

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

JUNE 20, 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
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Operations Supervisor, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Operations Manager, County Administrator's Office

Absent: Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, District 1

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

Minutes prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA NUMBER

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Kohler, Chair, called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Kohler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Advertisement of the Meeting

The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Operations Supervisor, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on June 12, 2025, in the Board's weekly meeting schedule.

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4. Items Added to the Agenda

For Information: There were no items added to the agenda.
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5. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger absent

FOR INFORMATION: Horace Jones, Development Services Director, led the Invocation and the Board held a brief Commissioners' Forum.

6. Board Items

- I. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Tourist Development Tax Revenue Note, Series 2025 financing certain capital improvements with the County:
 - A. Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a Resolution (the "Resolution") [R2025-58 and R2025-59] authorizing the issuance by the County not exceeding \$25,100,000 in aggregate principal amount of its Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Revenue Note, Series 2025, to provide funds to finance certain capital improvements within the county, more specifically located at the John R. Jones Park and Sports Arena; and
 - B. Authorizing the award of the sale of the note; and
 - C. Authorizing the execution and delivery of the form of the attached loan agreement between the county and the purchaser of the note (Synovus Bank); providing for repeal of inconsistent provisions; providing for severability and providing for an effective date; and
 - D. Authorize any additional signatures as may be required for the issuance of the Tourist Development Tax Revenue Note, Series 2025 not exceeding \$25,100,000 in aggregate principal amount.

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The annual debt service for the bank loan shall be paid from TDT funding (1-2 Cent and 5th Cent TDT) with a structured level annual debt service of approximately \$2.495 Million over an approximate 15-year period which ends on October 1, 2039.

Motion: Move item I, A through D

For Information: Michael Rhodes, Parks and Recreation Director, provided comments regarding safety standards and the anticipated return on investment (ROI) related to the project, as well as the projected timeline. Ray Palmer, Pensacola Sports, also spoke on the ROI and how those numbers were produced, analyzed, and reported.

Made by: Commissioner Barry

Seconded by: Commissioner May

Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger absent

Speaker(s): Melissa Pino

- II. Recommendation: That the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the proposed rate resolution [R2025-61] amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment rates referencing the Statewide Medicaid Hospital Directed Payment Program (Hospital DPP) between Escambia County Local Provider Participation Fund (107) and Low Income Pool Charity Care Program (LIP) and the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA).

The proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 rates will allow the Escambia County participating hospitals to maximize their annual reimbursements from the Statewide Medicaid Hospital Directed Payment Program and AHCA.

The computation of the annual hospital assessment will change from 5.47% of net outpatient revenue to 3.11% of gross inpatient revenue and 0.80% of gross outpatient revenue for each assessed hospital property.

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LPPF Participating Hospitals:

Sacred Heart Health System, Inc.

Baptist Health Care, Inc.

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Pensacola, LLC

West Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc.

Select Specialty Hospital Pensacola, Inc.

Motion: Move to accept the recommendation concerning the Amended Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Statewide Medicaid Hospital Directed Payment Program
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Made by: Commissioner May

Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
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Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger absent
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Speaker(s): Rachel Rexford

III. Recommendation: That the Board support the annual "Day of Caring" on Friday, October 24, 2025, sponsored by the United Way of Escambia County, as a public purpose, thereby authorizing:

- A. Employees participating will receive Administrative Leave for each hour they participate, up to a maximum of eight hours;
- B. Employees who normally work Monday through Thursday, four, 10-hour days, would receive straight-time Compensatory Leave for each hour they participate instead of getting paid overtime, unless payment is otherwise in accordance with Collective Bargaining Agreements; and
- C. If their participation lasts less than four hours, the employees are expected to return to work.

Motion: Move the item, A through C

Made by: Commissioner Barry

Seconded by: Commissioner May

Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger absent
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7. Supplemental County Attorney's Report

I. Action Items

1. Recommendation: That the Board authorize the scheduling of a public hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 5:33 p.m. to consider adopting a Resolution to rescind Resolution R2003-79, which provided an apportionment formula and assessment rates for fire protection services for areas of Santa Rosa Island located within the unincorporated areas of Escambia County.

Motion: Move the County Attorney's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Stroberger absent

2. Recommendation: That the Board authorize the scheduling of a public hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 5:34 p.m. to consider adopting a Resolution to amend Resolution R2003-71, as amended, to increase the assessment rates for fire protection services for all properties in the unincorporated areas of Escambia County with the exception of Santa Rosa Island.

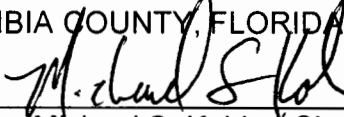
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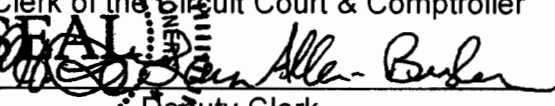
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kohler, Chair, declared the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Michael S. Kohler, Chair

ATTEST:

Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

Approved: July 10, 2025