

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
9:00 AM
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870

- 1. Meeting Called to Order: Invitation to fill out "Comments by the Public" forms**
Please silence all cell phones and devices.

- 2. Invocation**

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 4. Announcements**

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Workshop on the topic of Sports Tourism facility development, immediately following their regular Board meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in the Board Room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring

The Highlands County Hospital District Board will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the Board Room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring

Three community workshops are being held to discuss the Highlands County Ridge to River Conservation Plan on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Avon Park Community Center, 300 W. Main St., Avon Park
- Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the H.L. Bishop Park Clubhouse, 10 Lake June Clubhouse Road, Lake Placid

The Highlands County Tourist Development Council will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for Performing Arts at South Florida State College, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL

- 5. Constitutional Officers - Announcements**

- 6. Recognitions, Presentations and Proclamations**

- A. Request approval of a proclamation recognizing Nov. 1-7, 2025, as Public Information Officers Week in Highlands County.

- 7. Public Comment on Consent Agenda**

- 8. Consent Agenda**

- A. Request approval of service and fidelity agreements to implement Florida's Period of Purple Crying Program services with Healthy Families Highlands program participants.

- B. Request approval of Agreement between Highlands County and Biggest Fish Consulting, LLC for Tourism Industry Partner Relations.
- C. Agreement between Highlands County, Florida and Paul Blackman, as Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida for Access to Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records via CJIS-Secured Network.
- D. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-001 approving the Highlands County Library System Code of Conduct.
- E. Request approval of a one (1) year renewal of agreement for ITB-21-002, between Highlands County and Clark Pest Control Service, Inc.
- F. Request approval of the Agreement for Educational Services between Treasure Coast Medical and Fire Institute and Highlands County.
- G. Request approval of Budget Amendment 24-25-125 to realign funds to cover shortage in 24/25 Road Resurfacing
- H. Request approval of waiver of fees for the Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association, Inc. for the use of Lorida Community Center for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- I. Request approval of Budget Amendment 25-26-008 and Resolution 25-26-008R to purchase Portable lifts that was approved in the FY25/26 Budget.
- J. Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for use of WeatherStem Stations between the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Highlands County for the purpose of placing 3 additional Weather Stations in Highlands County.
- K. Request to approve payment of Kimley-Horn and Associates invoices no. 32339940, 32747365, and 33107436 in total amount of \$21,227.65, without purchase order, for services rendered for the W Interlake Sidewalk Project #22066.
- L. Request approval of Agreement between Highlands County and Paul Blackman, as Sheriff of Highlands County for the Environmental Law Enforcement Program
- M. Request approval of Payment Without PO to Accenture LLP.

9. Public Comment

10. Committee Assignments

- A. Request appointment of Kristyn Robbins to the Highlands County Tourist Development Council.

11. Public Hearing

- A. Public hearing to request adoption of Resolution 25-29-009 for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 Local Housing Assistance Plan.

12. Action Agenda

- A. Statement of Legislative Intent seeking direction from the Board Regarding consideration to add to the Hobby Breeder Ordinance currently being drafted; Borders of Dogs and Cats shall have vaccinations and registrations for said animals.
- B. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-012 for Budget Amendment 25-26-007 to rollover current project balances from FY 24/25 into the current FY 25/26 to properly budget the available funds in the projects in FY 25/26.
- C. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-014 for Budget Amendment 25-26-009 for 25/26 Road Reconstruct additional funding for Projects #25012 and #23114.

13. County Administrator and Legal

- A. County Attorney Status Report
- B. Commissioner's Priorities and the Project Status Report.

14. Commissioners

15. Informational

- A. Board payables from October 21, 2025, to November 3, 2025

16. Adjourn

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by this Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Commission meeting is a voluntary offering by a private citizen. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been reviewed or approved by the Commission, and the Commission is not allowed by law to endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.

A person desiring to provide public comment related to an item on the Consent Agenda of this meeting, must fill out a Speaker Card and submit the same to the County Administrator or Chairperson by 8:50 a.m. All Speaker Cards received after 8:50am, will be called during the regular Public Comment.