



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

St. Lucie County Commission Chambers
2300 Virginia Avenue
3rd Floor of Roger Poitras Building
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

BOARD MEMBERS

District No. 4, Chair
JAMIE FOWLER

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Mission Statement

St. Lucie delivers superior service that enhances our quality of life

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES – The agenda will typically determine the order of business conducted at today’s Board meeting. However, the final order of agenda and items heard is to be determined by the Chair.

INVOCATION-PLEDGE – To bring order and decorum, the BOCC begins its meetings with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Participation is voluntary.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Time is allotted at the beginning of each regular meeting for general public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – These items are considered routine in nature, are reviewed by BOCC members in advance, and typically do not require BOCC comment and may be voted on with one motion. There is no separate discussion or individual vote on these items unless requested by a BOCC Member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Public hearings will commence at or as soon as possible after the advertised time. In no event will public hearings commence prior to the advertised time. These items are heard at Regular or Special BOCC meetings and are normally scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of the month, or as soon thereafter as possible.

As a general rule, when issues are scheduled before the Commission under department request or public hearing, the order of presentation is: (1) Staff presentation (2) Applicant presentation (3) BOCC questions for Staff and/or Applicant (4) Public comment, (5) further discussion and action by the BOCC.

REGULAR AGENDA – Items appearing on the Regular Agenda require BOCC direction, a policy decision, or are otherwise of significance necessitating separate attention and action. Agenda items may consist of proposals for new County policies, adjustment of budgets, requests to approve contracts with vendors for services, and items as requested for presentation and approved through County Administration and the BOCC.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES – These items are presented by an individual BOCC Members as necessary. BOCC Members will use this time to highlight items of interest that impact their districts or special items of interest they feel warrants the attention of the St. Lucie County community.

MEETINGS – All BOCC meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. and on the third Tuesdays at 9 a.m., unless otherwise advertised. Meetings are held in the County Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virigina Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34982. The BOCC schedules and notices additional workshops throughout the year as necessary to accomplish their goals and commitments. Anyone with a disability requiring accommodation to attend this meeting should contact the Human Resources Department at 772-462-1456, HumanResources@stlucieco.gov or TDD 772-462-1428 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONPURPOSE:

Pursuant to Sections 125.01(1)(a) and 286.0114, F.S., this policy sets forth the rules of decorum for public participation at the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners Meetings (Rules of Decorum). These Rules of Decorum are adopted to ensure a positive and productive environment that is conducive to good order and discipline which in turn will enhance the democratic process, individual rights of expression, engaging conversations and mutual respect for shared ideas.

As used in these Rules of Decorum, decorum means propriety and good taste in conduct or behavior.

The St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has numerous public meetings that include, but are limited to, Regular, Informal (Workshops), and Special meetings. Having set rules, policies, and guidelines are paramount in maintaining a civil, respectful, and a courteous environment during government proceedings, which ensure support of and respect for an open, fair, transparent decision-making process.

A. General Guidelines for Appearance Before the BOCC

1. Individuals may participate in the public meeting process.
2. Individuals wishing to speak must adhere to these Rules of Decorum.
3. Individuals will be recognized by the BOCC Chair.
4. Individuals will approach the podium and provide their name, address, and/or associated organization (if applicable).
5. Individuals will be provided with three (3) minutes and a representative of an organization has five (5) minutes to speak during Public Comment and during Public Hearings.
6. Individuals will direct all comments directly to the BOCC. All remarks will be directed to the BOCC as a body and not to any one person or commissioner.
7. Individuals will address all BOCC Members by their proper title.
8. Individuals will limit comments to a proposition before the BOCC, or a subject matter related to county government related items. Individuals should make comments concise and to the point and present any data or evidence they wish the BOCC to consider.
9. Comments in support or opposition to candidates for public office are not pertinent to the BOCC's duties. This includes any speaker identifying himself or herself as a candidate for public office.
10. No person may speak more than once on the same subject unless granted permission by the Chair.
11. Individuals will observe the timer device located directly under the microphone at the podium. Lights indicate the following:

Green: Indicates commencement of addressing the BOCC.

Yellow: Indicates the individual has one (1) minute left and should begin to close their comments.

Red: Indicates time has expired and the individual needs to end their remarks.

12. Once time has expired individuals must cordially leave the podium and return to their seat.
13. The Chair has the discretion to either extend or reduce the time limits for public comment based on the number of speakers. To ensure the orderly conduct of meetings, if a large number of individuals wish to speak for public comment on a topic, the BOCC may require that one representative of a group or faction on a specific proposition be permitted to address the BOCC, rather than all members of such groups or factions, and/or the Chair may designate a specified period of time for public comment.
14. Individuals who are not able to attend a scheduled meeting may submit a public comment via the St. Lucie County Web Page at https://stluciecounty.formstack.com/forms/public_comment_form.

B. Speakers Decorum

1. Speakers will:
 - a. Conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
 - b. Be clear and concise.
 - c. Be civil in nature (polite, courteous and respectful).
 - d. Address the BOCC directly.
 - d. Speak into the microphone.
2. Speakers will NOT:
 - a. Make comments of a personal nature regarding others.
 - b. Shout, yell, or /scream.
 - c. Use obscene or disruptive language.
 - d. Make complaints, remarks, personal attacks or inflammatory comments against any public official or staff member.
 - e. Members of the audience will not be allowed to enter the public meeting discussion from their seats. Individuals wishing to speak must follow the proper etiquette, approach the podium, and be recognized by the Chair.
 - f. Individuals in attendance may not interfere with or interrupt the orderly procedure of the BOCC, any BOCC Member, or the person speaking whom the Chair has properly recognized.

C. Audience Decorum

1. Turn off or silence all devices.
2. Refrain from inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior.
3. Refrain from private conversations.
4. Restrict disruptive commotion when transiting meeting spaces.
5. To ensure the safety of the public, campaign placards, banners or signs will NOT be permitted in the Chambers.
6. Refrain from disorderly or boisterous conduct to include but not be limited to:
 - a. Applause
 - b. Whistling
 - c. Stamping of feet
 - d. Booing
 - e. Threatening dialogue
 - f. Slanderous utterance
 - g. Actions that impede the orderly conduct of a meeting

D. Enforcement of the Rules of Decorum

1. The BOCC Chair is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the Rules of Decorum.
2. Individuals who do not adhere to the Rules of Decorum will receive an initial warning from the Chair to cease and desist in order to restore order.
3. If an individual continues to breach the Rules of Decorum, the Chair may order the individual to relinquish the podium and/or leave the public meeting.
4. If any person refuses to leave following an order to leave, the Chair may order the Law Enforcement on duty to remove them from the public meeting.

Any person who disrupts or interrupts a BOCC meeting by violation of these Rules of Decorum, including the use of profane language or the threat of physical violence, or who makes personal, impertinent remarks or who exhibits loud or boisterous behavior while the BOCC is in session, may be removed from the meeting by the Sheriff's office. Removal may be requested at the direction of the Chair or by consensus of the BOCC, or by the Sheriff's office, if there is perceived to be an immediate threat to any person.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, REVISIONS

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. St. Lucie County Tourism Activity Update

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (excluding Public Hearing Items)

7. PROCLAMATIONS APPROVAL

- A. Resolution No. 25-069 - Proclaiming the Week of April 13 through April 19, 2025 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in St. Lucie County, Florida

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Informal Meeting of March 11, 2025.
- B. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Regular Meeting of March 18, 2025.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. WARRANTS

- 1. Warrant Lists 24 - 26

B. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Inmate Medical Consulting Contract with Dr. Roger Nicosia, Jr., DO.

