

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 4, 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**

Those who were not able to attend the Ridge to River Conservation Plan Workshop still have an opportunity to vote for their natural resources priority. We have the link posted on the County website under the Natural Resources tab.

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, November 4, 2025, in the Board Room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring

The Construction Licensing, Enforcement and Appeals Board will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in the Board room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL

The Highlands County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, in the Board room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL

The Highlands County Insurance Committee will hold a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 6, 2025, in the Board room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL

The Planning & Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency and the Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Board room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring , FL

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the Engineering Conference Room, 505 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL

- 5. Constitutional Officers - Announcements**

- 6. Recognitions, Presentations and Proclamations**

A. Highlands County Veterans Appreciation Month November 2025

- 7. Consent Agenda**

- A. Request approval of the contract between the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (FNCAC) GR-CPT Grant Award and the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and request adoption of Resolution 25-26-023 for Budget Amendment 25-26-011 to set up project 24049 and appropriate funds pursuant to the FNCAC GR-CPT Grant Award to the CAC.
- B. Request Approval of TOA WTI 3-1 for Project 23104 Penny Ogg Operation Center Facade Repairs & Metal Roof Restoration
- C. Request to waive the Landfill Tipping Fees for Placid Lakes Homeowner Association Annual community Canal Cleanup
- D. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-021 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.
- E. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-022 for Budget Amendment 25-26-010 for Project 25018 EMPG base grant.
- F. Request Approval of Budget Amendment 25-26-015 for the Fuel Master Software Upgrade for all county fuel sites.
- G. Request acceptance the 2025 Highlands County Multi-family Housing Study
- H. Request approval of Resolution No. 25-26-038, authorizing Highlands County to participate in a new National Opioid Settlement with Secondary Manufacturers.

Katie Houlihan, Assistant County Attorney

The positive fiscal impact to the County is unknown at this time.

- I. Request Approval of the Health Services Agreement with Central Florida Healthcare, Inc., for FY 2025-2026.

Ingrasherese Gardner, Community Programs Director

The fiscal impact is an increase to Fund 155 (Hospital District) and the overall budget in the amount of \$294,000 for these six (6) community agency grants, which is included in the FY 2025-2026 budget in cost center 1155 (Hospital District) account 58200 (Private Organizations).

- J. Request approval of the Health Services Grant Agreements for FY 2025-2026 for the Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, Inc

Ingrasherese Gardner, Community Programs Director

The fiscal impact is an increase to Fund 155 (Hospital District) and the overall budget in the amount of \$294,000 for these six (6) community agency grants, which is included in the FY 2025-2026 budget in cost center 1155 (Hospital District) account 58200 (Private Organizations).

- K. Request approval of Resolution 25-26-029 adopting the TDC Grant Policy for Facility Rental Fees

Reagan Fultz, Tourism Project & Marketing Mgr., Casey Hartt, Lead Marketing Consultant, Leah Sauls, Development Services Director

No fiscal impact

- L. Request approval of the Health Services Grant Agreements for FY 2025-2026 for the Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, Inc. Cox Living Memorial Fund

Ingrashere Gardner, Community Programs Director

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- M. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-039 for TDC Grant Policy for High Impact Signature Events.

Reagan Fultz, Tourism Project & Marketing Mgr., Casey Hartt, Lead Marketing Consultant, Leah Sauls, Development Services Director

There is no fiscal impact.

- N. Request to adopt Resolution 25-26-040 for TDC Grant Policy for New Events
Reagan Fultz, Tourism Project & Marketing Mgr.

There is no fiscal impact

- O. Request approval to expend funds from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Paul Blackman, Sheriff

This contribution will be funded through the Special Law Enforcement Trust fund, therefore, no fiscal impact to any government agency.

- P. Request to adopt Resolution 25-26-041 for TDC Grant Policy for Tourism Marketing

Reagan Fultz, Tourism Project & Marketing Mgr.

There is no fiscal impact.

- Q. Request to adopt Resolution 25-26-042 for TDC Grant Policy for Sports or Special Events.

Reagan Fultz, Tourism Project & Marketing Mgr.

There is no fiscal impact.

- R. Request approval of the Health Services Grant Agreements for FY 2025-2026 for Change of Pace, Inc per the recommendation of the Highlands County Hospital District Board.

- S. Request approval of the Health Services Grant Agreements for FY 2025-2026 for Ridge Area ARC, Inc

Ingrashere Gardner, Community Programs Director

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which is included in the FY 2025-2026 budget in cost center 1155 (Hospital District) account 58200 (Private Organizations).

- T. Request approval of the Health Services Grant Agreements for FY 2025-2026 for Samaritan's Touch Care Center, Inc

Ingrashereese Gardner, Community Programs Director

The fiscal impact is an increase to Fund 155 (Hospital District) and the overall budget in the amount of \$294,000 for these six (6) community agency grants, which is included in the FY 2025-2026 budget in cost center 1155 (Hospital District) account 58200 (Private Organizations).

8. Public Comment

9. Committee Assignments

10. Public Hearing

- A. Public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 25-26-02, for CPA-25-646SS, amending the Future Land Use Map for an approximate 13.36 acres from Medium Density Residential (RM) to Agriculture (AG).
- B. Public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution 25-26-015, for P&Z 2182, amending the Official Zoning Atlas for an approximate 13.36 acres from R-1A Residential District to AU Agricultural District.
- C. Public Hearing continuation to request the adoption of Resolution 25-26-009 for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 Local Housing Assistance Plan.

11. Action Agenda

- A. County Administrator Evaluation
- B. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-037 for Budget Amendment 25-26-022 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 25-26-033 for Budget Amendment 25-26-018 to rollover encumbrances from FY 24/25 into FY 25/26.
- D. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-035 for Budget Amendment 25-26-020 to roll forward and setup funding within the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Paul Blackman, Sheriff

The fiscal impact is an increase to Fund 170 (Special Law Enforcement) and the overall budget in the total amount of \$400,789.00 which is being appropriated in cost center 3106 (Confiscated Properties – Federal) and cost center 3107 (Confiscated Properties – State) in the amounts of \$141,321.00 and \$259,468.00, respectively.

- E. Statement of legislative intent directing County staff and the Legal Department to draft revisions to the Ordinance establishing the Istopoka Marsh Watershed Improvement District (IMWID).

Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director

None at this time

12. County Administrator and Legal

A. County Attorney Status Report

B. County Administrator Status Report

Laurie Hurner, County Administrator

No fiscal impact.

13. Commissioners

14. Informational

A. Letter of Support for Central Florida Regional Planning Council's application for the 2025 EDA Disaster Supplemental grant.

B. Board payables from November 4, 2025, to November 17, 2025

C. Subdivision Participation and Release Form related to the national settlement with Purdue Pharma.

Katie Houlihan, Assistant County Attorney

It is unknown at this time what the positive fiscal impact will be to the County.

15. 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.