



# Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners

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304 NW 2nd Street  
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## Regular Session

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Thursday, April 25, 2024

9:00 AM

Historic Courthouse, Room 270

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### I. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance

David Hazellief	Chairman
Terry W. Burroughs	Commissioner
Bradley G. Goodbread	1st Vice-Chair
Frank DeCarlo	2nd Vice-Chair
Kelly Owens	Commissioner
Deborah Manzo	County Administrator
Wade Vose	County Attorney
Thomas Hudek	Deputy Clerk

### II. Awards and Proclamations

1. PROCLAMATION (2) - NATIONAL NURSES WEEK - MAY 6 - 12, 2024 ISSUED TO: MS. MARITNESS M. QUINTO, DIRECTOR OF SOUTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF FLORIDA NURSES ASSOCIATION AND MS. SHANNON STONE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY FOR CNO & ACMO, ADMINISTRATION, ON BEHALF OF HCA FLORIDA RAULERSON HOSPITAL— Deborah Manzo

That the Board of County Commissioners issue a Proclamation designating May 6 through May 12, 2024 as National Nurses Week in Okeechobee County.

2. PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION TO MR. BRUCE SWINFORD AND MRS. MARY SWINFORD FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER WORK IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS— Deborah Manzo

That the Board of County Commissioner issue a Proclamation of Recognition to Mr. Bruce and Mary Swinford for their volunteer work in serving the community of Okeechobee County for over 30 years.

### III. Public Comments

### IV. Revisions to Agenda

### V. Agenda

#### 1. Consent Agenda

- a. MINUTES APRIL 11, 2024 REGULAR SESSION— Thomas Hudek

That the Board of County Commissioners approve the Minutes from April 11, 2024 Regular Session.

- b. WARRANTS 2024-08— Jessica Burnette

That the Board of County Commissioners approve Warrants list 2024-08 in the amount of \$1,888,980.21.

- c. BUDGET TRANSFERS BT24-68, 69, 70 SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE WAGES INCREASE BY \$1 PER HOUR— Traci Wilderman

That the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Transfers BT24-68, 69, and 70 totaling an amount of \$429,200.00 from Reserves for the remaining seven months of FY23/24 due to an increase in employee wages of \$1 per hour.

- d. OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) STANDARD AGREEMENT (IA024-9400) - AMENDMENT 001— Debra Austin

That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment 001 to Older Americans Act (OAA) Standard Agreement (IA024-9400), which includes various additions and amendments to the existing agreement.

- e. AJAX BUILDING COMPANY, OWNER AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AGREEMENT CHANGE ORDER #10 FOR RECONCILIATION AND CLOSEOUT OF THE FIRE TRAINING TOWER, PHASE 1C PROJECT— Justin Nelson

That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Owner and Construction Manager Agreement Change Order #10 with Ajax Building Company to reconcile the contract value for the Fire Training Tower, Phase 1C and return unused (Grant) funds in the amount of \$3,616.84 as approved by the County Attorney.

- f. 2024-2025 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SMALL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION— Russell Rowland

That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant Application with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Small County Consolidated Solid Waste in the amount of \$93,750 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

- g. COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (CCE) STANDARD AGREEMENT (IC023-9400) AMENDMENT 004— Debra Austin

That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment 004 to the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Standard Agreement (IC023-9400) to reallocate appropriated funding within the current services provided by the Community Care for the Elderly Standard Rate Agreement. The total CCE funding remains at \$164,320 for the FY 2023-24 as well as various additions and amendments to the existing agreement.

- h. PROPERTY APPRAISER'S BUDGET TRANSFER BT24-71 EMPLOYEE WAGES INCREASE AND FY24 BUDGET CORRECTION— Johnathan Blanco

That the Board of County Commissioners approve Budget Transfer BT24-71, totaling \$11,519, due to the Property Appraiser's employee wage increases and correction of their FY24 budget.

- i. FIBRS IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT— Stacey Nelson

That the Board of County Commissioners approve submission of an application in the amount of \$17,300.00 to Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS), FDLE for the FIBRS Implementation Assistance Program: Support for Local Law Enforcement.

## 2. **Public Hearings/Citizen Requests/Presentations**

- a. **9:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 2024-0001** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II. STATE OF EMERGENCY, CHAPTER 26-CIVIL EMERGENCIES, OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO DECLARE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCIES; TO REQUIRE A POST EVENT DEBRIS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, TO MANDATE A PROCESS TO DOCUMENT INUNDATED AND SUBMERGED ROADS, TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER, AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.— Tod Hardacre

That the Board of County Commissioners open and conduct a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance 2024-0001, which would amend Article II State of Emergency, Chapter 26 Civil Emergencies of the Okeechobee County Code of Ordinances to provide for revised procedures during a Civil Emergency.

Upon closing the public hearing and discussing the merits of the proposed ordinance, vote on whether the ordinance shall be enacted.

- b. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE KITCHEN & LAUNDRY ADDITION (PHASE 1B) OF THE JAIL EXPANSION & RENOVATION PROJECT**— Justin Nelson

That the Board of County Commissioners receive a Progress Report on the Kitchen & Laundry addition (Phase 1B) of the Jail Expansion & Renovation Project from the Architect of Record, Joe Mrak with Securitecture, LLC., and Senior Project Manager, Paul Fernandes with Ajax Building Company, LLC.

- c. **CITIZEN REQUEST - PASTOR DON HANNA ON BEHALF OF OKEECHOBEE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT ON MAY 2, 2024**— Deborah Manzo

That the Board of County Commissioners consider approval of the following request from Pastor Don Hanna on behalf of the Okeechobee Ministerial Association: (1) approve usage of the courthouse lawn area located between the Historical Courthouse and Judicial Center for the National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; (2) approve set up of a tent on the lawn on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 in the afternoon, prior to the event on May 2, 2024; and (3) approve a waiver request from the County's Facility Use Terms and Agreement that would permit the use of sound amplifying equipment or the operation of any loudspeaker, loudspeaker system, or other similar device ("Amplified Sound System") at a County facility outside of an enclosed building.

- d. **RESOLUTION 2024-17 (MASTER BOND RESOLUTION) - SERIES 2024 REVENUE BOND FINANCING - JAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**— Richard Reade

That the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution 2024-17 authorizing the issuance of Series 2024A Bonds (\$17,500,000) and Series 2024B Bonds

(\$7,500,000) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 for the purpose of refunding all of the outstanding commercial bank loan (Refunded Note - \$15,000,000) and financing, refinancing and/or reimbursing a portion of the Jail Improvement Project costs, funding a Reserve Account, if required, and paying certain costs of issuance (for various firms/companies) incurred with respect to each Series.

- e. RESOLUTION 2024-18 (SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION) - SERIES 2024 REVENUE BOND FINANCING - JAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT— Richard Reade

That the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution 2024-18 authorizing the issuance of Series 2024A Bonds (\$17,500,000) and Series 2024B Bonds (\$7,500,000) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 for the purpose of refunding all of the outstanding commercial bank loan (Refunded Note - \$15,000,000) and financing, refinancing and/or reimbursing a portion of the Jail Improvement Project costs, funding a Reserve Account, if required, and paying certain costs of issuance (for various firms/companies) incurred with respect to each Series.

### ***Regular Agenda***

#### **3. Airport/Commerce Park**

- a. There are no scheduled items

#### **4. Budget and Grants**

- a. There are no scheduled items

#### **5. County Attorney**

- a. There are no scheduled items

#### **6. Community Development**

- a. There are no scheduled items

#### **7. Community Services**

- a. There are no scheduled items

#### **8. Capital Projects/Facilities**

- a. DISCUSSION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON PLACEMENT OF NARCAN BOXES ON COUNTY BUILDINGS— Justin Nelson

That the Board of County Commissioners receive and consider the following staff comments and recommendations regarding placement of Narcan boxes on county buildings/property from the Hanley Foundation; and provide staff with direction.

**9. Human Resources**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**10. Public Safety**

- a. FIRE RESCUE FIRE TRAINING FACILITY SITE UTILIZATION PLAN— Earl Wooten  
That the Board of County Commissioners review and discuss the fire training facility site utilization plan, provide direction to staff for the dedicated usage of the county property, and future implementation of the plan.

**11. Public Works**

- a. WORK AUTHORIZATION - DARRELL ENFINGER SPORTS COMPLEX ACCESS ROAD (US HIGHWAY 441) PROJECT (DESIGN/ENGINEERING) - CIVILSURV DESIGN GROUP, INC.— Steph Matthes  
That the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Work Authorization with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc., to complete the design/engineering and associated services for the new Darrell Enfinger Sports Complex Access Road Project from US 441 in the amount of \$107,219.

**12. Solid Waste**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**13. Administration**

- a. There are no scheduled items

**14. County Attorney Report****15. Administration Report****16. Commissioner Comments****17. Executive Session****18. Additional Documents, If Any, Presented At Meeting****VI. Adjourn**