Staff recommends the Board approve the consulting agreement and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan focus

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C. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Resolution No. 25-074 - Proclaiming May 4-10, 2025 as St. Lucie County Correction Officers Week in St. Lucie County, Florida
2. Resolution No. 25-075 - Proclaiming May 11-17, 2025 as Law Enforcement Week and Further Designating May 15, 2025 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in St. Lucie County, Florida
3. Resolution No. 25-076 - Proclaiming April 6, 2025 through April 12, 2025 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in St. Lucie County, Florida
4. Resolution No. 2025-59 - Declaring County Owned Property Adjacent to Peacock Road in Sections 12 and 13, Township 36 South, Range 38 East as Right-of-Way - Parcel IDs 3212-431-0001-000-1 and 3213-111-0002-000-8

Staff recommends the Board approve the resolution, authorize the Chair to sign the resolution, and record the resolution in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

5. Resolution No. 2025-080 - Right-of-Way Donation - 10' of Right-of-Way along Peters Road from FL St Lucie 95, LLC - Parcel ID 2324-132-0001-000-4

Staff recommends the Board accept the warranty deed from FL St Lucie 95, LLC, authorize the Chair to sign the resolution and direct staff to proceed with the closing and record the documents in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

6. Authorization to Accept the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Countywide Grant Program

Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the acceptance of the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Countywide Grant in the amount of \$34,041.66 and allow the Chair to sign any and all documents related to the Grant.

7. Contract for Sale and Purchase - Friends I, LLC - Parcel IDs 1406-131-0006-000-4 and 1406-131-0005-000-7

Staff recommends the Board approve the contract for sale and purchase from Friends I, LLC, authorize the Chair to sign the contract, direct staff to proceed with the closing and record the warranty deed in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

8. M. T. Land Corp., Inc. - Parcel ID 2325-411-0002-000-0 +/- 29.23 Acres and 2325-413-0001-000-9 +/- 10.06 Acres - Contract for Sale and Purchase

Staff recommends the Board approve the Contract for Sale and Purchase with M. T. Land subject to final review and approval by the County Attorney, authorize the Chair to sign the Contract, direct staff to proceed with the due diligence as stated in the Contract and record the Warranty Deed in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

9. Revocable License Agreement - 102 NW Airoso Blvd - River Park - Unit 8 - Nelly Patricia Rebellon - Parcel ID 3419-555-0001-000-7

Ms. Rebellon is requesting a Revocable License Agreement to install a 6' chain link fence with a double gate along the North side of the property, within the County's 20' Drainage/Utility Easement and the County's 6' Drainage/Utility Easement per the Plat recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 37. She understands if the County Engineer determines the fence and gate are causing flooding, drainage problems, or for other needs in the area, the fence and gate will need to be removed or relocated at her expense.

Engineering, Road & Bridge, Water Quality, and the City of Port St. Lucie Utilities have reviewed the Revocable License Agreement and have no objections.

Staff recommends the Board approve the Revocable License Agreement, authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and direct Ms. Rebellon pay to record the agreement in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

10. Revocable License Agreement - 8103 Fort Walton Ave - Lakewood Park - Unit No. 6 - Peter Barski - Parcel ID 1301-606-0018-000-6

Mr. Barski is requesting a Revocable License Agreement to install a 6' wood fence along the South side of the property, within the County's 10' Drainage/Utility Easement per the Plat recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 7. He understands if the County Engineer determines the fence is causing flooding, drainage problems, or for other needs in the area, the fence will need to be removed or relocated at his expense.

Engineering, Road & Bridge, and Water Quality have reviewed the Revocable License Agreement and have no objections.

Staff recommends the Board approve the Revocable License Agreement, authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and direct Mr. Barski pay to record the agreement in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

11. Revocable License Agreement - 5505 Killarney Ave - Lakewood Park - Unit No. 12 - Dwayne Venturina and Deborah Goodman - Parcel ID 1301-614-0050-000-7

Mr. Venturina and Mrs. Goodman are requesting a Revocable License Agreement to keep their 6' vinyl fence and gate along the North, South, and West sides of the property, within the County's 10' Drainage/Utility Easement, per the Plat recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 26A. They understand if the County Engineer determines the fence and gate are causing flooding, drainage problems, or for other needs in the area, the fence and gate will need to be removed or relocated at their expense.

Engineering, Road & Bridge, and Water Quality have reviewed the Revocable License Agreement and have no objections.

Staff recommends the Board approve the Revocable License Agreement, authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and direct Mr. Venturina and Mrs. Goodman pay to record the agreement in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Resolution No. 25-072 - Approving Issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of St. Lucie County of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to Provide Funding for the Rehabilitation of Madison Cay Apartments in Fort Pierce, Florida

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 24-072 and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy TC 3.4.4.

2. Resolution 25-081 Committing Matching Funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to the Florida Department of Commerce

Staff recommends Board approval of the \$50,000.00 match contribution from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program FY 2024/2025 funds and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy TC 3.4.4.

3. Award of Bids for the Housing Rehabilitation Program

Staff recommends Board approval to award ITB 9 and 10 to KIB Construction Corp. and authorization by the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy TC 3.4.4.

E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Resolution No. 2025-83 - Amendment to Resolution No. 2023-223 Regarding the Establishment of the Local Technology Planning Team

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-83 and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution as approved by the County Attorney.

F. PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES

1. Bid Award - Bid No. 24-113 - Maintenance and Repair Services for County Fleet Vehicles

Staff recommends Board approval to award Bid No. 24-113, Maintenance and Repair Services for the County Fleet Vehicles to St. Lucie Battery & Tire of Fort Pierce and authorize the Chair to sign the contracts as approved by the County Attorney.

2. Professional Architectural Services - Preliminary Design for 3855 South U.S. Highway 1 (Logistic Center), in the amount of \$83,305.00

Staff recommends Board approval to award Work Authorization #2, under contract NO. C24-04-430, to Edlund, Dritenbas, Binkley Architects & Associates, P.A. in the amount of \$83,305.00 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract as approved by the County Attorney.

3. North Causeway Island Park Boat Launch, Amenities and Parking Improvement Project, Donation Acceptance - \$73,000.00

Staff recommends Board approval to accept the \$73,000.00 donation from La Entrada Del Mar per the FDEP requirement as part of their FDEP Permit Application No.; 56-184743-004-EI, as referred to in the attached letter, and apply these funds to the completion of the North Causeway Island Park Boat Launch, Amenities and Parking Improvement Project and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Approval of Five-Year Contract with GeoComm for RapidSOS Premium

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with GeoComm for the RapidSOS Premium solution and authorization for the Chair to execute the agreement as approved by the County Attorney.

2. ASTRO 25 Connectivity Service (ACS) – Managed Detection & Response

Staff recommends Board approval of the Motorola ASTRO 25 MDR service contract in the amount of \$230,894.49 (5-year total) to ensure comprehensive cybersecurity monitoring and response for the County's radio network infrastructure and authorization for the Chair to sign contract documents as approved by the County Attorney.

3. ASTRO 25 Connectivity Service (ACS) – Activation for Smart Connect

Staff recommends the Board's approval of the contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for Smart Connect and authorization for the Chair to sign contract documents as approved by the County Attorney.

H. PUBLIC UTILITIES

1. Award of Bid No. 25-003 - Recycling of Various Materials from the St. Lucie County Baling & Recycling Facility

Staff recommends Board approval of the award of Bid No. 25-003 for Recycling of various Materials from the St. Lucie County Baling & Recycling Facility to Sarg Recycling, Inc of Jupiter Florida and Storelli Recycling Company, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, FL and authorization for the Chair to sign the contracts as approved by the County Attorney.

2. Annual Operations Assistance

Staff recommends Board approval and authorization for the Chair in accordance with ES 6.3.1 to execute CDM Smith Work Authorization No. 01 under Contract C24-11-1110 for professional engineering services for a not-to-exceed total cost of \$530,465.00.

I. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Pineapple Grove PUD (Angle Road west of Kings Highway) - Fee-In- Lieu of Sidewalk Construction Along Certain Segments of Internal Rights of Way

Staff recommends Board approval of the fee-in-lieu of construction agreement with HDP Pineapple Grove, accept funds in the amount of \$94,985.00, and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

2. Orange Avenue Culvert Replacement at NSLRWCD Canal 54 - Final Acceptance - **THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX**

Staff recommends the Board's final acceptance of the Orange Avenue at NSLRWCD Canal 54 Culvert Replacement Project.

3. Award Bid No. 25-30 - Roadside/Long Line Mowing to Higher Ground Land Services

Staff recommends Board approval for the award of Bid No. 25-030 for Roadside/Long Line

Mowing to the second-lowest responsive bidder, Higher Ground Land Services, and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

4. Range Line Road Intersection Improvements at Becker Road Intersection - Final Acceptance

Staff recommends the Board's final acceptance of the improvements to Range Line Road and the \$44,000.00 in alternative funding.

5. St Lucie County Fire Station #19 - Fee In-Lieu of Construction of Sidewalks Along Two Future Roads

Staff recommends Board approval of the fee-in-lieu of a construction agreement with the St. Lucie County Fire District, accept funds in the amount of \$16,025.00 and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved to form by the County Attorney.

6. Proposal for Amendment No. 6 to Contract C17-08-532 to Increase the Cost of the Project for Expert Witness Fees to Kimley-Horn and Associates, as a Result of Ongoing Litigation Regarding the Lennard Road/Tilton Road Corridor Drainage

Staff recommends Board approval of the request to increase the project an additional \$25,000.00 and approve amendment number six to contract number C17-08-532, increasing the amount by \$25,000.00 for expert witness fees of Kimley-Horn and Associates, and also allow the Chair to sign the documents as approved by the County Attorney.

J. TRANSIT

1. Resolution of Support for the Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility Required by the Federal Transit Administration

Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution 2025-33 and permission for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. Land Development Code (LDC) Text Amendment to the AG-2.5 Zoning District Requested by Riverside Citrus Harvesting LLC to Allow Utility Trade Contractors with Specialty Storage, Engaged in the Construction of Water and Sewer Mains, Pipelines, Communications and Powerlines, as a Conditional Use Subject to the Supplemental Standards of Land Development Code Section 7.10.36

Staff recommends the Board hold a public hearing on the first reading of the proposed Land Development Code Text Amendment, evaluate the proposal and schedule a Second Reading at their April 22, 2025 Meeting, scheduled for 9 AM or soon thereafter.

2. True Stone Masonry LLC's Petition to Rezone a +/-1.38 Acre Parcel on North Kings Highway from the AR-1 (Agricultural, Residential - 1) Zoning District to the IL (Industrial Light) Zoning District - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution 2025-73, authorizing the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

3. Central County Wastewater Reclamation & Treatment Plant (WRF/WWTP) Site - Rezoning from the IH (Industrial, Heavy) and IL (Industrial, Light) Zoning Districts to the U (Utilities) Zoning District - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed rezone to U (Utilities), via Resolution 2025-86, and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

4. FPUA Gas Transmission Station Rezoning from the AG-1 (Agricultural-1) Zoning District to the U (Utilities) Zoning District - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed rezone to U (Utilities), via Resolution 2025-87, and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

5. The Atlantic PUD - Rezoning, Preliminary Site Plan & Wetland Waiver - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Staff recommends the Board evaluate the proposed petition set and approve the Atlantic PUD Rezoning & Preliminary Site Plan subject to Conditions via Resolution 2025-82.

11. REGULAR AGENDA

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Pinelands Preserve - Proposed Settlement

Staff recommends the Board approve the Global Litigation Settlement and Title Company Settlement and authorize the Chair to execute the settlement agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney.

2. Opioid Litigation - Ratify Decision to Continue with Amending Complaint to Add Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)

Staff recommends the Board ratify the County Attorney's decision to continue with amending the Complaint to add PBMs.

12. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Informal meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9am in the Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL.
- B. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9am in the Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. St. Lucie County's Annual Earth Day Celebration takes place Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 NE St. James Drive in Port St. Lucie. Bring the family out for this free event featuring music, food, environmental education and more. For details visit – www.oxboweco.com.
- B. The Lincoln Park Community Center Summer Camp takes place on weekdays June 3 through July 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Lincoln Park Community Center is located at 1306 Avenue M in Fort Pierce. For details, call 772-462-1788.
- C. The Oxbow's summer camps start June 9 through July 11. Each week will have a different theme and be tailored for a specific age group from 1st grade through high schoolers. The Oxbow Eco-Center is located at 5400 NE St. James Drive in Port St. Lucie. For prices and scholarship opportunities, visit www.oxboweco.com under the "Summer Camps" tab or call 772-785-5833.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN