

# **SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING  
1101 EAST FIRST STREET  
SANFORD, FLORIDA  
32771-1468*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Meeting & Budget Work Session**

**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, and Deputy Clerk Kyla Farrell.

**II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Robert Bradley, Bread of Life Christian Church, gave the Invocation. Commissioner Constantine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

County Manager Darren Gray announced there are no changes to the Consent Agenda.

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

Motion by Vice Chairman Herr, seconded by Commissioner Lockhart, to approve the County Manager's Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5.

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

**County Manager's Consent Agenda (Items No. 1 - 5)****County Manager's Office**

1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Proclamation proclaiming May 26, 2025 as Memorial Day in Seminole County, Florida (KJ Boggs, Veterans Services Director) [2025-503](#)

**Emergency Management**

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Department of Health for the countywide rabies program. Countywide (Alan Harris, Emergency Management Director) [2025-465](#)

**Management and Budget**

3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution implementing Budget Amendment Request (BAR) #25-036 in the Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Fund to transfer \$1,025,000 from reserves for Utilities CIP Projects. Countywide (Timothy Jecks, Management & Budget Director) Requesting Department - Utilities [2025-481](#)

**Resolution #2025-R-48****Resource Management**

4. Approve the proposed updated negotiated settlement of the workers' compensation claim of a retired Roads-Stormwater equipment operator stemming from a 2016 workplace injury for the total amount of \$114,837, [2025-492](#)

inclusive of attorney's fees and costs. Countywide (Lorie Bailey Brown, CFO/Resource Management Director)

5. Award IFB-604992-25/LAS- Term Contract for Purchase of Fiber Optic Cables & ITS Systems to Advanced Cabling Solutions, Inc., Casselberry, FL at an estimated annual amount of \$300,000 and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Division to execute the Agreement. (Stephen Koontz, Deputy Director of Resource Management) Requesting Department - Public Works

[2025-469](#)

#### **IV. REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Presentation and Award of RFP-604918-25/PCD - Term Contract for Micro-Transit Services to the top ranked firm Beefree, LLC dba Freebee and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and adjust service levels going forward based on demand. Countywide (Stephen Koontz, Resource Management Deputy Director) Department - County Manager's Office

[2025-439](#)

Kristian Swenson, Assistant County Manager, and Timothy Jecks, Management and Budget Director, addressed the Board and presented the item as outlined in the agenda memorandum (thumb drive with backup received and filed).

The Commissioners shared their comments with staff regarding the presentation. Mr. Gray stated staff has visited all of their partners, including all three hospital systems, Seminole State College, the School Board, the Airport, and all seven Cities. Staff received total enthusiasm from all of them. In fact, the private sector partners are willing to sit down to talk with staff; however, they're not there yet. Today staff just wanted to bring the Board the facts; what the cost is and what their savings are. They do not know what the additional cost savings will be or the partners, although they had great conversations with their partners. Regarding the communication plan, once the Board chooses a vendor to move forward with, the Communications team is ready to start working with them on a communication plan. Mr. Gray will be working with the Board as well. If they want to do this, they need to do it in a timely manner so they can have enough time to start educating the public on the new process.

Mr. Gray stated he spoke with Tiffany Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, Lynx, and told her once a decision was made by the Board, they would forward an official letter to her (received and filed). At that point, the next step of the process would be, what is the new Lynx budget. Chairman Zembower briefly shared his comments.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Constantine, to award RFP-604918-25/PCD - Term Contract for Micro-Transit Services to the top ranked firm Beefree, LLC dba Freebee; and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and adjust service levels going forward based on demand.

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

Chairman Zembower recessed the meeting at 10:37 a.m., reconvening at 10:47 a.m.

### **V.BUDGET WORKSESSION**

#### **Opening Comments - County Manager Darren Gray**

Mr. Gray had some opening comments for today's budget work session and reviewed the budget presentation included in the agenda backup.

#### **Property Appraiser - David Johnson**

Property Appraiser David Johnson presented his budget as detailed in the agenda packet.

