



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACTION SUMMARY
MAY 19, 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 - Lease Agreement with Martin County Healthy Start Coalition (DEPT-4)
5:05 PM - Public Comment

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:02 AM

Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance - **Cecil "Ed" Whitaker**, US Marine & Vietnam Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additional Items – [The Additional Items of PROC-2, CNST-19, and CNST-20 were added to the Agenda.](#)
Approval of Agenda – [The Agenda was approved with DPQJ-1 being continued at the applicant's request.](#)

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board is asked to present proclamations declaring National Safe Boating Week, recognizing Public Works Week, declaring Memorial Day, and declaring Emergency Medical Services Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0711

ACTION TAKEN: [The proclamations were presented.](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPTION TO LEASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN COUNTY HEALTHY START COALITION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR USE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ON SE TOWER DRIVE IN STUART

This is a request for adoption of a resolution approving an Option to Lease (Option) and Public Purpose Lease Agreement (Lease) between Martin County and Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. (MCHSC) for the construction and operation of a public community-based maternity center, located along SE Tower Drive between SE Salerno Road and SE Willoughby Boulevard.

Agenda Item: 26-0738

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.16

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the Option to Lease between Martin County and Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation; direct staff to include in the Lease a term and renewal period acceptable to the Board; adopted a Resolution approving the Public Purpose Lease Agreement upon satisfaction of all requirements set forth in the Option to Lease with final approval by the County Attorney's Office; and authorized the Chair to execute any documents necessary to complete this transaction.

DEPT-5 APPROVAL OF THREE MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, RURAL AND FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PARCELS USING SURTAX FUNDING

In 2024, Martin County voters approved a referendum establishing a 0.5% sales tax to fund the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands through fee simple and conservation easement purchases. This item requests Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval of Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, to acquire conservation easements on three separate parcels. Approval of the MOAs will enable partnership with FDACS to secure these easements. The Environmental Lands Oversight Committee recommended these properties on September 5, 2025, and the Board approved them on October 21, 2025.

Agenda Item: 26-0820

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the MOAs with the FDACS Rural and Family Lands Protection Program to acquire conservation easements on the three identified properties and authorized the Chair to execute the MOAs.

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

ADJOURNED AT 4:38 PM

The next meeting is June 9, 2026.