

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:30 AM

BCC Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chairman Jay Zembower
Vice Chairman Andria Herr
Commissioner Bob Dallari
Commissioner Lee Constantine
Commissioner Amy Lockhart

Additional Attendees: County Attorney Kate Latorre, County Manager Darren Gray, Clerk of Court & Comptroller Grant Maloy, and Deputy Clerks Chariti Guevara and Kyla Farrell.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kurt Slafkovsky, SGTV Senior Video Coordinator, gave the invocation. Commissioner Lockhart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation proclaiming Sergeant Bryant Ortiz, United States Army as Seminole County's April Veteran of the Month. (Sergeant Bryant Ortiz, United States Army) [2025-272](#)

Motion by Vice Chairman Herr, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming Sergeant Bryant Ortiz, United States Army as Seminole County's April Veteran of the Month.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Proclamation proclaiming May 4 - 10, 2025 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Seminole County, FL. Countywide (Gui Cunha, Economic Development and Tourism, Director). [2025-403](#)

Motion by Commissioner Constantine, seconded by Commissioner Dallari, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming May 4 - 10, 2025 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Seminole County, FL.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

3. County Investment Advisor Report (Scott McIntyre, CFA - Senior Portfolio Manager, Managing Director Hilltop Securities Asset Management) [2025-397](#)

Mr. McIntyre addressed the Board and presented the Investment Advisor Report as outlined in the agenda backup.

Motion by Commissioner Dallari, seconded by Vice Chairman Herr, to implement recommendations of the financial advisor based on the report submitted today and recommend the Clerk implement said Board recommendations.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

4. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended [2025-247](#) September 30, 2024. (Grant Maloy, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller; Dan O'Keefe, CPA, CFE, MBA - Audit Partner; and Jenny Spencer, CPA, MAcc, CGFO, CFE - Director of Comptroller's Office)

Ms. Spencer addressed the Board and reported they were able to meet the March 31st deadline and advised the Board should have received the report for review. Mr. O'Keefe presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as outlined in the agenda backup. The presentation was followed by Board comments and questions.

Vice Chairman Herr thanked Ms. Spencer and her team for their work on the ACFR. She inquired, looking at the County Analysis slide, what would be considered the County's strongest and weakest points and what guidance would they give. Mr. O'Keefe responded a weak point is that the County has not raised the millage in many years. If you think about costs going up just from a COLA standpoint, the County is probably a little behind, which is probably why reserves have dropped the past couple of years. At some point, they have to be aware if they drop down below 20% of reserves, that starts to throw red flags. If you think about how tax revenue flows into the County, there is a huge delay from when the budget is adopted and when the tax bills get sent out and how it starts to collect. There is about a three-month period where there is no revenue coming in, but, yet, there are operational costs. Infrastructure funding is a strength. Vice Chairman Herr inquired what is the sweet spot for reserves. Mr. O'Keefe responded 25% is fiscally responsible. Anything above is extra. Below 20% begins to throw red flags.

Commissioner Dallari commented Mr. O'Keefe did not talk about utility and gas taxes, which helps the County with bonding. There is a percentage of citizens in the county that live on a fixed income, and it's hard to stay current with the cost of inflation and the cost of living. Mr. O'Keefe explained when looking at the other counties, they have higher gas and utility tax. He believes they need to dig deeper to get the full financial picture of the other counties.

Upon Commissioner Constantine's request, Mr. O'Keefe discussed the pros, cons, and concerns of the Wekiva golf course.

Motion by Commissioner Dallari, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart, to approve and accept the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024, as presented today.

Under discussion, Vice Chairman Herr stated for follow-up with regard to the budgeting process, they need to really think through collapsing the golf course into the general fund. She will go on record saying she is not a fan of doing that. She likes the transparency they have provided. That was a business decision that could be asked to be made again at some point in the future, and they need a very clear accounting of what it costs.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

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5. S.R. 417 Sanford Airport Connector PD&E Study Update (John Slot, Public Works Director and Will Hawthorne, CFX Director of Transportation Planning & Policy) [2025-367](#)

Mr. Hawthorne addressed the Board and introduced CFX Executive Director Michelle Maikisch and CFX Senior Director of External Affairs Racquel Asa. Mr. Hawthorne presented the S.R. 417 Sanford Airport Connector PD&E Study Update as outlined in the agenda backup. The presentation was followed by Board comments and questions.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Manager Darren Gray advised Item 11, BAR #25-034, was being pulled from the agenda to be brought back at a later date.

Commissioner Lockhart requested Item 8, CFCRC's Tentative FY25-26 Budget, be pulled for separate discussion.

With regard to public participation, no one spoke and public input was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Constantine, seconded by Vice Chairman Herr, to approve Constitutional Officer's Consent Item 6 and County Manager's Consent Agenda Items 7 through 21 with the exception of Items 8 and 11.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

Constitutional Officers – Consent Agenda (Item No. 6)

6. Expenditure Approval List dated March 26, 2025; and Payroll Approval List dated March 27, 2025. (Jenny Spencer, CPA, MAcc, CGFO, and CFE, Director - Comptroller's Office) [2025-360](#)

County Manager's Consent Agenda (Items No. 7 - 21)

County Manager's Office

7. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution supporting the expedited completion of improvements to the I-4 St. Johns River Bridge. District5 - Herr (John Slot, Public Works Director) [2025-322](#)
Resolution #2025-R-36
8. Approve/Propose amendments to the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission's Tentative Budget for FY2025-26. Countywide. (Kristian Swenson, Assistant County Manager) [2025-364](#)

Pulled for separate discussion.

Community Services

9. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution amending the Seminole County Administrative Code Section 4.6 (Committee on Aging). Countywide (Allison Thall, Community Services Department) [2025-165](#)

Director)

Resolution #2025-R-37

Development Services

10. Approve the Final Plat for the Lake Irish Estates Replat Subdivision containing ten (10) lots on approximately twenty-five (25) acres zoned A-1 (Agriculture), located on the north side of Markham Road, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of Lake Markham Road; (Dau Bansal, Applicant) District5 - Herr (Jose Gomez, Development Services Director) [2025-340](#)

Management and Budget

11. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment (BAR) #25-034 in the 2014 Infrastructure Sales Tax Fund to transfer \$663,100 of existing project budget to the Slavia Rd Capacity Improvements. District1,2 - Dallari/Zembower (Timothy Jecks, Management & Budget Director) Requesting Department - Public Works [2025-376](#)

Pulled from the Agenda.

12. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Budget Amendment Request (BAR) 25-033 through the FEMA Federal Mitigation Grant Funds in the amount of \$575,970.66 for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) lan to acquire property at 423 Whitcomb Drive, Geneva, FL 32732 for demolition purpose of absolute flood protection; and authorize the County Manager to execute the HMGP contract along with work orders, purchasing contracts and related grant modification documents specific to this project. District2 - Zembower (Timothy Jecks, Management and Budget Director) Requesting Department - Emergency Management Resolution #2025-R-38 [2025-361](#)
13. Request Board acceptance of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) NRCS program in the amount of \$13,691,180.80; and to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Request (BAR) 25-030 through the Public Works Grant Fund in the amount of \$ 13,691,180.80 to appropriate budget, and authorize the County Manager to execute all documents associated with the grant described in this memo. Countywide (Timothy Jecks, Management & Budget Director) Requesting Department - Public Works [2025-373](#)
- Resolution #2025-R-39

Public Works

14. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Purchase Agreement related to Project Parcel #1-845 for a drainage easement necessary for the Midway Drainage Improvement Project (194.47 ± SF) between G. Charles Wohlust as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Lee [2025-370](#)

Johnson and Seminole County for \$10,430.00, as full settlement and any other claim for compensation from which Seminole County might be obligated to pay relating to the parcel. District5 - Herr (John Slot, Public Works Director)

15. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Purchase Agreement related to Project Parcels #1-809 & 1-810 for a drainage easement necessary for the Midway Drainage Improvement Project (994 ± SF in total) between CD Investments & Development, LLC and Dashawn Oxford and Seminole County for \$29,500.00, as full settlement and any other claim for compensation from which Seminole County might be obligated to pay relating to the parcel. District5 - Herr (John Slot, Public Works Director) [2025-378](#)

Resource Management

16. Award RFP-604962-25/MHH Public Notice Software to Column Software, PBC., Beaverton, OR for complete implementation and ongoing support of the public notice software for an estimated annual cost of \$60,000 and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Division to execute the Agreement. Countywide (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy Director) Requesting Department - Information Technology [2025-394](#)
17. Award RFP-604939-25/LAS- Term Contract for BOOMBAH Sports Complex Artificial Turf Field Replacement to AstroTurf Corporation, Dalton, GA in the amount of \$4,854,219.94 and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Division to execute the Agreement. (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy Director) Requesting Department - Parks and Recreation [2025-401](#)
18. Award IFB-604940-25/LNF - Term Contract for Streets and Roadways Sweeping to USA Services of Florida, LLC, Longwood, in the annual amount of \$242,785.00 and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Division to execute the Agreement. Countywide (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy Director) Requesting Department - Public Works [2025-274](#)
19. Award CC-6467-25/RTB - Pump Station Improvements Projects to Carr & Collier, Inc. of Leesburg, FL in the amount of \$2,387,100.00, and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Division to execute the Agreement. Countywide. (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy Director) Requesting Department/Division - Utilities/Engineering Division [2025-356](#)
20. Approve the proposed mediated settlement of an auto liability/bodily injury lawsuit (Holly Costantino v. Seminole County, Florida, and Esurance Property and Casualty Insurance Company Case No. 2023CA003580) related to an automobile crash that occurred on February 11, 2022, for the total amount of \$170,000, inclusive of attorney's fees. Countywide (Lorie Bailey Brown, CFO/Resource Management Director) [2025-366](#)

21. Approve and authorize the County Manager to execute a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through from Florida Division of Emergency Management for allowable reimbursement of services for Hurricane Milton; and authorize the County Manager to sign all related modifications and forms to this contract. Countywide (Lorie Bailey Brown, CFO/Resource Management Director) Requesting Department - Resource Management [2025-390](#)

CONSENT AGENDA – PULLED FOR DISCUSSION/SEPARATE VOTE

8. Approve/Propose amendments to the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission's Tentative Budget for FY2025-26. Countywide. (Kristian Swenson, Assistant County Manager) [2025-364](#)

Commissioner Lockhart stated there is a provision in the interlocal governance agreement for the funding of SunRail that allows any of the partners to make a proposed amendment during the budgetary process.

Motion by Commissioner Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to propose an amendment that FDOT provide a revised tentative budget after their fiscal year concludes so any remaining fund balance can be captured, which would leave all the funding partners in a neutral position moving forward into the next budget year.

Under discussion, Vice Chairman Herr requested clarification on the motion. Mr. Gray explained they will put a placeholder in the County's budget for planning purposes. The Board would not be taking action on the CFCRC budget for SunRail. At the next CFCRC board meeting, Commissioner Lockhart would ask for an amendment that the budget be brought back when the State closes their books, and then they would know the exact amount of their fund balance rollover. More than likely, it will be less than the current estimate given.

Vice Chairman Herr confirmed with Mr. Gray and Commissioner Lockhart that it will come back at a later date with whatever the numbers are based on either the closeout or the notion that they can't wait for that because of X, Y, or Z.

Commissioner Lockhart added the CFCRC is required to adopt a tentative budget by a certain date, and then there is a time period where the local government funding partners have the ability to review, make suggestions, and adopt it. They are currently in the window of opportunity to make suggestions.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

Chairman Zembower recessed the meeting at 11:07 a.m., reconvening at 11:22 a.m.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

22. Review options for Micro-Transit Services within Seminole County that were developed from proposals and presentations received from potential vendors. Countywide. (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy) [2025-377](#)

Director) Requesting Department - County Manager's Office

Assistant County Manager Kristian Swenson and Management and Budget Director Tim Jecks addressed the Board and presented Options for Micro-Transit Services within Seminole County that were developed from proposals and presentations received from potential vendors as outlined in the agenda backup. The presentation was followed by Board comments and questions.

Chairman Zembower left the meeting at 11:26 a.m and rejoined the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Board Feedback

1. Is staff recommendation of entire county excluding the Rural Boundary acceptable? All districts answered yes.

2. Is staff recommendation of fixed route and LYNX changes as presented acceptable? All districts answered yes. Vice Chairman Herr added whatever catalog approach they are taking to the designing of this program, she expects it to come in at less than what the reduction is to this cost.

3. Should the base fare be based upon other transportation available such as Uber? All districts answered yes with the following additional comments:

Commissioner Lockhart agrees with the analysis of starting at a fare that is reasonable so the general taxpayer is not subsidizing it to the degree as they are now for LYNX. She thinks being more in line with the market makes the County less of a competitor with the market.

Commissioner Constantine stated they don't want to start a process that opens this up so much that everyone wants to use it. At the same time, if they start doing fares based upon Uber, that's going to eliminate the people that are using public transportation now and truly need it. He thinks the fares for those that don't need the service could be based upon fares like Uber, but not for those that do need the service.

Commissioner Lockhart commented one of the things they could add to the question that changes the answer a little bit is should the base fare be based upon other transportation available such as Uber. The "based upon" from her perspective is a percentage of. It's not mirroring it or matching it because Uber and Lyft have surge pricing based upon time of day and destination. She does not think they are talking about making the fares variable like Uber or Lyft. Mr. Swenson clarified it would be a percentage because there are multiple riders in one vehicle. They are trying to establish a normal-hour fare, not surge fares, unless that is the Board's direction.

Commissioner Dallari stated they need to know what the average costs are for each zone, if they will be priced the same or have a different price based upon the zone.

Chairman Zembower expressed he has no interest in competing with the private sector.

He thinks ridership will ultimately dictate the pricing schedule as this develops. However, he does think it should be based on the actual cost.

Vice Chairman Herr emphasized they cannot set the fare too low or they will be digging out of that hole forever. This needs to be a self-sustaining program while at the same time supporting the vulnerable citizens that rely upon the service. She does not believe mass transit is a profit generator. However, this cannot be a huge fiscal drain on the County. The expectations have to be set clearly, and the costs should align with the value of the service.

4. Should there be discounts (free and/or reduced pricing) for vulnerable populations, including low income, disabled, seniors, homeless, students, etc.?

Vice Chairman Herr stated the vendors will need to manage this. She does not want to create a new department and hire staff that are going to determine the vulnerability of a population.

Commissioner Dallari stated MetroPlan did a regional study and found 25% of all medical appointments through paramedicine were being missed. That should be addressed here somehow because that is a vulnerable population that is not getting to their appointments.

Commissioner Constantine expressed they really need to determine who is the vulnerable population. He doesn't think just because, for example, someone is a student or a senior, they should qualify for a discount. It should be based upon their need.

Commissioner Lockhart commented Community Services currently helps determine who is vulnerable because they provide discounted LYNX, Uber, and Lyft tickets, as do many community partners like Rescue Outreach Mission, Christian Sharing Center, and Recovery Connections. The Commissioner suggested a certain number of rides could be sold to those outside agencies who would then determine who they get distributed to in their organizations. As far as students are concerned, Seminole State College pays a "boatload" of money to vendors so students can receive free rides. As they work with partners, including private sector businesses who want to include it as part of employee benefits package, she thinks an important distinction that needs to be made is free to the rider versus no payment for the service are two different things. She suggested also having a discounted fare for certain destinations. For example, riders going to the health department or the Christian Sharing Center are inherently vulnerable because they are going to those destinations to access those services.

Vice Chairman Herr clarified this should be needs based. Commissioner Dallari inquired if this service qualifies for pretax dollars being used for transit. Mr. Swenson responded he believes yes, but they will confirm with the vendor. Chairman Zembower stated it will have to be monitored and course corrected as necessary. Doing away with the LYNX routes saves approximately \$10 million and replaces it with a better

process.

5. Should there be discounts for riders accessing SunRail? Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 answered yes. District 5 answered no.

6. How should the zones be structured for vulnerable and non-vulnerable riders? Commissioners Lockhart, Constantine, Dallari, and Vice Chairman Herr answered flex zone. Chairman Zembower answered single zone, but is okay with whatever staff believes is best moving forward with input given by the Board.

7. Is staff recommendation of service schedule as presented acceptable? All districts answered yes. Commissioner Lockhart added as long as they can make modifications.

8. Is staff recommendation of wait times (30 minutes Monday - Saturday and 60 minutes on Sunday) acceptable? All districts answered yes.

9. Is staff recommendation of allowing in-vehicle and out-of-vehicle advertising acceptable? All districts answered yes.

10. Is staff recommendation to allow students aged 15 years and older to ride without other shared riders acceptable? Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 answered yes. District 1 answered no.

Funding Options

Commissioner Constantine believes they should decide a limit based upon the savings from the fixed route reduction; and then they can supplement it from the partnerships, fare box, advertising, and grants. He does not think the 5 cent local option gas tax should pay for this program.

Commissioner Lockhart stated some of these rides will be converted from paratransit which will also save the County significant dollars and is another element of savings to be discussed.

23. Request Board approval to submit a grant application to the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the SFY 2027 Public Transit Service Development Program requesting up to \$10,000,000 for the Seminole County Micro-Transit Program. Countywide (John Slot, Public Works Director)

[2025-399](#)

Motion by Vice Chairman Herr, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart, to approve the submittal of a grant application for the Public Transit Service Development Program of up to \$10,000,000 for the Micro-Transit services in Seminole County.

Under discussion, Commissioner Dallari stated when this comes back, he would like more detail and history on the vendors' success with receiving grants.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

Recess BCC Meeting Until 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Zembower recessed the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Zembower reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m., with all Commissioners and other Officials, with the exception of Clerk Maloy and Deputy Clerk Chariti Guevara who was replaced by Deputy Clerk Kyla Farrell, who were present at the opening session.

24. Proclamation proclaiming May 4 - 10 2025 as Public Service Recognition Week in Seminole County, Florida, and Quarterly Employee Service Recognition (Christina Brandolini, Human Resources Director) [2025-398](#)

Motion by Chairman Zembower, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming May 4 - 10 2025 as Public Service Recognition Week in Seminole County, Florida.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

Seminole County employees were recognized for their service as outlined in the agenda backup.

25. Reduction of Lien Request -- Consideration of Applicant, Harry D. Billsbrough's, request for a reduction, due to financial and medical hardship, of three Code Enforcement Board liens (Cases # 21-76-CEB, 21-77-CEB, and 21-78-CEB) to the collective administrative costs of \$1,395.64. The subject property is located at 560 E. 2nd Street, Chuluota, FL 32766, Tax Parcel ID: 21-21-32-5CF-1900-0010. District1 - Dallari; (Alexis Valle, Code Enforcement Clerk) [2025-222](#)

Ms. Valle addressed the Board and presented the item as outlined in the agenda memorandum. There were no Board questions for staff.

Mr. Billsbrough, applicant, addressed the Board and explained why he's requesting a lien reduction. Andrea Tolbert, on behalf of the applicant, stated she agrees with his statements and staff's presentation.

With regard to public participation, no one spoke and public input was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Dallari, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to approve the request for a reduction, due to financial and medical hardship, of three Code Enforcement Board liens (Cases # 21-76-CEB, 21-77-CEB, and 21-78-CEB) to the collective administrative costs of \$1,395.64; property located at 560 E. 2nd Street, Chuluota, FL 32766, Tax Parcel ID: 21-21-32-5CF-1900-0010; Harry D. Billsbrough, applicant.

Vice Chairman Herr re-read the case numbers into the record for clarification.

Under discussion, Commissioner Constantine suggested the applicant should contact

the County's Veterans Services Office and asked Mr. Billsbrough if there's a way the County can help him. Mr. Billsbrough answered he will be moving into something that doesn't require maintenance.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

26. Reduction of Lien Request - Consideration of Applicant, Jessica B. Hudson, Jennifer Kibler, and Kimberly Gazard's, request for a reduction of a Code Enforcement lien (Case # 09-04-CEB) to the administrative costs of \$440.19. The subject property is located at 241 Overlook Dr., Chuluota, Florida, 32766, Tax Parcel ID: 22-21-32-5UI-0200-0070 District1 - Dallari (Alexis Valle, Code Enforcement Office Clerk) [2025-317](#)

Ms. Valle presented the item as outlined in the agenda memorandum. There were no Board questions for staff.

Phil Kaprow, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Board. He stated the property owners are not present, but the potential buyer is. Ms. Kaprow explained the history of the property and the reason for the request. Commissioner Dallari requested to hear from the potential buyer. Eliot Grime addressed the Board and explained that he's been maintaining the property.

With regard to public participation, no one spoke and public input was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Dallari, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to approve the request for a reduction of a Code Enforcement lien (Case # 09-04-CEB) to the administrative costs of \$440.19; property is located at 241 Overlook Dr., Chuluota, Florida, 32766, Tax Parcel ID: 22-21-32-5UI-0200-0070; Jessica B. Hudson, Jennifer Kibler, and Kimberly Gazard, applicants.

Under discussion, Vice Chairman Herr explained why she is not in support of the requested reduction to \$440.19. Commissioner Lockhart discussed administrative costs not being reflective of the requested reduced amount and stated there's no medical or financial hardship for this case.

Commissioner Dallari amended his motion to reflect a reduction amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Lockhart seconded the amended motion.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 voted AYE.

VI. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Latorre stated she has no report.

VII. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gray reported on the Citizens Academy event.

IIIX. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER REPORTS**District 3 - Commissioner Constantine**

Commissioner Constantine reported on recent and upcoming events as well as Seminole County's anniversary.

The Commissioner gave an update on Senate Bill 818 and House Bill 943 (companion bill to 1730).

Commissioner Constantine noted USA's upcoming birthday and asked for something to be planned for that. He would like to recognize Lee Corso's retirement. He is an ESPN broadcaster and a Seminole County citizen. Regarding the Board's approval to end fluoride in water, the Commissioner asked that when they do that, he hopes they plan to send notice to citizens and alternatives to fluoride.

District 4 - Commissioner Lockhart

Commissioner Lockhart highlighted the Banyan East Town Apartments ribbon cutting and noted the county needs more projects like that. She recently returned from Washington, D.C. She traveled with Seminole State College as one of ten finalists for the Aspen prize, which means that SSC is in the top one percent of colleges nationwide.

The Commissioner advised there have been some rumors about the Rosenwald community. The County is still in ownership of Rosenwald and still moving forward with the project. She will be at the May 12 community association meeting to bring the latest and greatest information to the community.

Commissioner Lockhart announced upcoming events. Regarding USA's 250th birthday, she had a meeting with the Daughters of the American Revolution who are interested in spearheading the planning for that occasion. They will be sending a proposal for the County, City, and school district's collaboration. She doesn't know exactly what that's going to look like but suggested they give the County Manager's Office direction on how much the County wants to support and what type of support they want to lend to that.

Commissioner Lockhart stated moving forward with Medical Examiner discussion next month, she wants to put on the record that the County Manager sent an official public records request to Marion County's county manager and copied all other members of the medical examiner committee. She confirmed with Mr. Gray that Marion County has not responded in any form. Her concern is that she is supposed to go on May 14 with the County's proposal for their extraction from the cooperative agreement, but part of that proposal is based on some of the information that was supposed to be in that public records request. She wants to make sure they are still in alignment that regardless of the lack of response, they are extricating themselves. Discussion ensued and Mr. Gray advised he will follow-up with Marion County. There was more discussion regarding what direction to go. Kristian Swenson, Assistant County Manager, addressed the Board and advised there has been some conversations with Lake County. They are discussing the feedback they received from their constitutional partners at their board meeting today as well as some potential deal points that the County sent over. Based upon what they come back with, the intent is to provide the Board an

update at the next meeting as to what their feedback is. They aren't sure if Lake County is still able to partner with the County or not. Mr. Gray advised he'll make sure to put the issue on the next agenda. Commissioner Lockhart stressed that it is critical that she knows the Board's position because they are running out of time.

