BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Stacey Hetherington, District 2
J. Blake Capps, District 3

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Elysse A. Elder, Acting County Attorney
Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Commissioner Stacey Hetherington
Commissioner Eileen Vargas
Commissioner J. Blake Capps
Chair Sarah Heard
Vice Chair Edward V. Ciampi

Invocation ~ Pastor Eddie Rodrigues

Pledge of Allegiance ~ Lt. Joseph Kukuvka, U.S. Army

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the agenda and all proclamations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 96TH STREET ARTIFICIAL REEF BULKHEAD FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER GRANT CHECK PRESENTATION

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Commissioner Michael Kennedy will present the Martin County Board of County Commissioners a grant check for the completion of the 96th Street Artificial Reef Bulkhead Project.

Agenda Item: 26-0049

Coastal Program Manager Jessica Garland presented the proclamation to the Board. FIND Commissioner Michael Kennedy presented the Board with a grant check.

PROC-2 FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT (FIND) SMALL SCALE DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL GRANT REIMBURSEMENT CHECK PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

FIND Commissioner Michael Kennedy will present the Martin County Board of County Commissioners a grant reimbursement check for the removal of derelict vessels.

Agenda Item: 26-0074

Building Official Jeff Dougherty provided the presentation on derelict vessels. FIND Commissioner Michael Kennedy presented the Board with a grant check.

PROC-3 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair will present proclamations recognizing the 25th Annual Bible Reading Marathon and declaring Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-1235

Communications Manager Laura Beaupre presented the proclamations to the Board.

Dr. Julie Bjournsen and Pastors Eddie and Joanne Rodrigues (Step Into Grace and New Life Ministries Inc.) accepted the proclamation recognizing the 25th Annual Bible Reading Marathon.

211 Outreach Palm Beach and Treasure Coast Community Outreach Coordinator Chad Adcock accepted the proclamation declaring Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

COMMENTS

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

Doug Farley requested that the Board consider implementing "quiet zones" at railroad crossings.

Tom Pine spoke about the consent agenda and various issues in the County. He shared that accessibility and affordability should be guiding principles to protect those who struggle.

Megan Shirey (Boys & Girls Club Executive Director) shared a personal story from a Boys &

Girls Club member. She emphasized the importance of positive partnership.

The following members of the public spoke in support of DEPT-4: Gail Byrd, Peter Schwind, and Mary Beth Konz.

Gail Goldy thanked the Board for their efforts. She also inquired about the status of her previous proposal for a County flag. Commissioner Vargas ensured Ms. Goldy that staff are actively working on the design.

Audra Creech addressed the Board regarding CNST-13.

Linda Smith with the Sierra Loxahatchee Club addressed Senate Bill 180 and unconstitutionality. [DEPT-3]

Commissioners

AM

Commissioner Capps shared that he toured the C44 reservoir and stormwater treatment area with the Audubon Society President John Nelson and Environmental Resource Manager John Maehl. He also congratulated the Apollo School of Hobe Sound on their 100th Anniversary.

PM

None at this time.

County Administrator

AM

None at this time.

PM

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the consent agenda and CNST-13. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 25-0685

This item was approved.

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 August 25 and September 7, 2025. 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: 25-0687

This item was approved.

CNST-3 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC APOLLO SCHOOL IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Apollo School in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-0945

This item was approved.

CNST-4 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Fire Prevention Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-1242

This item was approved.

CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING 4-H WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring 4-H Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-1294

This item was approved.

CNST-6 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring International Day of Air Traffic Controller in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 25-1301

This item was approved.

CNST-7 **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

After solicitation of applicants, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to confirm Commissioner Vargas's appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Agenda Item: 25-1288

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.45

This item was approved.

CNST-8 **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO SUNSET THE LAND ACQUISITION SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Land Acquisition Selection Committee completed its intended task, and there is no funding remaining from the 2006 half cent sales tax. Staff is recommending approval of a Resolution to sunset the Land Acquisition Selection Committee.

Agenda Item: 25-1299

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.46

This item was approved.

CNST-9 **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES STATUS REPORT**

This quarterly Status Report is provided to keep the Commission apprised of all the current vacancies, expired terms, etc. on their various boards and committees.

Agenda Item: 25-0688

This item was approved.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

CNST-10 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT SPACE LEASE WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

The Board is asked to approve an antenna and equipment space lease with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Agenda Item: 25-1292

This item was approved.

CNST-11 **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM RATES FOR THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES**

As required by Section 115.13, General Ordinances, Martin County Code, Resolution No. 17-5.17 established maximum rates for the towing and storage of vehicles and provided for an annual automatic adjustment based on the percentage change in the January Consumer Price Index (CPI) - All Urban Consumers for the United States. Based on the methodology established in Resolution No. 17-5.17, a rate adjustment is required for the period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Agenda Item: 25-1300

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.47

This item was approved.

FIRE RESCUE

CNST-12 APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHERIFF'S SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM AND MARTIN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE PARAMEDICS TO CREATE AN INTRA-AGENCY TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Martin County Fire Rescue and the Martin County Sheriff's Office have developed a special team whereby Fire Rescue SWAT Medics work in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team during high-risk situations. The SWAT Medic will provide advanced emergency medical treatment during tactical operations, callouts, and training exercises. The Medic will work with the SWAT supervisors while adhering to Martin County Fire Rescue medical protocols and physician orders. Positioned within the inner perimeter, the SWAT Medic will be able to deliver immediate life-saving care to ill or injured individuals when evacuation is delayed or impossible.

Agenda Item: 25-1293

This item was approved.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-13 REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF A PRESERVE AREA AND ASSOCIATED PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRACE PLACE CHURCH, AS REQUIRED BY STATE OF FLORIDA WETLAND DETERMINATION

Request to release the existing preserve area under an approved Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP) that was issued in 2005. Pursuant to Section 4.36.C, Land Development Regulations (LDR), Martin County Code, any alteration to the size, shape, or design of a previously approved preserve area shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Agenda Item: 25-1266

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.48

This item was approved.

CNST-14 REQUEST TO RELEASE TWO UNITIES OF TITLE FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY I-TOWN RAIL & COMMERCE, LLC LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN

Tyson Waters, Esq., on behalf of I-Town Rail & Commerce, LLC, has requested the release of Unities of Title encumbering the property located at 19100 SW Warfield Boulevard in Indiantown. The property is located within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Indiantown.

Agenda Item: 25-1296

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.49

This item was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-15 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ON SW OLD KANSAS AVENUE FROM THE CROCKER GROUP, LLC, AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF A MINOR FINAL SITE PLAN

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed for 20 feet of dedicated right-of-way (ROW) along the property frontage on the east side of SW Old Kansas Avenue in Stuart from The Crocker Group, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (Crocker), as a condition of approval of a minor final site plan for Hog Striping Storage.

Agenda Item: 25-1283

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.50

This item was approved.

CNST-16 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT A UTILITY EASEMENT ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY IN STUART TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORAL GARDENS VACUUM STATION PROJECT

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has requested approval of a Utility Easement for electrical utility services along the west side of two County-owned parcels located on SE Willoughby Boulevard, north of SE Coral Lakes Way and south of SE Pomeroy Street in Stuart, for the Coral Gardens Vacuum Station Project.

Agenda Item: 26-0032

This item was approved.

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-17 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANA MERCEDES MENCHERO ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation honoring Ana Mercedes Menchero on her 100th birthday.

Agenda Item: 26-0105

This item was approved.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

B&C-1 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

After solicitation for applicants due to a member resigning, the Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Tourist Development Council.

Agenda Item: 25-1215

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.51

Senior Assistant County Attorney Melissa Pietryzk informed the Board of a conflict to request waiver for Travis McGhee.

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Colleen Holmes to the Tourist Development Council.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to approve the waiver. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1215

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to appoint Colleen Holmes to the Tourist Development Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

B&C-2 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

After solicitation of applicants due to a member resigning, the Board is asked to make the necessary appointment to the Industrial Development Authority.

Agenda Item: 25-1214

RESOLUTION NO. 25-9.52

Administrative Services Program Coordinator Donna Gordon announced the appointment of Sean Williams to the Industrial Development Authority.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Vice Chair Ciampi, to appoint Sean Williams to the Industrial Development Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 APPROVAL OF THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT AND TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE

This is a request for review and approval of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program 2022/2023 annual report. Upon approval, this report will be submitted to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC).

Agenda Item: 25-1282

HHS Director Michelle Miller presented the item to the Board. Assistant County Attorney Frank Moehrle assisted with Board questions.

Chair Heard solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PH-2 **FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

This is the second of the two public hearings regarding the budget. There will be an outline of the public hearing procedures followed by an overview and review/approval of the Resolutions.

Agenda Item: 25-1029

RESOLUTION NOs. 25-9.57 through 25-9.90

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the final fiscal year 2025/2026 budget to the Board.

Commissioner Vargas expressed her concerns with the budget, she suggested the Board be less liberal and more prudent with spending. Commissioner Vargas stated she opposes the budget in its entirety.

Chair Heard thanked staff for their efforts and acknowledged Representative Overdorf on his efforts to reform ad valorem budgets.

Commissioner Capps thanked staff for their efforts.

Chair Heard solicited public comment; there were none.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Countywide Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Countywide Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District One MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District One MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Two MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Two MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Three MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Three MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by

Commissioner Capps, to approve District Four MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Four MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Five MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve District Five MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Special District A-61 (Hutchinson Island) MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Special District A-61 (Hutchinson Island) MSTU Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Fire Rescue MSTU Unincorporated Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Fire Rescue MSTU Unincorporated Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Parks and Recreation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Parks and Recreation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Countywide MSTU Unincorporated (Stormwater and Road Maintenance) Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Countywide MSTU Unincorporated (Stormwater and Road Maintenance) Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve General Unincorporated Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Building and Permitting Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Impact Fee Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Special Revenue Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Grant Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Other Debt Service Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Other Capital Projects Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Utilities Enterprise Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Airport Enterprise Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Golf Course Enterprise Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Internal Service Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Trust Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve Community Redevelopment Area Trust Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Agenda Item: 25-1029

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve staff's recommendation and to update the strategic plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

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: 25-0684

RESOLUTION NOs. 25-9.53 and 25-9.54

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board. Utilities and Solid

Waste Director Sam Amerson and County Engineer Michael Grzelka assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) Florida Dept of State Library and Information Services Annual State Aid to Libraries Grant for 2026, (2) FY25-26 FDEP Water Quality Improvement Grant for Septic to Sewer, (3) Accept funding FIND for Derelict Vessel Removal Funds, (4) Martin County Transit ISD Grant, (5) Contract between Martin County Transit and Board of County Commissioners to provide 10% Local Match to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip & Equipment (T&E) Grant, and (6) Allocate Unanticipated Contribution from the Highpointe PUD.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

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

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Agenda Item: 25-0693

Chief Procurement Officer Krysti Brotherton presented the items to the Board. County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The following items were approved: (1) Lift Station Rehabilitation and (2) Underground Utility Construction.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Vice Chair Ciampi, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

DEPT-3 **DISCUSSION ON SENATE BILL 180**

On June 26, 2025, Senate Bill 180 (SB180) was signed into law. SB 180, titled "Emergencies," is a comprehensive bill that was aimed to address the preparation and response activities of state and local governments when emergencies impact Florida. The bill provides certain responsibilities and restrictions on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and local governments, some of which extend beyond emergency planning and response.

Agenda Item: 26-0041

County Administrator Don Donaldson presented the item to the Board. Interim County Attorney Elysse Elder provided an update regarding the laswsuit by Weiss Serota.

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-4 **ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF A FINAL PURCHASE CONTRACT, ADOPTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS, ONE FOR A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED ACQUIRING A PARCEL ALONG SALERNO ROAD AND 2ND TO INITIATE A FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT**

This is a request for final approval of a Residential Contract for Sale and Purchase (Contract), the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Special Warranty Deed for the acquisition of property on the south side of SE Salerno Road, and the adoption of a resolution to initiate a Future Land Use Map amendment to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

Agenda Item: 25-1302

RESOLUTION NOs 25-9.55 and 25-9.56

Real Property Professional Mandee Johns presented the item to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox, Interim County Attorney Elysse Elder, Public Works Director Jim Gorton and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Vice Chair Ciampi, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, Chair Heard, and Vice Chair Ciampi

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Derrick Powell expressed frustration with damages caused to his property by developers. He urged the Board to remain fair and keep developers accountable.

At Chair Heard's request County Engineer Michael Grzelka assisted with Board questions. Commissioner Hetherington and Vice Chair Ciampi shared their concerns on this issue. County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

Jennifer Parker with Fern Creek POA also spoke to Mr. Powell's issue. Ms. Parker shared additional issues that are occurring in her neighborhood.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners September 23, 2025 meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Sarah Heard, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved: