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

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Present: Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair, District 4
Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, Vice Chair, District 1
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, District 2
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
Ashley Danner, Office Assistant IV, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Operations 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 9:15 a.m.

2. Invocation

   Pastor Gary Porter of Encounter Church Pensacola delivered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

   Commissioner Hofberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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: Move to adopt the agenda
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously

6. Rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair.

For Information: The Board witnessed the rotation of the new Chair, Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, District 4, and Vice Chair, Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, District 1. Outgoing Chair Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, District 2, provided brief comments, and Commissioner Hofberger, Chair, presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Board.

7. Commissioners' Forum:

A. District 2 – Commissioner Kohler provided comments;

B. District 5 – Commissioner Barry provided comments;

C. District 3 – Commissioner May provided comments;

D. District 1 – Commissioner Stroberger provided comments; and

E. District 4 – Commissioner Hofberger provided comments.

8. Proclamations.

I. Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Proclamation honoring the life of Jesse Casey and extending deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Motion: Move the Proclamations
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Sally Jo Casey

REGULAR BCC AGENDA – Continued

9. 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:

   The *Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule October 13, 2025, through October 17, 2025,* as published in the *Pensacola News Journal* on October 9, 2025.

Motion: So moved
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 Investment Portfolio Summary Report for the month ended September 30, 2025, as required by Ordinance Number 95-13. On September 30, 2025, the portfolio market value was $553,913,756. The short-term portfolio achieved a yield of 4.35%. The long-term CORE portfolio achieved a yield of 3.93%.

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

CLERK & COMPTROLLER'S REPORT – Continued

I. CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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

    - Total collections received in October 2025 were $1,573,795 compared to $1,655,729 in October 2024. A comparison of October 2025 to October 2024 is a 4.9% decrease.

    - Year-to-date collections for FY2026 are $1,573,795 compared to $1,655,729 for FY2025.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
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 November 6, 2025; and

    B. Approve the Minutes of the Regular BCC Meeting held November 6, 2025.

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

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

   December 11, 2025

   A. 5:45 p.m. - A Public Hearing - Small Scale Amendment - 6505 Highway 29 North and 6490 Highway 29 North - SSA-2025-07

   Summary: This Ordinance is changing the Future Land Use on the above-mentioned parcels from Rural Community (RC) to Mixed-Use Urban (MU-U).

Motion: Move the item
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 Interlocal Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) pertaining to a Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project relating to the Huntington Creek and Twin Spires Plantation Joint Lift Station Improvement MSBU.

   Funds for the design, construction and engineering inspection (CEI) are available in Fund 177, MSBU Assessment Program — Huntington Creek Twin Spires Lift Station Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU), Cost Center 142065, Object Code 58101, Aids to Government Agency, via the MSBU Ordinance, and initial project cost has been provided through an interfund loan from LOST IV to the MSBU Fund and will be reimbursed from annual MSBU assessments.

   This MSBU Project is located in District 1.

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

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreement for Outside Agencies:

   A. Approve the following Miscellaneous Appropriations Agreement for Civil Legal Aid Services with the following organization to be paid from Fund 115, Article V Fund, Cost Center 410802, Account 58201:

      Northwest Florida Legal Services, Inc., in the amount of $62,344;

   B. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement and all other necessary documents; and

   C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign the necessary Purchase Order related to the Agreement.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

2. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the issuance of a Purchase Order, in excess of $50,000, to the District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College Florida to be used for tuition for Paramedic students:

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount
The District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College Florida Vendor #162818	Fund 408, Emergency Medical Services, Cost Center 330302, EMS Operations	$76,000

The funding required is available in the Fund 408 Budget.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

3. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the issuance of two Purchase Orders, in excess of $50,000, to Hamilton Medical, Inc.:

   A. Approve the use of Sole Source Solicitation SS #PS 2526.001 to purchase medical equipment (see attached solicitation summary);

   B. Authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order in the amount of $70,269.60, to Hamilton Medical, Inc., for the purpose of purchasing three T-1 Ventilators; and

   C. Authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Blanket Purchase Order in the amount of $65,000, to Hamilton Medical, Inc., for medical supplies for Fiscal Year 2026.

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Hamilton Medical, Inc. Vendor #429192	Fund 408, Emergency Medical Services, Cost Center 330302, EMS Operations	$70,269.60	SS #PS 2526.001
Hamilton Medical, Inc. Vendor #429192	Fund 408, Emergency Medical Services, Cost Center 330302, EMS Operations	$65,000	SS #PS 2526.001
	Total	$135,269.60	

The funding required is available in the Fund 408 Budget.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

4. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the issuance of a Purchase Order, in excess of $50,000, to Zoll Medical Corporation:

   A. Approve the use of Sole Source #SS PS 25-26.002 to purchase 75 upgraded Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators;

   B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order in the amount of $1,200,000 to Zoll Medical Corporation, for the purchase of 75 Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators, using Quote #Q-114648 Version 5, for use in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division of Public Safety; and

   C. Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution [R2025-128] approving SBA-26013 in the amount of $1,200,000.

Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
Zoll Medical Corporation Vendor #250205	Fund 408, Emergency Medical Services Cost Center 330302	$1,200,000	SS PS 25-26.002

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The “balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

5. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action regarding PD 24-25.071, Inmate Commissary and Banking Services, to provide commissary and banking services for the Escambia County Corrections:

   A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to execute the Agreement, PD 24-25.071, between Escambia County, Florida, and Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, per the terms and conditions of PD 24-25.071. The Agreement has an estimated annual value of $85,200.00 with an effective date of December 1, 2025;

   B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to issue and sign an Administrative Change Order to Purchase Order #260355, which has been executed between Escambia County, Florida, and Keefe Commissary Network, LLC. This Administrative Change Order will add contractual terms related to PD 24-25.071, Inmate Commissary and Banking and cancel contract terms for PD 18-19.102, Inmate Commissary and Banking Services, effective December 1, 2025; and

   C. Approve the cancellation of PD 18-19.102, which PD 24-25.071 will replace.

   Funding: Fund 111, Detention/Jail Commissary; Revenue Account 342302.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

6. Recommendation: That the Board approve the following allocations 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 2025-2026:

   A. West Florida High School Justice Jags, Inc. in the amount of $1,500;

   B. Transitioning Thru Trauma To Triumph in the amount of $2,500;

   C. Youths Left Behind, Corp., in the amount of $10,000;

   D. Valerie's House, Inc., in the amount of $6,000;

   E. Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWF, Inc., in the amount of $2,000;

   F. West Florida High School Baseball Booster Club in the amount of $1,500; and

   G. The Watson Family Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $10,000.

   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, Object Code 58201, Aids to Private Organizations.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

7. Recommendation: That the Board approve a waiver of the Tuition Reimbursement Policy to allow the following individuals reimbursement for classes completed in Fiscal Year 2025 using Fiscal Year 2026 Tuition Reimbursement funds. The reimbursement amount will be applied towards each employee's Fiscal Year 2026 Tuition Reimbursement limit.

   Employees:

   A. Boutwell, Hunter — $990.00 to be applied towards his Fiscal Year 2026 $2,400 total

   B. Wright, Miles — $1,600 to be applied towards his Fiscal Year 2026 $2,400 total.

   Funding is available in Cost Center 150103, Object Code 55501.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

8. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for Design Services John R. Jones Stadium Complex Upgrades - Re-Solicit Project, PD 24-25.140, to Waggoner Engineering, Inc.:

   A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Waggoner Engineering, Inc., per the terms and conditions of the Design Services John R. Jones Stadium Complex Upgrades - Re-Solicit Project, PD 24-25.140, in the amount of $709,065;

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

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C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order, in the amount of $709,065, to Waggoner Engineering, Inc.; and

Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
Waggoner Engineering, Inc.	Fund 312, Series 2025 TDT Note Cost Center 350240, John R Jones Stadium Object Code 56301, Improvements Other than Buildings	$709,065	PD 24-25.140

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.

The John R. Jones Stadium Complex Upgrades Project is located in Commission District 3.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

9. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action regarding the Purchase Orders for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Transportation Services and Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Services:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to issue and sign the Purchase Order, for Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to issue and sign the Purchase Order, for ADA Paratransit trips for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

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Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Innovative Transport & Solutions, LLC (ITL)	Paratransit Transportation Disadvantaged Services (TD) Fund 104, Mass Transit Cost Center 320406, Paratransit Services	$1,119,060	PD 21-22.111
Innovative Transport & Solutions, LLC (ITL)	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Transportation Services	$719,588	PD 21-22.112

Funding will be available in Fund 104, Mass Transit, Cost Center 320406, Paratransit Services.

Motion: Move the item **For information:** The Board held a brief discussion regarding the current and expected uses of transit services in the County, rates, and hours of operation.
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Carolyn Grawi

10. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue a Purchase Order, in the amount of $700,000 to Abacus Service Corporation:

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Abacus Service Corporation Vendor #431375	Fund 104, Mass Transit Cost Center 320431 Object Code, 53401	$700,000	PD 24-25.091

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

11. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to issue and sign the blanket and/or individual Purchase Orders for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, in excess of $50,000, for the Mass Transit Department.

Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Blue Arbor Inc	Temporary Labor Services Fund 104, Mass Transit Cost Center, 320431, Object Code, 53401	$200,000	PD 24-25.091
Eagle Cleaning Service Inc	Janitorial Services Fund 104, Mass Transit Cost Center 320401 Object Code, 53401	$105,067	PD 23-24.021

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Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The “balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

12. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Fixed-Route Service Redesign 2025, PD 24-25.129:

A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Alfred Benesch and Company (Company), per the terms and conditions of PD 24-25.129, Fixed-Route Service Redesign 2025;

B. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the Agreement; and

C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to Alfred Benesch and Company, in the amount of $174,792.40.

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Alfred Benesch and Company	Fund 104, Mass Transit, Cost Center, TBD	$174,792.40	PD 24-25.129

Motion: Move to drop the item and bring it back **For information:** The Board discussed bringing the item back once more data was collected from the pilot program.
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Carolyn Grawi and Larry Downs, Jr.

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

13. Recommendation: That the Board approve the first of two possible 12-month renewals of the Interlocal Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and the Santa Rosa Island Authority relating to animal control officer services on Santa Rosa Island.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Cost Center 250207, Account 51201.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

14. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the purchase of one 2026 Ford Expedition Active for the Corrections Department:

A. Authorize the use of Florida Sheriff's Contract #FSA25-VEL33.0; and

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order, in the amount of $57,274, to Duval Ford for one 2026 Ford Expedition Active.

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract #
Duval Ford (Vendor #042807)	Fund 352, LOST III Cost Center 290407 Object Code 56402 Project #14SH2738	One – 2026 Ford Expedition Active at $57,274	Florida Sheriff's Contract #FSA25-VEL33.0

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

15. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the purchase of one PSA 2000 Environmental Coating Applicator for the Waste Services Department:

A. Approve the use of Sole Source Solicitation SS #PW 25-26.003 (see attached solicitation summary); and

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to Environmental Products, LLC, for $189,292.02 for one PSA 2000 Environmental Coating Applicator for the Solid Waste Department.

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Environmental Products, LLC (Vendor #433250)	Fund 401 Cost Center 230314 Object Code 56401	$189,292.02	SS #PW 25-26.003

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The “balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

16. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the purchase of multiple vehicles for the Building Services Department:

A. Authorize the use of FSA Contract #FSA 25-VEL33.0; and

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign two Purchase Orders to Duval Ford; one in the amount of $95,936 for two 2026 Ford F150 XL Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks at $47,968 each, and one in the amount of $75,192 for two 2026 Ford Explorer 4x4 SUVs at $37,596 each for the Building Services Department.

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Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Duval Ford, LLC Vendor #042807	Fund 406 Cost Center 250111 Object Code 56402	$95,936 (two - 2026 Ford F150s at $47,968 each)	FSA 25-VEL33.0
Duval Ford, LLC Vendor #042807	Fund 406 Cost Center 250111 Object Code 56402	$75,192 (two — 2026 Ford Explorer SUVs at $37,596 each)	FSA 25-VEL33.0

C. That the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution [R2025-129] approving Supplemental Budget Amendment #SBA-26012, in the amount of $254,092 to appropriate funds to cover a deficit in the current budget due to purchase orders carried over from Fiscal Year 2024-25 for vehicles that are still in production and have not been received by the County for the Building Services Department.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The “balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

17. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the acceptance of a drainage easement for Southbay Drive Drainage Project:

A. Accept the donation of the 20-foot wide drainage easement from Publix Super Markets, Inc., a Florida corporation, for the Southbay Drive Drainage Project;

B. Authorize the payment of Documentary Stamps because the property is being donated for governmental use (drainage improvements) and the County and the citizens benefit from the acceptance of this property;

C. Authorize the payment of incidental expenditures associated with the recording of the documents; and

D. Authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to accept the Drainage Easement on the day of delivery to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman to acknowledge the Board's acceptance at that time.

This Drainage Easement is located in District 1.

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

18. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Issuance of a Purchase Order on Contract PD 23-24.109, General Agreement for Miscellaneous Bridge/Dock/Boat Ramp Rehabilitation and Construction, to Soule Construction, LLC, for the Bob Sikes Bridge Fender System and Guardrail Rehabilitation Project, Bridge #480123:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to Soule Construction, LLC, in the amount of $101,286; and

Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract No.
Soule Construction, LLC	Fund 167, Bob Sikes Toll Fund, Cost Center 140302, Object Code 56301	$101,286	PD 23-24.109

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B. 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 and do not exceed Board approval thresholds or established policy.

This project is located in Commission District 4.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

19. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to OnBikes Pensacola:

A. Find that the OnBikes Pensacola application for community support funds serves the community need for public health and welfare programs, youth services, and recreation and community development;

B. Adopt the public purpose through distributing new bicycles, helmets, and locks to underserved children as expressed in the attached application; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $2,000 for the listed expenditures in the application. Upon Board approval, OnBikes Pensacola has six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka and Larry Downs, Jr.

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

20. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to the Pensacola Alumni Charity Foundation:

A. Find that the Pensacola Alumni Charity Foundation application for community support funds serves the community need for food insecurities for families facing economic hardships;

B. Adopt the public purpose through serving a Thanksgiving meal as expressed in the attached application to provide for emotional and physical health; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $500 for the expenditures expressed in the application. Upon Board approval, the Pensacola Alumni Charity Foundation has six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

21. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to Sonshine's Community, Inc.:

A. Find that Sonshine's Community, Inc., application to community support funds serves the community need for nutritional hot meals for families facing economic hardships and dealing with food insecurities during the holiday season;

B. Adopt the public purpose through serving a Thanksgiving meal as expressed in the attached application to provide for emotional and physical wellbeing; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $1,500 for the listed expenditures in the application. Upon Board approval, Sonshine's Community, Inc., has six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

22. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to Believe in Me, Inc.:

A. Find that the Believe in Me, Inc., application for community support funds serves the community need for underserved youth ages 8 to 18 by providing mentorship, academic support, and structured enrichment activities;

B. Adopt the public purpose through prevention and early intervention as expressed in the attached application; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $1,000 for the expenditures expressed in the application. Upon Board approval, Believe in Me, Inc., has six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

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23. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to Booker T. Washington Girls Basketball:

A. Find that the Booker T. Washington Girls Basketball application for community support funds that serves the community need for public health, youth services, and recreation and community development;

B. Adopt the public purpose through teaching and coaching as expressed in the attached application; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $1,000 for the expenditures expressed in the application. Upon Board approval, Booker T. Washington Girls Basketball has six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

24. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning a funding allocation to Golden Elite Track and Field:

A. Find that the Golden Elite Track and Field application for community support funds serves the community need for a safe and positive environment and constructive program for youth in Pensacola which benefits the wellbeing of our community;

B. Adopt the public purpose through prevention as well as early intervention as expressed in the attached application; and

C. Approve the use of community support funds in the amount of $1,000 for the expenditures expressed in the application. Upon Board approval, Golden Elite Track and Field will have six months from this date to submit any additional documentation requested for payment. After six months, this Board action is invalid.

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Funding: Fund 001, General Fund, Board of County Commissioners District 3 Discretionary Money, Cost Center 110113, Object Code 58201.

Motion: Move 19 through 24
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Mary G. Konopka

25. Recommendation: That the Board approve Administrative Budget Amendment #ABA-25205, in the amount of $754,232, to cover personnel shortages in various funds and cost centers for ending Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Funding is available within each of the listed funds, and there is no change to the total Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

26. Recommendation: That the Board approve the first of two possible one-year renewals for PD 21-22.119, Temporary Health Staffing for Corrections between Escambia County, Florida and the following vendors:

1. 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.
2. Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.
3. Compu-Vision Consulting, Inc.
4. Cell Staff, LLC
5. Health Advocates Network, Inc.
6. Medical Staffing Services, Inc.
7. Adelphi Medical Staffing, LLC

Funding is available in Fund 001 General Fund, Cost Center 290402, Inmate Medical.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

27. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement:

A. Approve the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement between the State of Florida, the Department of State, and the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, for and on behalf of the West Florida Public Library System;

B. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with Section (40) Mandated Conditions, that "This Agreement shall be construed, performed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws and rules of Florida. Venue of location for any legal action arising under this Agreement will be Leon County, Florida";

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C. Authorize the Chair to sign the Certification of Hours; and

D. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, if necessary, to sign any documents needed for the completion of this Grant.

The State Aid to Libraries Program provides annual funding to eligible recipients for the operation and maintenance of public libraries. The funds will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget for the West Florida Public Libraries when received.

Motion: Move the balance **For information:** The "balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 1 through 27, with the exception of items 6, 8 through 10, 12, 17, and 19 through 24, which were held for separate votes, as amended to drop item 13.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kohler
Disposition: Carried unanimously

III. FOR DISCUSSION

1. 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 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 parcel 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
Michael Smith and Zoila Smith	7122 Dale Street	0.39 Acres	$159,000

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

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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.

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 May
Disposition: Carried unanimously

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

III. FOR DISCUSSION – Continued

2. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion concerning a donation in the amount of $5,000 to the Downtown Improvement Board for the New Year's fireworks.

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

3. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion concerning support for the designation of a portion of Navy Boulevard between Duncan Road and Gulf Beach Highway to Warrior Sacrifice Way.

Motion: I'd like to amend the request to Warrior Way, and that'll be my motion
Made by: Commissioner Kohler **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Lisa Rogers, Mary G. Konopka, and Shirley Green

4. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion on hiring a firm to evaluate and make recommendations to maximize the efficiency of the County's operations with the goal of achieving the rollback rate with the least impact to the community.

Motion: No action taken **For information:** The Board held a robust discussion regarding the timing of potentially hiring an outside auditor to look at the County's efficiency, and the effect different possible changes would have on the quality of life of the citizenry in the Community.
Speaker(s): Lisa Rogers, Chris Curb, and Larry Downs, Jr.

5. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning RFA 2025-201 – Housing Credit Financing for Affordable Housing Developments Located in Small and Medium Counties through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC):

A. Discuss and select any or all of the submitted applications to receive local government support under FHFC RFA 2025-201;

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DEVELOPMENT NAME	SITE ADDRESS	COMMISSIONER DISTRICT	CRA AREA	TYPE	UNITS	MAX AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)
Keystone Place	2800 Hollywood Avenue	3	Palafox	Elderly	105	80%
Leah Gardens	625 Olive Road	3	N\A	Family	84	70%
Warrington Senior Living	701 South Old Corry Field Road	2	Warrington	Elderly	96	60%

B. Designate one of the aforementioned approved applications as the Local Government Area of Opportunity (LGAO), which will qualify for the enhanced local government contribution amount; and

C. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the applicable Local Government Contribution of Loan Form(s), as well as any other required documentation needed for the process, for the selected development(s), reflecting the appropriate contribution amounts:

- $37,500 for each approved development receiving standard local government support (one or more)

- $460,000 for the development designated as the LGAO (only one)

Funding — The Escambia County Housing Finance Authority (ECHFA) has agreed to provide funding for the $37,500 contribution amount for any of the selected developments. In addition, ECHFA will fund the $460,000 contribution if the Leah Gardens Development is designated as the LGAO, as this project was previously approved under a separate RFA through their Board.

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Should the Board select a different development for the LGAO designation, SHIP (Fund 120 - multiple cost centers) to fund the set aside for rental development may be utilized to cover the $460,000 contribution. In that case, the assistance would be secured through a Deferred Payment Loan.

Motion: Move Warrington for the ranking **For information:** The Board held a lengthy discussion about the applications submitted for potential affordable housing developments.
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously
Speaker(s): Carol Lewis, Oscar Paul, Oscar Sol, Michael Liebeno, Fred Gunther, Kevin Troup, and Lisa Bernau

6. Recommendation: That the Board hold a discussion concerning the topics to be addressed during Committee of the Whole Workshops in 2026.

Motion: No action taken **For information:** The Board briefly discussed the process of selection and potential topics for Committee of the Whole Workshops in the first quarter of 2026.
Made by: Commissioner **Seconded by:** Commissioner
Disposition:

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Alison Rogers, County Attorney

I. FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation: That the Board:

   A. Authorize the rescheduling of the public hearings previously approved at its November 6, 2025, Board of County Commissioners meeting to now be held on December 11, 2025, at times to be determined by County Administration staff; and

   B. Authorize these public hearings to be readvertised in the Pensacola News Journal on Thursday, November 20, 2025, to reflect the new date and times.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner May **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried unanimously

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None.

FOR INFORMATION: After reconvening Public Forum at the end of the Regular Meeting, the Board held a lengthy discussion regarding Public Easements on properties referenced by the final speakers. The Board directed staff to meet with the property owners to determine if there was a way to help ease the burden of the easements on them, and also to immediately cease issuing particular citations and requiring property owners to move fences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hofberger, Chair, declared the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: ______________________
Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair

ATTEST:
Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

SEAL
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA CO. FL

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Deputy Clerk

Approved: December 11, 2025