



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, September 1, 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
JAMIE FOWLER

District No. 2, Vice-Chair
LARRY LEET

District No. 1
JAMES CLASBY

District No. 3
ERIN LOWRY

District No. 5
CATHY TOWNSEND

Mission Statement

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

***Final on 8/26**

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 and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.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**

There are no items scheduled.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (excluding Public Hearing Items)**7. PROCLAMATIONS APPROVAL**

- A. Resolution No. 2026-131 — Proclaiming September 2026 as "Hunger Action Month" in St. Lucie County, Florida
- B. Resolution No. 2026-172 — Proclaiming September 2026 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in St. Lucie County, Florida

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Regular Meeting of August 4, 2026.
- B. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Informal Meeting of August 11, 2026.
- C. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Special 4H Event Meeting of August 11, 2026.
- D. Board of County Commissioners minutes for the BOCC Regular Meeting of August 19, 2026.

9. CONSENT AGENDA**A. WARRANTS**

- 1. Warrant Lists 46 - 47

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Twelfth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Okeechobee County for Pretrial Services

Staff recommends the Board approve the twelfth amendment to the interlocal agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement as prepared by the County Attorney's Office, contingent upon Okeechobee County BOCC approval, and with authorization to adjust the contract amount to reflect the amount finally agreed upon with Okeechobee County.

2. Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Okeechobee County for Provision of Drug Testing Services

Staff recommends the Board approve the second amendment to the interlocal agreement and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement as prepared by the County Attorney's Office, contingent upon Okeechobee County BOCC approval, and with authorization to adjust the contract amount to reflect the amount finally agreed upon with Okeechobee County.

3. Jail Diversion Contract with New Horizons of the Treasure Coast for FY26-27

Staff recommends the Board deem New Horizons as the provider in accordance with Florida Statutes 287.057(3)(e)(6) and renew the contract with New Horizons for the wrap-around services that are needed for jail diversion clients to begin October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, with approval of the contract as drafted by the County Attorney's Office.

4. Mental Health Court Manager Contract with New Horizons of the Treasure Coast for Mental Health Court FY26-27

Staff recommends the Board deem New Horizons as the provider in accordance with F.S. 287.057(3)(e)(6), and renew the contract with New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc. for staffing the Mental Health Court Manager positions that work in the Mental Health Court, and authorize the Chair to sign the contract as drafted by the County Attorney's Office. The contract will continue services for the next fiscal year, October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027.

5. Permission to File Suit for Injunctive Relief Against Solomon Trucking, Inc.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the County Attorney's Office to file suit against Solomon Trucking, Inc., pursuant to section 162.30, Florida Statutes, to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief necessary to bring the five properties into compliance.

C. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

1. Platts Creek Work Camper Agreement - Brady

Staff recommends Board approval of Work Camper Agreement with Michael Brady and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

2. Piggyback FWC17/18/82 Vegetation Management Continuing Contract with Environmental Quality Inc.

Staff recommends the Board approve to piggyback off FWC17/18-82 with Environmental Quality Inc., LLC and authorize the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

3. Award of Bid No. 26-046 - Mowing of Various Nature Preserves and Trails

Staff recommends Board approval for the award of Bid No. 26-046 for Mowing of Various Nature Preserves and Trails to the lowest responsive bidder, 2nd Mile M.C. LLC, and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

D. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

1. American Rescue Plan - Final Reallocation of ARPA Funding Toward Purchase of Tropicana Wastewater Treatment Plant - **THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

Staff recommends Board approval to reallocate the American Rescue Plan funding as listed in the Financial Impact section and for the Interim County Administrator to approve and submit the reclassification request to the Finance Department, and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Employee Health Insurance Plan - Proposed Premium Contribution Rates for 2027

Staff recommends the Board approve the 2027 Health Insurance Rates.

2. BlueMedicare Group Master Agreement - Annual Renewal

Staff recommends the Board approve the BlueMedicare Group Master Agreement for 2027 and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement, subject to approval as to legal form and correctness by the County Attorney.

F. LIBRARY SERVICES

1. FY 2026 - 2027 State Aid to Libraries Grant

Staff recommends the Board authorize the St. Lucie County Library System to apply for the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, FY 2026–2027 State Aid to Libraries Grant. Staff further recommends authorizing the Chair to execute the grant application, agreement, certifications, amendments, and other related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

G. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

1. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 26-029 - Professional Surveying and Mapping Services - Continuing Contracts

Staff recommends Board approval of the short-listed firms for RFQ No. 26-029 and permission to:

- Conduct contract negotiations with successful short-listed firms;
- If negotiations are successful, award contracts to the successful short-listed firms and authorize the Chair to sign the documents as prepared by the County Attorney.

H. PARKS & RECREATION

1. Waiver for Council of Social Agencies (COSA) Showcase of Services in the amount of \$375.50

Staff recommends Board approval to waive the Facility Rental Fee of \$375.00 as outlined in this agenda memorandum and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

I. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. Permission to Advertise - Expanding Eligible Uses in Agricultural Zoning Districts

Staff requests permission to advertise a proposed ordinance for public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 15, 2026 and eventually public hearing(s) before the Board of County Commissioners.

J. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

1. Resolution No. 2026-156 - Right-of-Way Donation - Right-of-Way Tract along Koblegard Road

- D.R. Horton, Inc. - Parcel ID 1316-212-0001-000-1

Staff recommends the Board accept the Special Warranty Deed from D.R. Horton, Inc., 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.

2. Resolution No. 2026-157 - Permanent Utility Easement - D.R. Horton, Inc. - Parcel ID 1316-212-0001-000-1

Staff recommends the Board accept the Permanent Utility Easement from D.R. Horton, Inc., 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.

3. Resolution No. 2026-159 - Right-of-Way Donation - Right-of-Way Tract along Koblegard Road - Friends 2, LLC - Parcel IDs 1316-221-0002-000-6 and 1316-211-0001-000-8

Staff recommends the Board accept the Special Warranty Deed from Friends 2, 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.

4. Resolution No. 2026-161 - Slope Easement for Construction of the Midway Road Widening Project to widen Midway Road from a two-lane rural road to a four-lane divided urban road from Arterial-A to I-95 - Clyde C. Thompson, Jr. - Parcel ID 3303-231-0001-000-6

Staff recommends that the Board approve the slope easement and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution, in accordance with strategic plan QI 3.1.1.

5. Resolution No. 2026-165 - Slope Easement for Construction of the Midway Road Widening Project to widen Midway Road from a two-lane rural road to a four-lane divided urban road from Arterial-A to I-95 - Willow Lakes, LLC - Parcel ID 3302-212-0001-000-4

Staff recommends that the Board approve the slope easement and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution in accordance with strategic plan QI 3.1.1.

6. Resolution No. 2026-160 - Permanent Utility Easement - Friends 2, LLC - Parcel IDs 1316-221-0002-000-6 and 1316-211-0001-000-8

Staff recommends the Board accept the Permanent Utility Easement from Friends 2, 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.

K. PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant

Staff recommends the Board accept the FY 2026–2027 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$105,806.00 and authorize the Chair to execute the State-Funded Grant Agreement and related documents, as approved by the County Attorney, for submission to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for final execution.

2. Interlocal Agreement between West Palm Beach & St. Lucie County for Shared Use of Public Radio Communications Infrastructure

Staff recommends Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement with West Palm Beach for Shared Use of Public Radio Communications Infrastructure and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

3. 911 State Grant Florida Department of Management Services 2026–2027

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the 911 State Grant Florida Department of Management Services Agreement, in the amount of \$29,461.86 and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

4. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners for AXON AI ERA Prepared911

Staff recommends Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and authorization for the Chair to sign all documents as approved by the County Attorney.

5. Adoption of the 2026 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy

Staff recommends the Board adopt the 2026 St. Lucie County Local Mitigation Strategy and approve the attached resolution.

L. PUBLIC UTILITIES

1. Amendment to SaaS Contract No. C25-03-251 with ERP vendor, Tyler Technologies, to add Enterprise Utility Billing Services

Staff recommends Board approval of Amendment #2 to the existing SaaS Agreement, Contract No. C25-03-251, with Tyler Technologies to add Enterprise Utility Billing Services and; Approval of the additional funding requests and authorization for the Chair to sign documents as approved by the County Attorney. This is in accordance with Strategic Plan

Policies PT1.4.2 and PT1.4.3.

M. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Award Bid No. 26-037 - Purchase of Sign Material to Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC

Staff recommends Board approval for the award of Bid No. 26-037, Purchase of Sign Material, to the lowest responsive bidder, Lightle Enterprises of Ohio LLC, and authorization for the Chair to sign the contract as approved by the County Attorney in accordance with Strategic Plan Policy QI 3.1.1.

N. TRANSIT

1. Approval of the Seventh Amendment with An Answer to Care, Inc., increasing the contract amount (#C20-11-762) and extending the terms

Staff recommends Board approval of the seventh amendment with An Answer to Care and request for the Chair to sign as approved by the County Attorney.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Resolution No. 26-128 - Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution

Staff recommends the Board adopt the Solid Waste Final Assessment Resolution and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution.

11. REGULAR AGENDA

There are no items scheduled.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Tentative Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 6pm 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 an Informal meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026

at 9am in the Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL.

- C. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6pm in the Commission Chambers of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL.
- D. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Final Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 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. "Get to Know Your Pickleball Game" classes return to the Havert L. Fenn Center on Tuesdays, Sept. 8 for beginners, intermediate and advanced players, who are at least 12 years old or older. All sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings throughout the month inside the air-conditioned gym, located at 2000 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. The cost to participate in the four-week events is \$20 per class. Residents can choose the class that fits their needs. Space is limited to 12 players for each session. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the St. Lucie County Parks & Recreation staff at 772-462-1521.
- B. The Environmental Resources Department's Guided Hikes return this month with the first hike in the series taking place Saturday, Sept. 5. Led by staff and trained volunteers, this award-winning guided hike programs helps residents explore the more than 11,000 acres of protected, public lands in St. Lucie County. Hikes are free, while guided kayak trips are \$20 per person. For the full list of programs and to register, please visit www.slchikes.org.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN