



Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

February 17, 2026 Regular BoCC meeting

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CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m. (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

INVOCATION

Murphy Hanley, Polk County Fire Rescue Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

A. PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS

A.1. Employee Recognition

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

B.1. Comments.

C. COUNTY COMPTROLLER (STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA)

C.1. Disbursements.

C.2. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held on February 3, 2026.

D. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

D.1. Approve Consent Agenda.

E. REQUEST FROM ELECTED OFFICIAL and OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

F. COUNTY ATTORNEY (RANDY MINK)

G. COUNTY MANAGER (BILL BEASLEY)

- G.1. Approve Consultant Services Authorization 2024-019-05 with Wright-Pierce, Inc. for Lift Station 302 Replacement Project (\$593,097.00 not-to-exceed, one-time expense)
- G.2. Approve Ninth Amendment to Encroachment Management Agreement Between United States of America and Conservation Florida and Polk County to provide \$1,300,000 of Air Force Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) funds towards acquisition within the Sentinel Landscape (\$1,300,000.00 one-time funding).

H. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (BECKY TROUTMAN)

- H.1. Commissioner Troutman Comments.

I. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (RICK WILSON)

- I.1. Appoint Mr. T. Chad Barron to replace Rob Harper on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.
- I.2. Commissioner Wilson Comments.

J. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (BILL BRASWELL)

- J.1. Commissioner Braswell Comments.

K. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (MICHAEL SCOTT)

- K.1. Commissioner Scott Comments.

L. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

- L.1. Chair Santiago Comments.

M. LAY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

N. EXPEDITED HEARINGS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089

* County Attorney opening comments

- N.1. Public Hearing (LDCPAL 2025-8 Noth Ridge SAP PIX Text Change CPA) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to Policy 2.131-Q4. L. c. (g) in the North Ridge Selected Area Plan (SAP) regarding limitations on commercial uses in the Professional Institutional-X (PIX) Future Land Use designation. This request is related to a Land Development Code text amendment (LDCT-2025-14). (No Fiscal Impact)

- N.2. Public Hearing (LDCT-2025-14 North Ridge SAP PIX LDC Text) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Land Development Code text amendment to amend Chapter 4, Section 401.06.E in the North Ridge Selected Area Plan (SAP) relating to commercial use limitations in the Professional Institutional-X (PIX) Future Land Use designation. This case is related to Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment case LDCPAS-2025-8. (No Fiscal Impact)
- N.3. Public Hearing (LDCPAS-2025-34 CR 546 Map Correction CPA) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use from Agricultural/Residential Rural (A/RR) to Residential Suburban on ±9.7 acres to correct an error in the Future Land Use Map in the Rural Development Area (RDA). (No Fiscal Impact)
- N.4. Public Hearing (LDCPAS 2025-32 Kathleen & Duff NAC CPA) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use designation on 1.13 +/- acres from Residential Suburban (RS) in the Suburban Development Area (SDA) to Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) in the Urban Growth Area (UGA). (No Fiscal Impact)

O. PUBLIC HEARINGS

P. REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC/AUDIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

- P.1. Comments.

Q. WORK SESSION ITEMS

R. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

R. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

R. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

R. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

R. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

R. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

R. COUNTY COMPTROLLER

R.1. Removal of equipment from inventory as listed on Blanket Removal Form 2235.

R. COUNTY MANAGER

R. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R. TOURISM/SPORTS MARKETING

R. OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- R.2. SET HEARING: (LDCT-2025-25 Communication Towers) to amend Chapter 2, Section 205, Use Table for Standard Land Use Districts; Chapter 3, Section 303, Criteria for Conditional Uses; Chapter 4, Special Districts; Chapter 5, Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern; and Chapter 10, Definitions. The suggested hearing dates are for the first reading on March 3, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. and the adoption hearing date on March 17, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.
- R.3. SET HEARING: (LDCT-2025-26 Car Washes) to amend Chapter 2, Section 205, Use Table for Standard Land Use Districts; Chapter 3, Section 303, Criteria for Conditional Uses; Chapter 4, Special Districts; Chapter 7, Section 708, Parking Space Requirements; and Chapter 10, Definitions. The suggested hearing dates are for the first reading on March 3, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. and the adoption hearing date on March 17, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.
- R.4. SET HEARING: (LDCT-2025-27 Drive-Thru Facilities) to amend Chapter 2 Section 205, Use Table; Chapter 2, Section 206, Accessory Uses; Chapter 3, Section 303, Criteria for Conditional Uses; Chapter 4, Special Districts; Chapter 7, Section 708, Parking Space Requirements; and Chapter 10, Definitions. The suggested hearing dates are for the first reading on March 3, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. and the adoption hearing date on March 17, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.
- R.5. Accept Performance Surety in the amount of \$21,488.50 in the form of Performance Bond No. OCN7478269 for Palanti Retail. (No Fiscal Impact)
- R.6. Accept Performance Surety in the amount of \$5,201,869.20 in the form of Performance Bond No. SURU2210008047 for Sand and Silica Offsite Utilities (No Fiscal Impact)

R. BUILDING

R. DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

R. BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SERVICES

R. PROCUREMENT

R. COMMUNICATIONS

R. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES

R. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- R.7. Approve State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program rehabilitation/replacement program 1) Homeowner Assistance Agreement and 2) Grant Agreement for property located in Lakeland, FL, for Case #RC25-SHIP-011. (\$195,185.00 one-time expense).

- R. HUMAN RESOURCES
- R. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- R.8. Approve piggyback agreement with CDW Government LLC to provide technology products and services with related solutions. (estimated \$4,000,000.00 to \$4,500,000.00 annual recurring expense)
- R. CODE ENFORCEMENT
- R. COURT SERVICES
- R. RISK MANAGEMENT
- R. COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE
- R. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
- R.9. Approve cooperative agreement with AVI-SPL LLC to provide audio visual equipment, accessories, and services for Polk County. (\$2,000,000.00 estimated annual expense)
- R.10. Approve construction contract with Robert Binns Roofing, Inc. for the copper roof repairs of the existing Bartow Courthouse roof. (\$285,600.00 one-time expense).
- R. FLEET MANAGEMENT
- R. PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES
- R.11. Approve Land Purchase Agreement between Ryan Russell and Polk County in conjunction with the Environmental Lands Program, CLASAC Project EL-109-23. (\$340,000 total expense)
- R. FIRE RESCUE
- R. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- R. REAL ESTATE SERVICES
- R.12. Approve a Right-of-Way Agreement between Polk County and Lake Wales Property Holdings, LLC in conjunction with the Thompson Nursery Road Phase 2 Project. (\$688,000 one-time expense)
- R.13. Authorize the County Attorney's Office or outside counsel to stipulate to a final judgment for Parcels 101 in the case of Polk County v. SLG-SR LLC f/k/a Spirit Lake Grove LLC, an eminent domain lawsuit filed to acquire needed right-of-way for the Spirit Lake Road at Sheffield Rd/Old Bartow-Eagle Lake Road Intersection Project. (\$60,781 one-time expense)

R.14. Approve Land Purchase Agreement in conjunction with the purchase of conservation preservation property located in the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Project - Crooked Lake West Area, Williams parcel (\$6,000 one-time expense)

R. ROADS & DRAINAGE

R.15. Approve Consultant Services Authorization (CSA) No. 2022-083-04 with Burgess & Niple, Inc. (B&N), (CONSULTANT) to provide professional design services for the development of full construction documents for the US 27 at Holly Hill Road Intersection Improvement project. (Total cost not-to-exceed \$276,580.42)

R.16. Approve Consultant Services Authorization (CSA) No. 2025-054-02 with RS&H, Inc. (Consultant) to provide field inspection services for the Frontier Communications Fiber Upgrade Project. (\$155,001 one-time expense)

R.17. Approve Modification No. 4 to Consultant Services Authorization (CSA) No. 22-081-04 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (Consultant) to provide temporary staff to the Roads & Drainage Division, Project Management Section. (\$99,960 one-time expense)

R.18. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 2025-002, with WSP USA for engineering services for the North Rifle Range Road drainage & sidewalk improvement project. (\$66,588.17 one-time expense)

R.19. Approve Modification No. 3 to Consultant Service Agreement (CSA) No. 17-57-07 with Patel Green & Associates, Inc. (Consultant). Modification No. 3 will extend the CSA by an additional 395-days and authorize the Consultant to make requested changes to the Lake Lowery Outfall Study. (\$15,067.46 one-time expense)

R.20. Adopt a Resolution Setting Speed Limits on County Road 580 (Johnson Avenue East) and County Road 580 (Cypress Parkway), near Haines City. (\$776.70 one-time expense)

R. UTILITIES

R.21. Approve Consultant Services Authorization 2024-011-10 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. for the Northeast Regional Utility Service Area (NERUSA) Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Receiving Facility Project (\$898,223.15 not-to-exceed one-time expense)

R.22. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement between the Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC) and Polk County for the PRWC Heartland Protection and Sustainability Project, Polk County Alternative Water Supply Receiving Facilities (Project 6), for which the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) awarded state funds via grant Agreement Number LPA0212 (\$416,098 reimbursable expenses).

- R.23. Approve Consultant Services Authorization 2024-007-03 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., to provide professional services for the Pressure Monitoring Planning Support Project. (\$165,451.48 not-to-exceed, one-time expense)
- R.24. Interlocal Agreement to transfer the Crooked Lake Park Wastewater Utility System to the City of Lake Wales (No Fiscal Impact)
- R. SOLID WASTE
- R.25. Approve a New Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise for FY2025-26 by Paradise Lawn Care of Central Florida Inc. (No Fiscal Impact)
- R.26. Approve a New Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise for FY2025-26 by Let It Go Dumpsters LLC. (No Fiscal Impact)
- R. ELECTED OFFICIAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY
- R. COURT RELATED
- R. POLK COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER
- R. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF
- R. POLK COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
- R. POLK COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
- R. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- R. COUNTY ATTORNEY
- R.27. SET HEARING to consider the adoption of an Ordinance of the Polk County Board of County Commissioner entitled Polk County Right-of-Way Sign Enforcement Ordinance. SUGGESTED HEARING DATE: March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Below are scheduled events and public meetings at which two or more County Commissioners or Planning Commissioners may appear to discuss issues that may come before the Board of County Commissioners.

- Monday, February 16, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. – 2nd Selection Committee Meeting for RFP 26-055 CMAR Smith Lane Joint-Use Fire Rescue Station will convene in Procurement Conference Room 150, First Floor, County Administration Building.
- Monday, February 16, 2026 – 1:30 p.m. – 3rd Selection Committee Meeting for RFP 26-055 CMAR Smith Lane Joint-Use Fire Rescue Station will convene in Procurement Conference Room 150, First Floor, County Administration Building.
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Kathleen Community Meeting to Discuss Future North Lakeland Government Center will be held at Kathleen Baptist Church, 3939 Second Street Northwest, Lakeland.
- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Deferred Compensation Committee will meet in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Room 407, Fourth Floor, County Administration Building.
- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Appellate Special Magistrate of the Code Enforcement Unit will meet in the County Commission Boardroom.
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – Development Review Committee will meet in the Planning and Development Conference Room, Second Floor, County Administration Building.
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Special Magistrate of the Code Enforcement Unit will meet in the County Commission Boardroom.
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – Affordable Housing Advisory Housing Advisory (AHAC) will meet in Room 413, Fourth Floor, County Administration Building.
- Friday, February 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Citizens Healthcare Oversight Committee (COC) Retreat will be held at Circle B Bar Reserve, 4399 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.
- Monday, February 23, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – Community Relations Advisory Council (CRAC) will meet in Room 413, Fourth Floor, County Administration Building.
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – Holloway Family Trail (Fort Fraser Trail Extension) Ribbon Cutting. Directions to Site: From Lakeland Highlands Road, travel east on Winter Lake Extension Road to Sandlan Golf Drive. The site access is located off Sandlan Road, Lakeland.
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Ag Center Town Hall Meeting will be held at the WH Stuart Center, 1710 Highway 17 South, Bartow.

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. – Conservation Land Acquisition Selection Advisory Committee (CLASAC) will meet in the County Commission Boardroom.
- Wednesday, February 25 – Thursday, February 26, 2026 – Lay of the Land Conference, RP Funding Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland.
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. – Development Review Committee will meet in the Planning and Development Conference Room, Second Floor, County Administration Building.
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Tourist Development Council (TDC) Board will meet at Lake Myrtle Sports Complex, 2701 Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale.
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 1:30 p.m. – Land Use Hearing Officer will be held in the County Commissioner Board Room.
- Friday, February 27, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Board/Staff Agenda Review meeting to discuss the Agenda and any other matters that may come before the Board will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Room 407, Fourth Floor, County Administration Building.
- Monday, March 2, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Eloise Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Committee will meet at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center, 710 Snively Avenue, Eloise.