BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance - Cecil “Ed” Whitaker, US Marine & Vietnam Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Vice Chair Ciampi, to approve the agenda with additional items PROC-2, CNST-19, and CNST-20; and request to continue DPQJ-1. 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 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

Senior Communications Coordinator Martha Ann Kneiss presented the proclamations to the Board.

Public Works Director Jim Gorton accepted the Public Works Week proclamation.

US Marine & Vietnam Veteran Cecil "Ed" Whitaker accepted the Memorial Day proclamation.

Martin County Fire Rescue Chief Chad Cianciulli and District Chief Kevin Moore accepted the Emergency Medical Services Week.

PROC-2 RECOGNITION OF THE PINE SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board is asked to hear a presentation recognizing the boys' varsity soccer team as the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 1A State Champions.

Agenda Item: 26-0909

Tom McNicholas introduced the Pine School Soccer Team.

The Pine School Soccer Coach Cam Omsberg and Athletic Director Jeff Shirk accepted the proclamation.

COMMENTS

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

The following members of the public addressed the Board in support of quiet zones in Martin County: Laura Deberard, Doug Farley, Susan Hagen, Lisa Farley, Polly Cooper, Mario Marino, Leah Hagen, Deena McPherson, Eric Mayranen, John Balogna, Marlene Marco Ryan, Terry Moore, Patricia Moore, Douglas Smith, John Aderman, and John Handlen.

The following members of the public addressed the Board to advocate for unhoused individuals [HB 1365] : Maureen Kielian, Yamila Rollan Escalona, Angela Harrison, Kirstin Mikalauskas, Victoria Blake, Justin Ducasse, and Althea Wiley.

Charley Bartholomay spoke on behalf of Lisa Copeland regarding dock permitting issues.

CeCe Scofield presented a visual for liquid fireworks.

Missy Harris urged the Board to reinstate "so help me God" back into the oath.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding Floridays: Danny Mowhorter and Gus Oenbrink,

Harry MacArthur thanked the Board and staff for all of their efforts. He spoke regarding the Pine School, Floridays improvements, and implementing quiet zones from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m.

Jeff Wittman thanked Commissioner Capps and Ms. Yeiser for the donation of conservation land. He also spoke regarding The Pine School's revised PAMP and Banner Lake survey of Indian Mounds.

Linda Fithan inquired about SB1389.

The Board discussed the implementation of quiet zone as presented in public comment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Hetherington, to bring back an agenda item on quiet zones on June 9th. A substitute motion was made.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Vargas, to remove the June 9th date, and have a Federal Rail Administration expert in attendance as soon as they are available. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Capps, and Chair Heard

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Hetherington, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Commissioners

AM

There were none at this time.

PM

Vice Chair Ciampi invited residents to attend Dish With A Commish on May 21, 2026 at 8 a.m. and to Music in the Park on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Commissioner Vargas stated she received several calls regarding the new operations center; she suggested creating a hot topic for public benefit. Commissioner Vargas also made several other inquires regarding the operations center.

County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

Chair Heard requested a status update on Seaside Cafe.

County Administrator

AM

None at this time.

PM

County Administrator Don Donaldson announced the Town of Jupiter Island granted the County a variance for the Fire Rescue facility on the beach. He provided additional updates regarding his meeting with the Town of Jupiter Island; he stated he will bring an item before the Board regarding late night usage at the park and on street parking on South Beach Road.

Commissioner Capps thanked County Administrator Don Donaldson for his leadership and skills.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 **CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

This item is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for items that meet the Board approval threshold. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum. If there are no items, a Supplemental Memorandum will not be attached.

Agenda Item: 26-0568

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 April 20 and May 3, 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: 26-0574

This item was approved.

CNST-3 **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: 26-0578

This item was approved.

CNST-4 **ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

Agenda Item: 26-0783

This item was approved.

CNST-5 **ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MEN'S HEALTH MONTH AND NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Men's Health Month and National Men's Health Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0794

This item was approved.

CNST-6 **APPROVAL OF REVISED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FY 2023-2026**

The Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) governs Martin County's State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) programming and expenditures. The revised 2023-2026 LHAP was prepared by staff and reviewed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), which approved the technical revision to the LHAP on April 6, 2026. This revision will mirror the 2026-2029 LHAP which was approved by the Board on March 24, 2026.

Agenda Item: 26-0789

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.10

This item was approved.