There were few comments and questions for Mr. Johnson.

#### **Supervisor of Elections, Amy Pennock**

Supervisor of Elections Amy Pennock presented her budget as detailed in the agenda packet. She distributed an additional packet (received and filed) with some amendments to the originally submitted presentation.

There were few comments and questions for Ms. Pennock.

#### **Recess BCC Meeting at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter for a closed session.**

Chairman Zembower recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and announced they Board will now convene the following closed session:

#### **Convene Closed Session**

**River Cross Land Company, LLC v. Seminole County,  
Case No. 6:18-cv-1646-ACC-LHP  
(County Services Building Room 3024)**

#### **Reconvene Meeting**

Chairman Zembower reconvened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

#### **Close Closed Session**

Chairman Zembower announced the Board has adjourned the closed session regarding River Cross Land Company, LLC v. Seminole County.

#### **Recess BCC Meeting until 1:00 PM**

Chairman Zembower recessed the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

#### **Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 PM**

Chairman Zembower reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all Commissioners and other Officials who were present at the opening session.

**18th Judicial Circuit Court - Deputy Chief Judge Melanie Chase**

Deputy Chief Judge Melanie Chase addressed the Board and presented her budget.

There were few Board comments.

**Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller - Grant Maloy**

Clerk of Court & Comptroller Grant Maloy addressed the Board and presented his budget.

There were few Board comments.

**State Attorney - William Scheiner**

State Attorney William Scheiner addressed the Board and presented his budget.

There were few Board comments.

**Guardian Ad Litem - Amber Padrick**

Guardian Ad Litem Amber Padrick addressed the Board and presented her budget.

There were few Board comments.

**Public Defender - Blaise Trettis**

Public Defender Blaise Trettis addressed the Board and presented his budget.

There were no Board comments.

**Florida Department of Health - Dr. Ethan Johnson**

Dr. Ethan Johnson, Florida Department of Health, addressed the Board and presented his budget.

There were few Board comments.

**Rescue Outreach Mission - Chris Ham**

Chris Ham, Rescue Outreach Mission, addressed the Board and presented his budget.

There was a lengthy Board discussion regarding ROM.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (Budget and Items not Related to the Agenda)**

Michelle Smith addressed the Board and discussed the partnership between the County and the Sharing Center. Jose Boscan addressed the Board and discussed recycling processing benefits.

Public Comment Forms were received and filed.

**General Fund Budget Overview - Timothy Jecks**

Commissioner Constantine announced he has to leave at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Jecks provided the County's general fund budget overview as detailed in the agenda packet. Commissioner Constantine left the meeting during Mr. Jecks' presentation.

Mr. Gray advised he will be meeting with each Commissioner, possibly a few times, before the June 17 meeting. He will be submitting the recommended budget by the end of the month; however, there will be certain scenarios that he would like to discuss with the Commissioners individually. He discussed the departments having flat budgets, and that they aren't requesting any new positions in the general fund. Regarding micro-transit services, he advised they will be recruiting two positions to help with that, but they're using existing resources so they don't have to ask to increase the general fund budget. The Board will have the recommended budget three weeks before the June 17 meeting, and staff is available to meet anytime over the next month to discuss that with the Board. He wants to make sure they have all of the information, materials, and research prior to the June 17 meeting.

The Commissioners shared their comments regarding Mr. Jecks's presentation.

**Board Discussion**

The Commissioners discussed the Constitutional Officers' budgets, public safety, County services, revenue, the condition of the County Services Building, and taxes.

Commissioner Dallari asked Mr. Jecks during their individual briefings to list the unfunded mandates that have come down from the State over the years and how they've increased. Mr. Jecks answered staff will pull that information together.

Mr. Gray stated the next budget work session is June 17 and they will hear from the Sheriff's Office. Staff will also do an updated presentation along with the County departments.

Chairman Zembower called once more for public comment; and no one else spoke.

**VII. ADJOURN BCC MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m., this same date.

**APPROVED by the BCC:**

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Chairman

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Court and Comptroller  
AS Clerk to the BCC