District 5 - Commissioner Herr

Vice Chairman Herr noted recent and upcoming events. She advised there is a scam going around via text message regarding unpaid tolls. She suggested the County could do a public service announcement regarding the issue. Regarding CFX, the Vice Chairman stated there was a presentation on EV tolls. They are looking for relatively small plots of land but it has to be in relativity to all sorts of constraints with flying. It needs to be taken into consideration while they're planning.

Vice Chairman Herr made an official request that they have John Greenwood, Goldfinch, present to the Board in regard to his billion-pill pledge. It is so far the only opioid-prevention program that she has found that actually does change the addiction rates in communities by education. It is a very low-cost structure. They have the ability to not just get people unaddicted after they're addicted, but to stop the addiction in its tracks by stopping the number of prescriptions that are being handed out in providers' offices. It's about a 20-minute presentation, and she'd ask with the Board's indulgence that they listen to that. There were no objections.

District 1 - Commissioner Dallari

Commissioner Dallari reported on upcoming and past events.

District 2 - Chairman Zembower

Chairman Zembower reported on recent and upcoming events.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

27. Appointment of two (2) individuals to the Fred R. Wilson Memorial Law Library Board of Trustees from 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027. [2025-321](#)

Motion by Vice Chairman Herr, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart, to appoint Bryanna Bynum to the Fred R. Wilson Memorial Law Library Board of Trustees from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

Under discussion, Commissioner Constantine pointed out this is an individual who is new to this board and asked whether or not there was a reason why this person would be better than the other two candidates that have already served. Vice Chairman Herr answered yes. Commissioner Lockhart added that Ms. Bynum has a wonderful history in this county serving as a prosecutor. Sometimes it is good to have new blood, and she is very interested in serving and being a part of the library.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 voted AYE.

Motion by Commissioner Dallari, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to appoint Daniel Kavanaugh to the Fred R. Wilson Memorial Law Library Board of Trustees from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

Under discussion, Commissioner Constantine asked if there was a reason for appointing Mr. Kavanaugh over Mark Reyes. Commissioner Dallari answered there's no particular reason; he's heard some nice things about him. Commissioner Lockhart stated she would recommend Mr. Reyes because he has recommendations from Mr. Kavanaugh and the other member on the board. Commissioner Constantine noted both candidates seem to do a great job and have a lot of references, so he doesn't have a preference.

Districts 1, 2, and 3 voted AYE.

Districts 4 and 5 voted NAY.

Motion passes 3 to 2.

COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR REPORTS

1. Letter dated March 5, 2025, from Lori Serino, Director-Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to BCC Chairman Jay Zembower re: Confirmation of Seminole's 2023 CAPER submission (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) and capacity to carry out its CPD programs (Community Planning and Development).
2. Letter dated April 8, 2025, from Leon Simmonds, Florida Department of Management Services, Office of Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, to Seminole County BCC, re: Emergency Communication Systems fees collections and E911 Fee Disbursements.
3. Letter dated April 8m 2025, from BCC Chairman Jay Zembower, to The Honorable Cory Mills, U.S. House of Representatives, re: Support of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office FY2026 Community Project Funding request to enhance the existing Juvenile Mobile Crisis Response, Juvenile Care Coordination, and Psychoeducational Groups for Youth programs.
4. Letter dated April 15, 2025, from BCC Chairman Jay Zembower, to the Admissions Committee, U.S. Military Academy, re: Recommendation of William Watts, Lake Brantley High School's JROTC Unit, for admission to West Point.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not Related to the Agenda)

Matt Morgan, City of Longwood, addressed the Board and invited them to the Walk for Autism Awareness. Upon Commissioner Lockhart's inquiry, Mr. Morgan provided a brief update on the City of Longwood's new City Manager search.

Public Comment Form received and filed.

XI. ADJOURN BCC MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m., this same date.

APPROVED by the BCC:

Chairman

Date

ATTEST:

Clerk of Court and Comptroller
AS Clerk to the BCC