



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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

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District No. 2, Vice-Chair

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District No. 5

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Mission Statement

Committed To Service, Focused On Our Future, Grounded By Tradition

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 Virginia 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

There are no items scheduled.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (excluding Public Hearing Items)

7. PROCLAMATIONS APPROVAL

- A. Resolution No. 26-030 - Proclaiming March 9th through March 15th, 2026 as "Flood Awareness Week" in St. Lucie County, Florida
- B. Resolution No. 26-031 - Proclaiming the Month of March 2026 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in St. Lucie County, Florida

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Informal Meeting of February 10, 2026.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. WARRANTS

- 1. Warrant Lists 20 - 21

B. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Ratification of Opioid Abatement Advisory Committee Members

Staff recommends Board approval of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Committee members.

2. Letters of Support for New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

Staff recommends Board approval for the Chair to sign the attached letter of support.

3. Letter of Support for Federal Delegation Members

Staff recommends Board approval for the Chair to sign the attached letter of support.

C. AIRPORT

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) FM 451559-1 10R Safety Ditch Construction \$125,000.00 5% State Match

Staff recommends Board acceptance of FDOT's Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) FM 451559-1, 10R Safety Ditch Construction, approve Resolution No. 2026-22 and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney. This initiative is in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy ECON 2.4.3.

2. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) FM 454819-1 Taxiway A & Intersections A/C and B/E Rehab - Construction FDOT Participation of up to \$960,000.00 of total \$1,200,000.00 estimated Project Cost

Staff recommends Board acceptance of FDOT's Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) FM 454819-1 Taxiway A & Intersections A/C and B/E Rehab - Construction \$1,200,000.00, approve Resolution No. 2026-24 and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney. This initiative is in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy ECON 2.4.3.

3. Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Ground Sublease between Aviator Holdings of FL, LLC to Infinity Flight Group, LLC

Staff recommends Board approval of the Assignment and Assumption of Ground Sublease and Lease of Improvements and authorizes the Chair to sign documents as reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Fiscal Agent Services for the State Attorney's Victim Services Department

Staff recommends the Board approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amendment subject to final review and approval of the County Attorney.

2. Approval of the Eighth Amendment to the Facilities Use Agreement with Sterling Facilities Services, LLC

Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed Eighth Amendment to the Facilities Use Agreement, and authorize the Chair to sign the Amendment subject to final approval of the County Attorney.

3. Resolution No. 26-033 - Ratification of the Public Safety Director's Extensions of State of Local Emergency - **ATTACHMENT ADDED**

Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution No. 26-033 ratifying the Public Safety Director's extensions of the State of Local Emergency as set out above.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between St. Lucie County and Indian River State College for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training for County Staff

Staff recommends Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy PT 1.5.2.

F. LIBRARY SERVICES

1. Library Internet Service Agreement for Dedicated Public Internet through AT&T

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with AT&T for internet services as approved by the County Attorney.

2. Library Ethernet Service Agreement for Switched Public Ethernet services through AT&T

Staff recommends Board approval of the contract with AT&T for Ethernet services through AT&T and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

G. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

1. Request for Applications (RFA) No. 25-074 - Notice of Funding Availability & Request for Applications (RFA) Regional Opioid Abatement Funding Programs and Services - **ADD ON**

Staff recommends Board approval of the eleven responsive applicants for RFA No. 25-074 recommended by the Opioid funding committee and permission to:

- Conduct contract negotiations with all responsive applicants, Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, HANDS of St. Lucie County, Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County, LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast, Inc., New Horizons of the Treasure Coast & Okeechobee, Inc., Pinnacle Wellness Group, LLC, Project Lift, RiteLife Services, Inc., Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, & Tykes & Teens, Inc.
- If negotiations are successful, award contract(s) to the selected applicants and authorize the Chair to sign the documents as prepared by the County Attorney.

H. PARKS & RECREATION

1. BrightView Golf Maintenance Contract Amendment

Staff recommends Board approval of the first amendment to the April 6, 2021 contract between St. Lucie County and BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc. and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

2. White City Park Boat Ramp and Kayak Launch Project, Work Authorization No. 1 to Contract C24-09-1061 in the Amount of \$185,000.00

Staff recommends Board approval for Dredging Marine Consultants to design and permit the construction of the White City Park Improvements, Work Authorization No. 1 to contract C25-11-1095 in the amount of \$185,000.00 for the White City Park boat and kayak launch improvement project, and authorize the Chair to sign documents as prepared and approved by the County Attorney.

3. River Park Marina Park Boat Ramp and Kayak Launch Project, Work Authorization No. 2 to Contract C24-09-1061 in the Amount of \$165,000.00

Staff recommends Board approval for Dredging Marine Consultants to design and permit the construction of the River Park Marina Park Improvements, Work Authorization No. 2 to contract C25-11-1120 in the amount of \$165,000.00 for the River Park Marina Park boat and kayak launch improvement project, and authorize the Chair to sign documents as prepared and approved by the County Attorney.

I. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

1. Contract for Sale and Purchase - Ashok Sardana - 1 Parcel along Turnpike Feeder Road -

Parcel ID 1406-333-0008-000-8

Staff recommends the Board approve the Contract for Sale and Purchase from Ashok Sardana, 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.

2. St. Lucie County Jail - 900 N. Rock Road - Sheriff's Evidence Building - Utility Easement in favor of Fort Pierce Utilities Authority - Parcel ID 2311-210-0000-000-6

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Chair to sign the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) Utility Easement and direct staff to record the Easement in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement By and Between St. Lucie County and St. Lucie County Fire District for 911 Communications Services

Staff recommends the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement as prepared by the County Attorney.

K. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Old Dixie Highway over Taylor Creek Bridge Repair - **THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX**

Staff recommends Board approval of the design proposal for the Old Dixie Highway Bridge over Taylor Creek Bridge Repair project in the amount of \$222,395.00 and authorize the Chair to sign documents approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Policy Plan QI 3.1.

2. Award Contract for the Edwards Road from S Jenkins Road to 25th Street Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)

Staff recommends Board approval of awarding a professional engineering service contract with Ardurra Group Inc. for preparation of the Edwards Road from S. Jenkins Road to 25th Street PD&E Study for an engineering fee to not exceed \$2,245,538.56 for the services identified in the Edwards Road PD&E scope of service in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy QI 3.1.1.

3. Drainage and Maintenance Easement in Favor of Florida Department of Transportation for a New Drainage Connection to the Indian Hills Stormwater Pond fka Heathcote

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Chair to sign the Donation of Property to the Florida Department of Transportation, the Drainage and Maintenance Easement in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation and direct staff to record the Easement in the public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

L. TRANSIT

1. Authorization Resolution and Grant Acceptance for the FY26 Amendment to the Transit Corridor Development Program Grant Agreement between St. Lucie County and the Florida Department of Transportation

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the authorizing resolution and Public Transportation Grant Agreement Amendment for \$300,000.00 for the FDOT Corridor Development Program (FM#444664-1-84-01/Grant G2Q06); and authorization for the Chair to sign documents, as approved by the County Attorney.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. Indrio Groves - Rezoning to PUD and TVC Hamlet Preliminary Development Plan - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL - THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE TO THE MARCH 17, 2026 BOCC MEETING**

Staff recommends the Board continue the public hearing until March 17, 2026.

2. Indrio Groves PUD Development Agreement - **THIS ITEM IS QUASI-JUDICIAL - THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE TO THE MARCH 17, 2026 BOCC MEETING**

Staff recommends the Board continue this item until March 17, 2026.

11. REGULAR AGENDA

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Ratification of BOCC Direction from the February 10th Informal Meeting regarding Airport Property - **ADD ON**

Staff recommends the BOCC ratify the direction received at the February 10, 2026 Informal Meeting regarding the Airport, which includes reviewing the two US 1 parcels; issuing an RFP

for a potential hotel; direction to staff to continue to direct negotiate on the 90-acre parcel with the dedication of additional land to the airport and to complete the bid/proposal waiver procedure for the Airport West Commerce Park to direct negotiate for targeted industries at the commerce park, with the above stated conditions – **and** – clarify/provide direction on the following items:

Aero East (parcels A, B, C, D, E & F):

Option 1 – Reappraise and issue an RFP for all the parcels with a timeframe of 6 months to 1 year to complete;

Option 2 – Continue to directly negotiate for the Aero East parcels (B, C, D, E & F) at the newly offered rate of \$0.34/SF, totaling over \$687k annually; or

Option 3 – Reappraise and issue an RFP for a portion of Aero East (parcels A, B, E & F) and direct negotiate the other portion (parcels C & D) at \$0.32/SF

Aero West (parcels E & F):

Option 1 – Reappraise and issue an RFP for parcels E & F with a timeframe of 6 months to 1 year to complete; or

Option 2 – Continue to direct negotiate the parcels E & F at \$0.32/SF totaling over \$62K annually

If the BOCC selects the direct negotiation within Option 2 or 3 for Aero East or Option 2 for Aero West, staff recommends the BOCC include authorization for the Chair to sign the lease agreements, as approved by the County Attorney.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Request for Amendment 1 to Contract C25-08-748 Johnston Road at Ft. Pierce Farms Water Control District (FPFWCD) Canals C-16 and C-17 Culvert Replacement Project - **THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX**

Staff recommends the Board consider the costs associated with accommodating the business owner's request and direct staff to either amend the contract by adding \$49,900.00 to Contract C25-08-74 with PRP Construction Group, LLC for the Johnston Road at FPFWCD Canals C-16 and C-17 Culverts Replacement project **or** direct staff to begin construction in accordance with the original schedule. If the Board agrees to approve the additional cost of \$49,900.00 to postpone the road closure associated with construction until June 2026, staff also requests Board approval to amend the existing contract with PRP Construction Group, LLC to include the provision for payment of stored materials, which would allow the County to pay for the delivery of the box culverts and sheet piling to the site in advance of the road closure.

C. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. County Administrator Evaluation Discussion - **ADD ON**

Staff recommends the Board discuss the County Administrator's performance.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Informal meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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, March 17, 2026 at 6pm in the Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. St. Lucie County Parks & Recreation staff invites families to attend Spring Fling 2026, a four-day spring break event taking place March 16–19 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Havert L. Fenn Center, located at 2000 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Spring Fling offers free recreational and educational activities for youth and families, including basketball, pickleball, craft sessions, and a reading corner with storytime. Each day at 1:30 p.m., community partners will provide interactive presentations. The week concludes with a Pop-Up Mobile Rec & Roll on Thursday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Lucie County Skate Park, located behind the Fenn Center. For more information, contact St. Lucie County Parks & Recreation at 772-462-2110.
- B. Dive into fun as St. Lucie County's Aquatics staff hosts the annual St. Patrick's Day-themed Leprechaun Luau at all three public pools. These family-friendly aquatic events will feature music, activities, and community engagement in a safe and fun environment. The Leprechaun Luaus will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.:
 - Monday, March 16 at Ravenswood Pool, 400 SW Ravenswood Lane in Port St. Lucie.
 - Tuesday, March 17 at the Arthur Lee Boatwright Pool, 1311 Avenue M in Fort Pierce.
 - Wednesday, March 18 at the Lakewood Park Pool, 5990 Emerson Ave. in Fort Pierce.

For more information about St. Lucie County pools, visit: www.stlucieco.gov/aquatics.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN