



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACTION SUMMARY
JULY 28, 2026 ~ 9:00 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sarah Heard, Chair
Edward V. Ciampi, Vice Chairman
Eileen Vargas
Stacey Hetherington
J. Blake Capps

Don G. Donaldson, P.E., County Administrator
Elysse A. Elder, County Attorney
Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Comptroller

PRESETS

9:05 AM - Public Comment
9:30 AM – Fire Rescue Presentation (DEPT-3)
5:05 PM - Public Comment

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:01 AM

Invocation ~ **Pastor Stan Allen**, Redeemer Lutheran Church
Pledge of Allegiance ~ **Todd Ross**, U.S. Navy Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additional Items – *There were no Additional Items and item DEPT-2 was withdrawn from the Agenda.*
Approval of Agenda – *The Agenda was approved.*

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 ADOPT AND PRESENT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY 26 AS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MANGROVE ECOSYSTEMS IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt and present a proclamation recognizing July 26 as International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystems in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-1003

ACTION TAKEN: *The Board adopted and presented the proclamation.*

COMMENTS

Public (9:05 AM) - Please limit comments to three minutes.

Commissioners

County Administrator

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda – [The Consent Agenda was approved.](#)

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion and will have no action noted, but the "Recommendation" as it appears on the Board item is the approved action.

Discussion of Pulled Consent Items – [n/a](#)

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 26-0795 [No items](#)

CNST-2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST FOR DISBURSEMENT VIA CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Chapter 136.06, Florida Statutes, checks, and electronic payments issued by the Board of County Commissioners are to be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. In compliance with statutory requirements, the Warrant List is added to the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. This Warrant List is for disbursements made between June 8 and July 12, 2026. Additional details related to these disbursements may be viewed in the office of the Martin County Clerk of Court and Comptroller or on the Clerk's website.

Agenda Item: 26-0800

CNST-3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The Board is asked to approve minutes from the May 5, May 19, June 9, and June 23, 2026 regular meetings.

Agenda Item: 26-1020

CNST-4 NOTED ITEMS

Noted items are documents for the Board's information that must be a part of the record but do not require any action.

Agenda Item: 26-0805

CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation congratulating the 50th anniversary of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0866

CNST-6 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING PURPLE HEART DAY IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Purple Heart Day in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0947

CNST-7 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Florida Water Professionals Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0979

CNST-8 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECAPITULATION OF THE 2025 TAX ROLL FOR MARTIN COUNTY

Presentation of the Martin County Tax Collector's Recapitulation of the 2025 Tax Roll for Martin County.

Agenda Item: 26-0998

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-9 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT A UTILITY EASEMENT ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF STUART FOR USE BY THE AIRPORT OPERATIONS BUILDING AT MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT, WITHAM FIELD

This is a request for permission to grant a Utility Easement on County-owned property at Martin County Airport, Witham Field, to the City of Stuart to allow for utility related services to the Airport Operations Building located on SE Airport Road, City of Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0995

CNST-10 CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, RURAL AND FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS

On May 19, 2026, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners approved three identical Memorandums of Understanding (MOAs) with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, to acquire conservation easements on three environmentally sensitive parcels: Turnpike Dairy (525 acres), SS Farms (51 acres) and the Leonard Parcel (239 acres). Prior to execution, County staff identified a scrivener's error in the MOAs that erroneously granted enforcement rights under the easements to Martin County. Section 9 of the MOAs has been revised to grant all enforcement rights to FDACS. All remaining provisions remain unchanged.

Agenda Item: 26-1011

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Board of County Commissioners is required to adopt the Final Assessment Resolution for fiscal year 2027 (FY27) single-family and multi-family curbside solid waste assessment rates as set forth in Section 151.56, General Ordinances, Martin County Code and certify the special assessment roll to the Tax Collector as required by Section 151.57, General Ordinances, Martin County Code.

Agenda Item: 26-0923

RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.1

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received public comment, adopted the Final Assessment Resolution for the Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit, and certified and approved the Special Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector.

PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.9., RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MARTIN COUNTY PARKS, GENERAL ORDINANCES, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO FISHING ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

This is a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 17, Section 17.9., Rules and Regulations for Martin County Parks, General Ordinances, Martin County Code. These revisions are necessary to align the County Code with the authority reserved to the State under Section 379.2412, Florida Statutes, regarding saltwater fishing, while also maintaining local regulations necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare on County beaches and parks.

Agenda Item: 26-0921

ACTION TAKEN: The Board tabled this item for staff to rework the ordinance language (investigate drone/boat language regarding chumming the waters, add an hour before and after when beaches open/close, and reference state law).

PH-3 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155, STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES, GENERAL ORDINANCES, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY, REQUIRED PERMITS, AND SECURITY

This is a request for approval of amendments to Chapter 155, Streets, Roads and Bridges, General Ordinances, Martin County Code to rely on the Florida Statutes as they relate to establishing speed limits, to authorize the County Engineer to apply for state and federal permits for County projects, to require permits for County projects in County right-of-way, and to provide for warranty security.

Agenda Item: 26-0999

ORDINANCE NO. 1277

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Ordinance amending Chapter 155, Streets, Roads and Bridges, General Ordinances, Martin County Code.

PUBLIC HEARINGS QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND MASTER DEVELOPER FOR NEWFIELD AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONSERVATION EASEMENT

This is a request for approval of the First Amendment to the Development Agreement Between Martin County and Master Developer for Newfield (P172-038), pursuant to Article 7, Land Development Regulations (LDR), Martin County Code. The proposed amendment addresses the identification of an approximately 125-acre “environmental parcel” to be used by Martin County for environmental purposes and the placement of certain excavated materials. The project is being developed according to Article 11, LDR, Martin County Code. This is the second of two public hearings.

Agenda Item: 26-1001 **Supplemental Memorandum**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit and approved the First Amendment to the Newfield Development Agreement.

PHQJ-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING AGREEMENT INCLUDING A MASTER/FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE PARADISE LAKE PROJECT (P141-013)

This is a request by Lucido & Associates on behalf of Heissenberg Family Financial Investments, LLC, for approval to revise a previously approved-but now expired-master and final site plan. The project comprises 11 lots, each approximately 1.1 acres in size. The property is an approximately 72-acre, currently undeveloped site located south of SE 138th Street, approximately 1/4 mile west of SE Kitchen Creek Road. Included is a Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation.

Agenda Item: 26-0920 **RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.3**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit; approved the Paradise Lake PUD Zoning Agreement including the Master/Final Site Plan and Preserve Area Management Plan; adopted a Resolution approving and accepting a Quit Claim Deed from Heissenberg Family Financial Investments, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, for dedication of right-of-way; and authorized the Chair to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction. One change to the PUD Agreement changed the owner’s donation to the Martin County Community Land Trust within 60 days of final site plan approval to a total of \$50,000.

PHQJ-3 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARTIN COUNTY ZONING ATLAS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR BREW HORIZONS LLC (D069-002)

This is a request by HFA-AE LTD, on behalf of Brew Horizons LLC, for a proposed amendment to the county zoning atlas. The proposed amendment is to change the existing zoning district classification for approximately 1.93 acres from M-1 (Industrial) district to LI (Limited Industrial) district. The approximately 1.93-acre property consists of one parcel located at 3101 SE Federal Highway, approximately 560 feet north of SE Indian Street and just south of SE Carnivale Court, in Stuart. Included with this application is a request for a Certificate of Public Facilities Exemption.

Agenda Item: 26-1000

RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.2

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit and adopted a Resolution amending the Martin County Zoning Atlas to change the zoning district designation on the site from M-1, Industrial District, to LI, Limited Industrial District. The Board recommended that the applicant work with the neighbors regarding access into the businesses.

**DEPARTMENTAL
ADMINISTRATION**

DEPT-1 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL

This is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for grant applications, awards, budget resolutions, budget transfers from reserves, and CIP amendments. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum.

Agenda Item: 26-0808 **Supplemental Memorandum (8 items)**

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Permission to Apply for the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transportation Grant Agreement for FY27 Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Funds for Operating Assistance - The Board adopted the Board Resolution, authorizing the County Administrator or designee to file an application for the FDOT FY27 Section 5311 non-urbanized area public transportation grant and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute and file with its application, any corresponding documents the Florida Department of Transportation will require before awarding a Public Transportation grant agreement. **RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.4**
2. Permission to Apply for the FY27 Mosquito Control State Financial Assistance Agreement from the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - The Board authorized the Public Works Director or designee to apply for the FY27 Mosquito Control State Financial Assistance and authorized the Chair to execute the FY27 Tentative Detailed Work Plan Budget – Arthropod Control.
3. Permission to Accept the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY23 Section 5339-Bus and Bus Facilities Urbanized Formula Grant - The Board authorized the County Administrator or designee to electronically execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Chair as well as any future non-monetary grant-related documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office

- and adopted the Budget Resolution. [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.5](#)
4. **Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**
- A. Request to Approve Budget Resolution for the State FY27 Allocation of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Funds for the Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - The Board adopted the Budget Resolution for State FY27 FHWA PL funding allocation for the MPO. [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.6](#)
 - B. Request to Allocate Insurance Proceeds from Damages to Traffic Signals & Streetlights - The Board adopted the Budget Resolution for the insurance proceeds from damages to County-maintained traffic signals and streetlights caused by third-party accidents. [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.7](#)
 - C. FY26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Amendments for Utilities Department - The Board approved the FY26 amended CIP Sheets for Tropical Farms Plan Expansion and Martin Downs Chlorination Facility and approved a budget transfer from completed projects to the Tropical Farms Plant Expansion and Martin Downs Chlorination Facility projects.
 - D. Allocation of Funds for Fiscal Year 2026 Salary Adjustments - The Board authorized a budget transfer from various reserves for salary adjustments, as approved in the FY26 Adopted Budget.
 - E. Request to Allocate Insurance Proceeds from Damages to Martin County Fire Rescue Vehicles - The Board adopted the Budget Resolution for the insurance proceeds from the damages to Martin County Fire Rescue's rescue units and service trucks. [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.8](#)

DEPT-2 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL \$1 MILLION OR GREATER

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Agenda Item: 26-0813 [Supplemental Memorandum \(1 item\)](#)

ACTION TAKEN: This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

FIRE RESCUE

DEPT-3 FISCAL IMPACT PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INCREASE ON MARTIN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Fire Rescue will present an overview of the anticipated fiscal impact to Martin County Fire Rescue should the proposed homestead exemption expansion be approved by voters in November. The presentation outlines the projected revenue reduction over a two-year period and the resulting effects on the department's budget, operations, and service delivery capabilities. It also addresses potential long-term implications for emergency response performance and the community.

Agenda Item: 26-1027

9:30 AM PRESET

ACTION TAKEN: The Board heard the presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE ACQUISITION OF A 2.70-ACRE PARCEL NORTH OF SW BLUE WATER WAY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution approving and accepting the acquisition of vacant land located between the Okeechobee Waterway and the South Fork of the St. Lucie River, North of SW Blue Water Way, in unincorporated Martin County, totaling 2.70+/- acres (the Burstein Property), as previously recommended by the Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC) and approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Agenda Item: 26-0735 [Supplemental Memorandum](#) [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.9](#)

[ACTION TAKEN:](#) The Board adopted a Resolution approving and accepting the purchase of vacant land totaling 2.70 acres from Bruce David Burstein and Wendy L. Hixon (f/k/a Wendy Marie Burstein); authorized the Chair to execute the Vacant Land Contract in the amount of \$648,000.00; and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all closing documents necessary to complete this transaction.

DEPT-5 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF TEN PARCELS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND LOCATED IN POINCIANA GARDENS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD

This is a request for adoption of a resolution approving the acquisition of ten parcels of environmentally sensitive land totaling 2.717 acres, located in Poinciana Gardens in Hobe Sound. The subject parcels are owned by Rose MacGillivray and Joseph MacGillivray and will be acquired with funds generated from the Conservation Lands Sales Tax.

Agenda Item: 26-0952 [RESOLUTION NO. 26-7.10](#)

[ACTION TAKEN:](#) The Board approved the Vacant Land Purchase and Sale Contract in the amount of \$255,000; authorized the Chair to execute; adopted a Resolution approving and accepting the purchase of ten parcels consisting of a total of 2.717 acres in Poinciana Gardens, owned by Rose MacGillivray and Joseph MacGillivray; and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all closing documents necessary to complete this transaction.

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

ADJOURNED AT 1:17 PM

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.