Bresnahan, Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act benefits, and National League of Cities, National Association of Counties (NACo), American Public Works Association (APWA), and Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) support.

#### **BB. County Attorney Comments - None**

**CC. Economic Development Director Comments**

Kay Tracy, Economic Development Director noted June 26, 2026 Hurricane Preparedness Webinar for Businesses, resiliency, responded on CTC Aviation Training Facility funding sources, Charlotte County Public Schools, and NAS MRO Services employment opportunities.

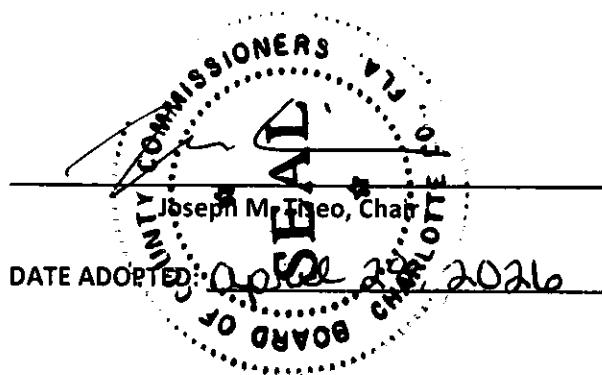
**Commissioner Constance** spoke to CTC Aviation Training Facility costs and economic impact, Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility costs and services, intern and employment opportunities, and Economic Development progress presentation.

**DD. County Commissioner Comments**

**Chair Tiseo** discussed DSK Law investigation report determination and flaws, Policy 3.45 investigative process and responsibilities, Florida Public Records Act, Wink News, Attorney Lance Dunford third-party review, certainty, offensive behavior definition and previous violation, HIPAA, Florida Statute 456, medical documentation public record exemption, county-issued equipment, Pulte Group, and statutory extension request format requirement. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned inadvertently uploaded medical records and photographs, county-issued equipment, and implemented safeguards. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Pulte Group, Policy 3.45 violation investigative process and determination, elected officials, campaigning efforts, standards, accountability, integrity, explicit images, county-issued equipment, and DSK Law investigation required participation. **Commissioner Doherty** noted investigative report flaws and process, Florida Commission on Ethics investigative process and conclusion, and county-issued equipment. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to investigation scheduling procedure and cooperation, email correspondence, transparency, Policies 3.53 and 3.33, violations, county-issued equipment, investigative report flaws, and April 22, 2026 Consolidated Plan (2026-2030) and Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan Public Input Meeting and input opportunities.

County Attorney David interjected on statutory extension notice requirements.

ADJOURNED: 1:01 pm



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