MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 17, 2025

Present: Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, Chair, District 2
Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, Vice Chair, District 4
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, District 1
Codey Leigh, General Counsel, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Operations Supervisor, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Cecelia Amos, Administrative Assistant, County Administrator's Office
Ashley Danner, Office Assistant IV, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Program Manager, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by: Ashley Danner

REGULAR BCC AGENDA

1. Call to Order

   Commissioner Kohler, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Invocation

   Pastor Joe Davis of Cross & Crown Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

   Commissioner Hofberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REGULAR BCC AGENDA – Continued

4. Items Added to the Agenda.

For Information: There were no items added to the Agenda.

5. Adoption of the Agenda.

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the agenda as prepared (or duly amended).

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carries 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger not yet in attendance

6. Commissioners' Forum:

A. District 5 – Commissioner Barry provided comments;

B. District 3 – Commissioner May provided comments;

C. District 1 – Commissioner Stroberger provided comments;

D. District 4 – Commissioner Hofberger provided comments; and

E. District 2 – Commissioner Kohler provided comments.

7. Proclamations.

I. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

A. Ratify the Proclamation declaring the week of April 13 through April 19, 2025, "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Escambia County, Florida; and

B. Ratify the Proclamation declaring the first of week of May 2025 as "Family Values Week" in Escambia County, Florida.

Motion: I'll move it
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously

REGULAR BCC AGENDA – Continued

8. Recommendation: That the Board waive the reading of the legal advertisement(s) and accept, for filing with the Board's Minutes, the certified affidavit(s) establishing proof of publication for the Public Hearing(s) on the agenda, and the Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule:

   A. The 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing, advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on April 4, 2025, for consideration of the adoption of an Ordinance removing a parcel from the County DSAP and assigning a compatible FLU- OSP-2024-03; and

   B. The *Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule April 14, 2025, through April 18, 2025,* as published in the *Pensacola News Journal* on April 11, 2025.

Motion: Move to waive the reading
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously

CLERK & COMPTROLLER'S REPORT – Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board accept, for filing with the Board's Minutes, the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Collections Data for the February 2025 returns received in the month of March 2025, as prepared by the Treasury Department of the Clerk and Comptroller's Office.

   - Total collections received in March 2025 were $1,028,071 compared to $976,368 in March 2024. A comparison of March 2025 to March 2024 is a 5.3% increase.
   - Year-to-date collections for FY2025 are $6,921,646 compared to $6,831,078 for FY2024.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

2. Recommendation: That the Board accept, for filing with the Board's Minutes, the following documents provided to the Clerk to the Board's Office:

   A. The Escambia County, Florida, Schedule of Activity for the Landfill Management Escrow Cash Account for the Year Ended September 30, 2024; and

   B. The Pensacola-Escambia County Promotion and Development Commission, Pensacola, Florida, Financial Statements, September 30, 2024.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

3. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning Minutes and Reports prepared by the Clerk to the Board's Office:

   A. Accept, for filing with the Board's Minutes, the Report of the Gary Sansing Public Forum held April 3, 2025; and

   B. Approve the Minutes of the Regular BCC Meeting held April 3, 2025.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – Horace Jones, Director, Development Services Department

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Recommendation: That the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), at the 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing, adopt an Ordinance [Number 2025-15] amending the Escambia County Mid-West Sector Plan, Final Land Use Plan, Figure 2.01.A, removing a parcel within Section 04, Township 1N, Range 31W, Parcel Number 4401-000-001 totaling 19.74 (+/-) acres, located on Well Line Rd, from the Escambia County Mid-West Sector Plan; Further amending Part II of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances, the Escambia County Comprehensive Plan: 2030, as amended; amending Chapter 7, "The Future Land Use Element," Policy FLU 1.1.1, to provide for an amendment to the 2030 Future Land Use Map, assigning a Future Land Use category of Mixed-Use Suburban (MU-S).

   This serves as the second of two public hearings.

Motion: Move the 9:15
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): None

II. FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the recording of Fallschase at Pathstone, Commercial Subdivision (a 5-lot commercial subdivision) located in the Beulah Community, District 1, and lying south of U.S. Alternate Highway 90 (West Nine Mile Road) and east off Pathstone Boulevard, owned by Pathstone (FL) 2017, LLC, and Quiktrip Corporation, and developed by Pathstone (FL) 2017, LLC. Prior to recording, the County Surveyor and the Clerk of the Circuit Court must sign the final plat as set forth in Section 2-5.7, of the Escambia Land Development Code. Also, prior to recording, the County Surveyor must sign the final plat as set forth in Chapter 177.081 (1) Florida Statutes:

   A. Approve the final plat for recording;

   B. Approve the street names “East River Oaks Drive” and “Pathstone Boulevard”;

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – Continued

II. FOR ACTION – Continued

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C. Accept the right-of-way as depicted upon the final plat for permanent County maintenance. The subdivision will connect to Fallschase at Pathstone Phase 1 which was previously approved by the BCC, July 8, 2021, with all public easements, ponds and drainage improvements within public easements for permanent County maintenance. The cost of maintenance is to be funded through the establishment of a storm water management Municipal Services Benefit (MSBU); and

D. Authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman to execute a Two-Year Warranty Agreement for streets and drainage improvements without surety.

Motion: Move to drop Item 1
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously

2. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the recording of Fallschase at Pathstone Phase Three (an 86-lot single-family residential subdivision) located in the Beulah Community, District 1, and lying south of U.S. Alternate Highway 90 (West Nine Mile Road) and south off Pathstone Boulevard, owned and developed by Pathstone (FL) 2020, LLC. Prior to recording, the County Surveyor and the Clerk of the Circuit Court must sign the final plat as set forth in Section 2-5.7, of the Escambia Land Development Code. Also, prior to recording, the County Surveyor must sign the final plat as set forth in Chapter 177.081 (1) Florida Statutes:

A. Approve the final plat for recording;

B. Approve the street names "Fallschase Boulevard" and "Riverstone Drive";

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT – Continued

II. FOR ACTION – Continued

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C. Accept all public easements, pond and drainage improvements within public easements as depicted upon the final plat for permanent County maintenance with the condition that the maintenance of the pond is not the responsibility of the County until Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD) has approved the pond to be converted to Operation and Maintenance. If at any point during home construction, it is found to be in violation with the NWFWMD permit, the County Engineer will advise the Building Official to hold building permits and inspections until it is corrected. The cost of maintenance is to be funded through the establishment of a storm water management Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU); and

D. Authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman to execute a Two-Year Warranty Agreement for streets and drainage improvements without surety.

Motion: Move Item 2 A through D
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Recommendation: That the Board authorize the scheduling of the following Public Hearing:

May 1, 2025

A. 5:46 p.m. - A Public Hearing - Coastal Management Element Comprehensive Plan Ordinance - CPA-2024-01 (second of two public hearings)

Summary: The Ordinance is updating the Coastal Management Element of the Escambia County Comprehensive Plan to contain specific requirements related to sea level rise.

Motion: Move the Consent Agenda
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Conservation Easement over real property located at 16319 Perdido Key Drive, granted by Joseph W. Mirabile and Theresa T. Mirabile, a married couple, to Escambia County, Florida.

   The property is located in Commission District 1.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

2. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning Amendment #1 to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Program Grant Agreement #24PLN06, for the Escambia County Adaptation Plan:

   A. Accept Amendment #1 to Grant Agreement #24PLN06, for the development of the Escambia County Adaptation Plan;

   B. Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment #1 to FDEP Grant #24PLN06 that will increase the period of performance to March 31, 2026. Amendment #1 amends #24PLN06 to reflect a no-cost extension of task end dates and deliverable due dates; and

   C. Authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to execute, subject to legal sign-off, any subsequent program-related documents for this project that do not alter the finite terms and funding amounts or budgets.

   NOTES: The venue is in Leon County, Florida, per attachment 1 p.23(d). The Adaptation plan will address all five Commissioner Districts.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

3. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Conservation Easement over real property located at 1239 Parasol Place, granted by Joseph W. Mirabile, as trustee for the Mirabile Children Trust 2012, to Escambia County, Florida.

   The property is located in Commission District 1.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

4. Recommendation: That the Board approve the Request for Disposition of Property Form for the Public Safety Department, for the equipment described and listed on the Request Form, with the reason for disposition stated. The Request Form has been signed by all applicable authorities.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

5. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action regarding the Operating Agreement between the Navy Region Southeast Regional Dispatch Center, Commanding Officer Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, and Esambia County Public Safety:

   A. Approve the Operating Agreement between the Navy Region Southeast Regional Dispatch Center, Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Pensacola, and Escambia County Public Safety; and

   B. Authorize the Chair to execute the Operating Agreement.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

6. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the termination without cause of the Agreement with Tele911, Inc.:

   A. Authorize the termination without cause of the Agreement between Escambia County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Tele911, Inc., for telemedicine evaluation of selected low acuity patients and those patients who refuse ambulance transport to an Emergency Department against medical advice, per Section 5.2 Termination Without Cause; and

   B. Authorize the County Administrator to issue a Notice of Termination Without Cause to Tele911, Inc., with termination effective 90 days after receipt of said notice.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

7. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the General Agreement between the National Park Service, Gulf Islands National Seashore (GINS), and Escambia County, Florida, for the Provision of Emergency Medical Services:

   A. Approve the General Agreement between the National Park Service, GINS, and Escambia County, Florida, through the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Public Safety Department, to establish the terms and conditions under which the parties will provide mutual emergency medical assistance within and near the boundaries of the GINS and the County; and

   B. Authorize the Chair to execute the General Agreement.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

8. Recommendation: That the Board approve the Request for Disposition of Property Forms for the Escambia County Tax Collector's Office, for the property that is described and listed on the Disposition Forms. The listed item has been found to be of no further usefulness to the County/Tax Collector; thus, it is requested that it be auctioned as surplus or disposed of properly.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

9. Recommendation: That the Board approve the Request for Disposition of Property Form for the Parks and Recreation Department, for property which is described and listed on the Disposition Form, with reasons for disposition stated. The listed items have been found to be of no further usefulness to the County; thus, it is requested that they be auctioned as surplus or disposed of properly.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

10. Recommendation: That the Board approve the following "Special Event Permit Application" for a limited waiver of the noise restrictions imposed by the Escambia County Noise Abatement Ordinance regarding Pensacola Beach, allowing the number of sound decibels to exceed 70 dbA for the Bamboo Willie's Crawfish Festival Fireworks Display, off Quietwater Beach on May 3, 2025, from 8:00 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

11. Recommendation: That the Board approve the following "Special Event Permit Application" for a limited waiver of the noise restrictions imposed by the Escambia County Noise Abatement Ordinance regarding Pensacola Beach, allowing the number of sound decibels to exceed 70 dbA for the Portofino Memorial Day Celebration Fireworks Display, off the beach area near Portofino Resort on May 25, 2025, from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

12. Recommendation: That the Board approve the following "Special Event Permit Application" for a limited waiver of the noise restrictions imposed by the Escambia County Noise Abatement Ordinance regarding Pensacola Beach, allowing the number of sound decibels to exceed 70 dbA for the Portofino Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display, off the beach area near Portofino Resort on July 4, 2025, from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Move it [the Technical/Public Service Consent Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement with Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.:

   A. Approve the Title Clearance Program Agreement with Legal Services of North Florida, Inc., in the amount of $50,000;

   B. Authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order and any related documents necessary to implement the program; and

   C. Authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.

Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.	Fund 129/2024 CDBG, Cost Center 370250	$50,000	Title Clearance

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

2. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning Amendment #2 to the Rural Elderly Assistance Program (REAP) II Agreement with Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. (COA):

   A. Approve Amendment #2 to the REAP II Agreement with COA to add $50,000 in funding, for a total amount of $100,000, and to extend the Amendment through March 30, 2026;

   B. Authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order and any related documents necessary to implement the program; and

   C. Authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to execute the Amendment.

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Project
Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc.	Fund 129, 2023 CDBG Cost Center 370248	$50,000	Rural Elderly Assistance Program II
Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc.	Fund 129, 2024 CDBG Cost Center 370250	$50,000 (New)	Rural Elderly Assistance Program II

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

3. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for Escambia County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Environmental Consulting Services for CDBG-DR, CDBG, HOME Environmental Consulting Services, PD 24-25.037:

A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and SWCA Environmental Consultants, per the terms and conditions for the CDBG-DR, CDBG, HOME Environmental Consulting Services, PD 24-25.037;

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement;

C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign Purchase Orders in excess of $50,000 as needed, to SWCA Environmental Consultants; and

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Vendor/Contractor	**Funding** (may include related future or expanded Federal Programs)	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
SWCA Environmental Consultants	Fund 124, Cost Center 370294, Object Code, 58301 Fund 128, Cost Center 370124, Object Code 53401 Fund 129, Cost Center: all active Fund 147, Cost Center: all active	Not to Exceed $1,050,000	PD 24-25.037

D. Approve and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign, subject to legal review and sign-off, any subsequent agreements and program-related documents for this project that do not alter the finite terms of funding amounts or budgets.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

4. Recommendation: That the Board approve and ratify the Chair's signature regarding Contract #CSU17 between Escambia County and the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) for reimbursements related to Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement action in conjunction with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. This includes service of process and execution of writs for child support of enforcement orders issued by DOR, from July 2025, through June 30, 2030. This renewal will continue to allow the County to collect 66% of the unit rate for each service of process and each writ of bodily attachment.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

5. Recommendation: That the Board take the following actions concerning the Federally Funded Sub-award and Grant Agreement #R1127 between Escambia County, Florida, and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) regarding funding from the State Homeland Security Grant Program for the sustainment of Escambia County Fire Rescue's (ECFR) Hazmat Team:

A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Federally Funded Sub-award and Grant Agreement #R1127 between Escambia County, Florida, and FDEM for sustainment funds of $26,455 for ECFR's Hazmat team; and

B. Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution [R2025-33] approving Supplemental Budget Amendment #SBA-25042.

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Revenues				
Source of Funds	**Amount**	**Account Codes**	**Contract**	**Vendor**
FDEM	$26,455	Revenue Code 331265	R1127	N/A
Total Revenue	$26,455			
Expenditures				
Source of Funds	**Amount**	**Account Codes**	**Contract**	**Vendor**
110	$16,000	Cost Center 330230 Account Code 54601, Repair and Maintenance	N/A	N/A
110	$10,455	Cost Center 330230 Account Code 55201, Operating Supplies	N/A	N/A
Total Expenditures	$26,455			

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

6. Recommendation: That the Board approve the following allocation of Law Enforcement Trust (LET) Funds per the requirements of Florida Statute 932.7055(5) for Outside Agency partners in Escambia County for Fiscal Year 2024/2025:

   A. United Way of West Florida, Inc., in the amount of $7,000.

   Upon approval of these funding allocations, the Sheriff's Office will process all appropriate paperwork and submit for payment from LET Funds to the Escambia Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

   Funding Source: Law Enforcement Trust Fund-121, Cost Center-540103, Aids to Private Organizations-58201

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

7. Recommendation: That the Board accept for the record the Fiscal Year 2025, $25,000-$50,000 Purchasing Report for the Second Quarter, which ended March 31, 2025.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

8. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Amendment of the Agreement for Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant 5339 - Environmental Services for Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Center - #HS004 (P.D. 24-25.030) between Escambia County, Florida, and PPM Consultants, Inc.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

9. Recommendation: In accordance with Section 46-139 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances and consistent with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) acquisition requirements, the Board either approve, via super-majority vote, or deny the following action regarding the acquisition of real property for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Voluntary Home Buyout (HMGP-VHB):

A. Authorize the purchase of the following parcels in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the Contract for Sale and Purchase, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Guidelines:

Property Owner	Property Address	Parcel Size	Purchase Price
Brandon Nelson	10000 Bristol Park Road	0.89 Acres	$446,500
Bret and D'Anna Redleski	2046 Silverado Court	0.21 Acres	$264,500
Cara and Michaela Hankins	9750 Harlington Court	0.24 Acres	$347,500
Marcia Stewart, Mark McMillen, and Melissa McMillen	8703 Scenic Hills Drive	0.31 Acres	$395,750

B. Approve the Contracts for Sale and Purchase for the acquisition of real property in the HMGP-VHB program;

C. Authorize the payment of documentary stamps and recording fees, pursuant to HMGP guidelines; and

D. Authorize the County Attorney's Office to prepare and the Chair or Vice Chair to execute, subject to legal review and sign-off, any documents necessary to complete these acquisitions without further action of the Board.

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Funds are available as indicated below:

Fund	Cost Center	Object Code	Project No.	Description	Project Name
112	210138	56301	FDEM4564	FDEM HMPG 4564 Grant 4564-031-R	Bristol Park
112	210139	56301	4564032R	FDEM HMPG 4564 Grant 4564-032-R	County Wide Acquisitions
112	210140	56301	4564024R	FDEM HMPG 4564 Grant 4564-024-R	Sagebrush
112	210143	56301	4486017R	COVID 19 HMGP Grant 4456-017-R	Escambia Co Pensacola and Cantonment Acquisitions
128	210151	56301		CDBG -DR Rebuild Florida Voluntary - Voluntary Home Buyout	Match 10%

Motion: Move the item A through D
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: carries unanimously
Speaker(s): D'Anna Redleski and Chris Curb

10. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for Appraisal Services for Residential Property Acquisitions, PD 23-24.093:

A. Approve the Amendment of Agreement for Property Appraisal Services, PD 23-24.093, for The Urban Group, Inc., in the amount of $14,024.88;

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Amendment of Agreement; and

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
The Urban Group, Inc.	Fund 112, Cost Center 210138, FDEM HMGP 4564 Grant 4564-031-R, Object Code 53101, PN FDEM4564 – Bristol Park Fund 112, Cost Center 210139, FDEM HMGP 4564 Grant 4504-032R, Object Code 53101, PN 4564032R – County-Wide Acquisition Fund 112, Cost Center 210140, FDEM HMGP 4564 Grant 4564-024-R, Object Code 53101, PN 4564024R - Sagebrush Fund 112, Cost Center 210143, COVID-19 HMGP Grant 4456-017-R, Object Code 53101, PN 4486017R – Escambia County Pensacola and Cantonment Acquisitions Fund 128, Cost Center 210151, CDBG-DR of Rebuild Florida-Voluntary Home Buyout, Object Code 53101 – County Match	$14,024.88	PD 23-24.093

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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C. Approve and authorize the Chair or County Administrator or his designee to sign, subject to legal review and sign-off, any subsequent agreements and program-related documents for this project that do not alter the finite terms of funding amounts or budgets.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

11. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the issuance of a Purchase Order to HDR Engineering, Inc., on Contract PD 23-24.010, "Professional Services," for the Engineering Department:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of $271,580.28, for Engineering Design Services for Fiber Optic Installation - Pensacola Boulevard from "W" Street to Brent Lane (Phase II Segment A, 1.5 miles), and West Fairfield Drive from West Texar Drive to Mobile Highway (Phase II Segment 2B, 3.0 miles); and

Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
HDR Engineering, Inc.	Fund 001, General Fund, Cares Reimbursed, Cost Center 110190, Professional Services, Object Code 53101	$271,580.28	PD 23-24.010, "Professional Services"
Total Cost		**$271,580.28**	

B. Approve and authorize the Chair or County Administrator or his designee, subject to legal review and sign-off, to execute program-related documents required for services and any subsequent documents that do not exceed Board approval thresholds or established policy.

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The Fiber Optic Installation - Pensacola Boulevard from "W" Street to Brent Lane (Phase II Segment A, 1.5 miles) and West Fairfield Drive from West Texar Drive to Mobile Highway (Phase II Segment 2B, 3.0 miles) is located in Commission Districts 2 and 3.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

12. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the filing of new traffic restrictions - two parking prohibitions and four speed reductions - per the requirements of Ordinance #2003-26, which authorizes the County Engineer to place restrictions on the movement of traffic on County roadways and streets:

A. Adopt the Resolutions establishing the parking prohibitions on Confederate Drive (District 3) [R2025-34] and University Parkway (District 5) [R2025-35];

B. Adopt the Resolutions establishing speed reductions on Country Place Circle (District 5) [R2025-36], Steeplechase Boulevard (District 1), Paddock Way (District 1), and Alydar Loop (District 1) [R2025-37]; and

C. Authorize the Chair to execute the Resolutions.

Funding: Fund 175, Transportation Trust Fund, Cost Center 211201, Object Code 53401, Sign Installations.

These roads are located in Commission Districts 1, 3, and 5.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

13. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Recommendations:

A. Approve the recommended Escambia County Opioid Abatement Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

B. Approve the recommended Escambia County Opioid Abatement Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and authorize the Governmental Liaison to publish it to the public and receive applications.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

14. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Awards for the Opioid Abatement Funding:

A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and The Waterfront Rescue Mission, Inc., in the amount of $338,878;

B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement;

C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order, in the amount of $338,878, to The Waterfront Rescue Mission, Inc., and

Community Partner	Funding Source	Amount Allocated
The Waterfront Rescue Mission, Inc.	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$338,878

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D. Approve and authorize the Chair or County Administrator or his designee to sign, subject to legal review and sign-off, any subsequent agreements and program-related documents for this project that do not alter the finite terms of funding amounts or budgets.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

15. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the termination of the Agreement with Open Meeting Technologies, LLC:

A. Authorize the termination of the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Open Meeting Technologies, LLC, for a platform application to visually manage legislative meetings due to incompatibility issues found during the implementation phase;

B. Authorize the County Administrator to sign and submit a Notice of Termination to Open Meeting Technologies, LLC; and

C. Authorize the payment of $4,583.33 to Open Meetings Technologies, LLC, for prorated setup and subscription fees.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Cost Center 110201, Non-Departmental Admin, Object Code 55403, SBITA- Agreements.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

16. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the contract approval for Demolition and Concrete Slab Construction for the Road Department utilizing PD-24-25.063:

A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Eric Shaffer Contracting, LLC for Demolition and Concrete Slab Construction for the Road Department Pre-Engineered Metal Building, per the terms and conditions of PD 24-25.063, in the amount of $342,000;

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Agreement; and

C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to issue and sign a Purchase Order in the amount of $342,000, to Eric Shaffer Contracting, LLC for the Demolition and Concrete Slab Construction for the Road Department Pre-Engineered Metal Building.

Vendor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
Eric Shaffer Contracting, LLC	Fund 401 (Solid Waste) Cost Center 230315 (Projects) Object Code 56201 (Buildings)	$342,000	PD 24-25.063

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 16, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

III. FOR DISCUSSION

1. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion concerning the Fire/MSBU.

Disposition: No action taken. **For Information:** Eric Gilmore, Public Safety Director, Stephan Hall, Finance Director, and Fire Chief Adam Harrison held a presentation discussing the history of fire assistance in Escambia County and a brief overview of potential changes to MSBUs and MSTUs. The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the limitations of MSBUs and MSTUs, budgeting associated with Fire Protection Services, staffing for current fire stations, and the effects an MSBU would have on commercial and beach property owners. The Board also requested County Attorney Rogers and County Administrator Moreno work with each Commissioner and Director Hall to expeditiously bring the item back to a future meeting.
Speaker(s): Rod Clark, Judy Otero, Michael K. Pinzone, Sharon Regan, Jesse Penico, Robert Gleim, and Larry Downs, Jr.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Alison Rogers, County Attorney

I. FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the following documents pertaining to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program:

   A. Resolution [R2025-38] Authorizing a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Within the Limits of the County; and

   B. Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement between the Florida Resiliency and Energy District (FRED) and Escambia County.

Motion: Move the item
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Larry Downs, Jr.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Continued

I. FOR ACTION – Continued

2. Recommendation: That the Board authorize the scheduling of a private session with its attorneys to discuss pending litigation, in accordance with Section 286.011(8), Fla. Stat., in the case of Eager Beaver Professional Tree Care, LLC v. Escambia County, Florida, Case No.: 2020 CA 000328, for Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., and approve a public notice advertising the session to be published in the *Pensacola News Journal* on Thursday, April 17, 2025, as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

IT IS THE INTENTION of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida to hold a private session with its attorneys to discuss pending litigation in the case of Eager Beaver Professional Tree Care, LLC v. Escambia County, Florida, Case No.: 2020 CA 000328, in accordance with Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. At the conclusion of the private session, the Board will reconvene to announce the termination of the session and may take formal action. Such attorney/client session will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, in the Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida. Commissioners Mike Kohler, Ashlee Hofberger, Steve Stroberger, Lumon J. May, and Steven Barry, County Administrator Wes Moreno, County Attorney Alison P. Rogers, and Senior Assistant County Attorney William L. Nelson will attend. A certified court reporter will attend and report the attorney/client session.

Motion: Move the item
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hofberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner May abstaining and filing Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers

3. Recommendation: That the Board approve a total settlement payment of $125,000 to be paid and distributed to Plaintiff's counsel for Melissa Johnston in settlement of all claims, including medical expenses, injuries, property damage, legal fees, and costs, in exchange for the execution of a General Release and Hold Harmless Agreement [in the case of *Melissa Johnston v. Escambia County*, Case No. 2023 CA 002625].

Motion: Move item 3
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Continued

II. **FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Recommendation: That the Board further discuss establishing an Escambia County Bay Center and Environs Advisory Committee as discussed at a Committee of the Whole Workshop on April 3, 2025.

Disposition: No action taken **For information:** Chairman Kohler advised this item was dropped pending further discussion on the makeup of the Committee.
Speaker(s): Darien Schaefer

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kohler, Chair, declared the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: ______________________
Michael S. Kohler, Chair

ATTEST:
Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

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Deputy Clerk

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESCAMBIA CO., FL SEAL

Approved: May 1, 2025