AIRPORT

CNST-7 **REQUEST TO APPROVE SCORING CRITERIA AND BEGIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PROPERTIES AT THE MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT/WITHAM FIELD**

Staff requests approval to begin the Request for Proposal process for two vacant aeronautical parcels at Witham Field, each being 6.52± acres, located off Airport Road. The process will comply with all applicable laws and the Voluntary Corrective Action Plan, as approved by the Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Agenda Item: 26-0879

This item was approved.

FIRE RESCUE

CNST-8 **APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF STUART**

Martin County and the City of Stuart (City) currently provide mutual and automatic aid response for all fire suppression and emergency services within each party's jurisdictional boundaries. Representatives from the County and the City have been meeting to update and revise the existing Interlocal Agreement, with the most recent meetings focused on finalizing proposed changes. The proposed Interlocal Agreement includes revisions to response guidelines and dispatch protocols. The outcome of these discussions is reflected in a new Letter of Understanding (LOU) and an updated, signed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stuart Fire Rescue.

Agenda Item: 26-0876

At Vice Chair Ciampi's request, Martin County Fire Rescue Chief Chad Cianciulli presented the item to the Board. Martin County Fire Rescue District Chief Joseph Lobasco and Fire Rescue Administrator Matt Resch assisted with Board questions.

Vice Chair Ciampi thanked both Chiefs, staff, and City Commission.

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

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-9 REQUEST TO RELEASE A UNITY OF TITLE FOR LOT 14 OF THE FISHERMAN’S PARADISE UNRECORDED PLAT

The applicant, Ruth M. Campbell, requests the release of the Unity of Title for the property legally described as Lot 14 of the Fisherman’s Paradise unrecorded plat. The parcel is located on the east side of SE Sailfish Lane approximately one thousand feet north of SE Saint Lucie Boulevard within the City of Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0855

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.11

This item was approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION

CNST-10 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY

The Transportation Services Agreement with the School Board of Martin County is for the use of school buses to transport after school and summer camp participants for field trips, special events, and activities from July 2026 through June 2027.

Agenda Item: 26-0830

This item was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-11 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICES FOR A NEW CHILLER PLANT AT THE CUMMINGS LIBRARY IN PALM CITY

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has requested approval of an Underground Utility Easement for extension of electrical service to the new chiller plant on County-owned property at the Cummings Library, located at the northeast corner of SW Martin Downs Boulevard and SW Matheson Avenue in Palm City.

Agenda Item: 26-0818

This item was approved.

CNST-12 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM CORAL LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, ALONG THE PLATTED ROADS WITHIN THE CORAL LAKES SUBDIVISION IN STUART

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Utility Easement from Coral Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, to allow for water and sewer related services and equipment along the platted roads within the Coral Lakes subdivision in Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0819

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.12

This item was approved.

CNST-13 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SROA SE SANDY FL, LLC, FOR THE STORAGE RENTALS OF AMERICA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN HOBE SOUND

This request is for adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed conveying approximately 5,329 square feet of dedicated right-of-way (ROW) consisting of three 5-foot strips along SE Sandy Lane, SE Osprey Street, and SE Dixie Highway from SROA SE Sandy FL, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (SROA), as a condition of post-approval for the Storage Rentals of America Planned Unit Development (PUD) Final Site Plan in Hobe Sound.

Agenda Item: 26-0836

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.13

This item was approved.

CNST-14 ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A DRAINAGE, ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FROM RIVER WATCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JENSEN BEACH MOSQUITO IMPOUNDMENT

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Drainage, Access and Maintenance Easement from River Watch Property Owners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (RWPOA), to provide Martin County access to certain land owned by RWPOA in St. Lucie County for the operation and maintenance of the existing outflow structures, exotic vegetation control, mosquito control, channel maintenance and maintenance of the access road, all in support of the Jensen Beach Mosquito Impoundment area.

Agenda Item: 26-0840

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.14

This item was approved.

CNST-15 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM THE ESTATE OF MARION L. KIRBY, ALONG NE SANTA CRUZ DRIVE IN JENSEN BEACH

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Utility Easement from the Estate of Marion L. Kirby to allow for the installation of water and sewer related services and equipment to serve the properties along NE Santa Cruz Drive, north of NE Alice Street, in Jensen Beach.

Agenda Item: 26-0842

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.15

This item was approved.

CNST-16 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF TWO PARCELS TOTALING 1.15-ACRES LOCATED OFF SE DIXIE HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO THE COUNTY OWNED HOBE SOUND SCRUB PRESERVE FOR CONSERVATION AND PERPETUAL PRESERVATION

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of two parcels totaling approximately 1.15-acres located off SE Dixie Highway adjacent to the County-owned Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve in Hobe Sound (the Property). The Property is being generously donated to the County, for perpetual conservation and public use, by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser.

Agenda Item: 26-0858

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.7

Public Works Real Property Manager Carla Segura presented the item to the Board.

Louise Yeiser addressed the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Capps, to approve CNST-16 through CNST-18. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CNST-17 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A 4-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO A COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL KNOW AS EAST FORK CREEK IN HOBE SOUND

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of a 4-acre parcel located on the east side of SE Federal Highway in Hobe Sound, adjacent to a County-owned conservation parcel, known as East Fork Creek STA and situated between SE Heritage Boulevard and SE Constitution Boulevard (the Property). The Property is being generously donated to the County, for perpetual conservation and public use, by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser.

Agenda Item: 26-0860

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.8

This item was approved.

CNST-18 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF TEN PARCELS TOTALING 1.54-ACRES LOCATED OFF SE DIXIE HIGHWAY AND FRONTING SE HILLSIDE CIRCLE IN HOBE SOUND FOR CONSERVATION AND PERPETUAL PRESERVATION

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of ten parcels totaling approximately 1.54-acres, located off SE Dixie Highway and fronting SE Hillside Circle in Hobe Sound (the Properties). The Properties are adjacent to the Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve property and other parcels donated by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser for perpetual conservation and public use.

Agenda Item: 26-0861

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.9

This item was approved.

UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE

CNST-19 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE THIRD RENEWAL TO THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE SOLAR AND ENERGY LOAN FUND OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Martin County and the Solar Energy Loan Fund of St. Lucie County (SELF) entered into an Agreement to support home improvements and sustainability financing on March 26, 2019 with subsequent renewals. SELF has requested a change in the interest rate to reflect lending market conditions along with a date and an index for future annual adjustments, lower the minimum number of loans provided, and removing the upper limit of the number of loans available.

Agenda Item: 26-0889

This item was approved.

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-20 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2026 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0908

This item was approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MARTIN COUNTY TRICO SETTLEMENT - MICHELLE POUCH VS. MARTIN COUNTY, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with the Procedure for TRICO settlements established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the public is provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed settlement in the case of Michelle Pouch v. Martin County, Case No. 24-01185-CAAXMX. The case arose from a trip and fall accident. The County is self-insured, and TRICO (our insurance pool) assigned counsel to the matter. Settlement discussions occurred on this case. A proposed settlement is before the Board for public comment.

Agenda Item: 26-0832

Deputy Director of Human Resources and Risk Director Tanyi Grimm presented the item to the Board.

Chair Heard solicited public comment; none were heard.

PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISIONS 1 & 5, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS IN THE HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA

This is a request by Floridays Mobile Park, LLC, to amend Division 1, Uniform Redevelopment Standards, and Division 5, Hobe Sound, Article 12, Community Redevelopment Code, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code (LDR), to modify the recreational vehicle (RV) park standards specific to the Hobe Sound Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). This item was continued from the March 10, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item: 26-0854

ORDINANCE NO. 1274

Growth Management Principal Planner John Sinnott presented the item to the Board. Growth Management Deputy Director Peter Walden, County Attorney Elysse Elder, and Senior Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox assisted with Board questions.

Polymath Law Attorney Krista Storey provided the applicant's presentation to the Board. Floridays RV Park owners Suzy and Mike Graham provided opening remarks.

The following applicant's items were filed for the record: (1) PowerPoint presentation and applicant's handouts.

The following member of the public addressed the Board in support of this item: Scott Price, Steven Oenbrink, and Toby Overdorf.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Vargas, to approve the ordinance with a maximum of four, year round units for employees only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Vargas, and Vice Chair Ciampi

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Capps, and Chair Heard

Agenda Item: 26-0854

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Chair Heard, to deny application. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Commissioner Vargas, and Chair Heard

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Hetherington, Commissioner Capps, and Vice Chair Ciampi

DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DPQJ-1 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR HERITAGE RIDGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PARCEL C-4, LOT 2B, FOR THE STORAGE PLACE HOBE SOUND PROJECT (K024-006)

This is a request by McCarty & Associates Land Planning & Design, LLC, on behalf of 8280 Constitution, LLC, for final site plan approval to construct a three-story, 64,260-square-foot residential storage facility and associated infrastructure within Parcel C-4, Lot 2B, of the Heritage Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD). The 1.5-acre undeveloped site is located on SE Constitution Boulevard, approximately 440 feet northeast of the intersection of SE Federal Highway and SE Constitution Boulevard, in Hobe Sound. Included is a request for Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation. This item was continued from the May 5, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item: 26-0885

The Board continued this item as requested by the applicant.

PUBLIC WORKS

DPQJ-2 REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT ON A LEGAL LOT OF RECORD THAT DOES NOT FRONT AN OPEN ROAD BUT HAS ACCESS VIA AN EASEMENT

Pursuant to Section 4.843.K.1.c, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code, this is a request from Robert Donovan and Jaime Donovan and Shannon Beem and Gerald Beem for a variance to allow the issuance of a building permit on a legal lot of records that does not front an open road, but has access to an open road established by a record easement no more than 1/4 mile (1,320 feet) long.

Agenda Item: 26-0857

RESOLUTION NO. 26- 5.17

Ex parte communication disclosures were filed by the Commissioners. There were no interveners. There were no notices. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Acting County Surveyor Jet Martel provided staff's presentation to the Board. County Engineer Michael Grzelka and County Administrator Don Donaldson assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) agenda item/staff report and (2) Jet Martel's resume.

APPLICANT: Fox McCluskey Attorney Tyson Waters addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant; no presentation was provided.

Chair Heard solicited public comment; none were heard.

MOTION: 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

REQUEST AND PRESENTATION

R&P-1 MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT (MARTY) SYSTEM UPDATE

At the May 19, 2026, BOCC Meeting, Martin County Transit, LLC will present an update on the County's Public Transportation system.

Agenda Item: 26-0870

Transit Administrator Ash Beecher provided the item to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Poprawski assisted with Board questions.

Senior Resource CEO Karen Diegl and Director of Transit Chris Stevenson presented the Marty Transit update to the Board.

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: 26-0584

RESOLUTION NOs. 26-5.18 through 26-5.20

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) LAP Grant for funding Assistance from FDOT for SW Bulldog Way Sidewalk Project and (2) Adjustment to Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (A) Unanticipated Contribution for Improvements at William G. "Doc" Meyers Park.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, 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

This item is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for items that meet the Board approval threshold. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum. If there are no items, a Supplemental Memorandum will not be attached.

Agenda Item: 26-0589

Chief Procurement Officer Krysti Brotherton presented the items to the Board.

The following items were approved: (1) Dixie Stormwater & Streetscape Design, (2) Parks & Recreation Planning, Design & Construction Administration Services, and (3) Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Services.

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

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DEPT-3 REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PINE SCHOOL F/K/A ST. MICHAEL'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (S170-014) TO MODIFY AN EXISTING PRESERVE AREA

This is a request by Lucido & Associates and Haley Ward, on behalf of The Pine School, Inc., for approval of an amendment to the existing preserve area boundary as defined in The Pine School Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP), which was approved on June 28, 2005, and recorded Official Records Book 2063, Pages 2055, Public Records of Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0865

Growth Management Principal Planner Shawn McCarthy presented the item to the Board. Growth Management Environmental Administrator Darryl Deleeuw, Growth

Management Director Paul Schilling, and Senior Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox assisted with Board questions.

Lucido & Associates Senior Partner Morris Crady provided the applicant's presentation to the Board. Haley Ward Vice President (Representative) Toby Overdorf provided the environmental update to the Board. The Pine School Director of Enrollment Management Beth Lettengarver and Fox McCluskey Attorney Tyson Waters assisted with Board questions.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Anne Cox, Pippa Hilton Green, Amy Brandon, Terry Gibson, Jeff Shirk, Binney Caffrey, Chris Sadaka, Chloe Soares, and Kelly Hilton-Green.

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

Public Works Real Property Manager Carla Segura presented the item to the Board. Samatha Suffich with the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition Inc. addressed the Board.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding this item: Dr. Brian Moriarty, Dr. Fernando Petra, Angela Aulisio, Cara Good, and Tyler Raynes.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Vargas

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

Public Works Environmental Resource Administrator John Maehl presented the item to the Board. Senior Assistant County Attorney Sebastian Fox assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Ciampi, 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

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners May 19, 2026 meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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

Minutes approved: