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

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Present: Commissioner Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair, District 4
Commissioner Steven R. Stroberger, Vice Chair, District 1
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Debbie Bowers, Assistant 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

Absent: Commissioner Michael S. Kohler, District 2

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 Hofberger, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:56 a.m.

2. Invocation

   Pastor Gary Porter of Encounter Church delivered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

   Commissioner Stroberger 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. The Board also discussed potentially rescheduling the March 5th Committee of the Whole Workshop, but did not reach a consensus.

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 Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

6. Commissioners' Forum:

A. District 5 – Commissioner Barry provided comments;

B. District 1 – Commissioner Stroberger provided comments; and

C. District 4 – Commissioner Hofberger provided comments.

7. Proclamations.

I. Recommendation: That the Board:

A. Ratify the Proclamation commending and congratulating Floyd D. Heist, Jr., on his 35 years of service in the Road Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department; and

B. Ratify the Proclamation congratulating Margaret Allyson Lindsay on her 36 years of service in the Development Services Department.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent
Speaker(s): None

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:

   The *Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule February 16, 2026, through February 20, 2026,* as published in the *Pensacola News Journal* on February 12, 2026.

Motion: Move to waive the reading
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

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 December 2025 returns received in the month of January 2026, as prepared by the Treasury Department of the Clerk and Comptroller's Office.

   - Total collections received in January 2026 were $880,821 compared to $891,761 in January 2025. A comparison of January 2026 to January 2025 is a 1.2% decrease.

   - Year-to-date collections for FY2026 are $5,080,466 compared to $5,128,385 for FY2025. A comparison of FY2026 to FY2025 is a .9% decrease.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

2. 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 February 5, 2026; and

   B. Approve the Minutes of the Regular BCC meeting held February 5, 2026.

Motion: Move the Clerk's Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

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

I. FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation: That the Board review and approve a Hold Harmless Agreement with Mark R. Miedecke and Susan Miedecke, for construction of a seawall at 10196 Noriega Lane, Parcel I.D. #02-1S-29-2000-156-001, which will serve to hold the County, its officers and employees, harmless from any damages to persons or property that may result from authorized construction.

Motion: Move the Growth Management Report
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

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

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board approve the Request for Disposition of Property Forms for the Natural Resources Management Department for property, which is described and listed on the Request Forms, with the reason for disposition stated. The items have been found to be of no further usefulness to the County and will be disposed of properly.

Motion: Move the Technical/Public Service Consent [Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

2. Recommendation: That the Board approve the Request for Disposition of Property Forms by the Public Works Department for the equipment which is described and listed on the Disposition Forms, with the Reason for Disposition stated. The items are to be disposed of properly.

Motion: Move the Technical/Public Service Consent [Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

I. TECHNICAL/PUBLIC SERVICE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

3. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Federally Funded Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Delegation of Authority to delegate the County Administrator, Wesley J. Moreno, and Assistant County Administrator, Debbie Bowers, as the Certifying Officer for Escambia County.

Motion: Move the Technical/Public Service Consent [Agenda]
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning Amendment #2 to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Program Grant Agreement #24SRP05:

A. Accept and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #2 to the FDEP Resilient Florida Program Grant Agreement #24SRP05 for the implementation of the Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project along Sherman Inlet and White Island, that will increase the funding agreement by the amount of $359,670 and increase the period of performance to December 31,. 2026. Amendment #2 replaces Attachment 1 with Attachment 1-A, Attachment 2-A with Attachment 2-B, Attachment 3-A with Attachment 3-B, Attachment 4 with Attachment 4-A, Attachment 5 with Attachment 5-A, Attachment 6 with Attachment 6-A, and replaces Exhibit A with Exhibit A-1. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in effect;

B. Authorize the Chair to execute, subject to legal review and approval, any subsequent amendments, no-cost extensions, change orders, or modifications to the award required for services related to this Project that do not exceed Board approval thresholds or established policy; and

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C. Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution [R2026-17] approving Supplemental Budget Amendment SBA-26031 Fund (118), in the amount of $359,670, to recognize the proceeds from Amendment #2 to the FDEP Resilient Florida Program Grant Agreement #24SRP05 and to appropriate these funds for the Construction and Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) of the Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project along Sherman Inlet and White Island.

Revenues			
Source of Funds	**Amount**	**Account Codes**	**Contract**
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	$359,670	Fund 118, Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, Revenue Account 334395, FDEP #24SRP05 Living Shore	Grant Award #24SRP05, Amendment #2
Total Revenue	$359,670		

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Expenditures			
Source of Funds	**Amount**	**Account Codes**	**Contract**
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	$105,000	Fund 118 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Coast Center 222052, Object Code 53101	Grant Award #24SRP05, Amendment #2
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	$254,670	Fund 118 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Coast Center 222052, Object Code 54601	Grant Award #24SRP05, Amendment #2
Total Expenditures	$359,670		

The Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project is located in Commission District 2.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner May
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent
Speaker(s): Kevin Wade, Melissa Pino, Christopher Curb, and Andrew Blewer

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

2. 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. Black Girlz Magic Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $1,500;

   B. Pensacola Alumni Charity Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $4,000;

   C. University of West Florida Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $7,000;

   D. 2Wins, Inc., in the amount of $2,500; and

   E. Booker T. Washington High School Baseball Booster Club, Inc., in the amount of $750;

   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 the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

3. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the issuance of a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp., in the amount of $68,402.35, for the Email Protection Renewal:

   A. Authorize the use of Omnia Contract # 2024056-02; and

   B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp.

Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
SHI International Corp. Vendor #193696 Email Protection Renewal Term: 03.13.2026 - 03.12.2027	Fund 001 Cost Center 270102 Object Code 55403	$68,402.35	Quote #27002753 Contract #Omnia Partners - IT Solutions 2024056-02

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

4. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Endpoint Protection Renewal:

   A. Authorize the use of Sourcewell — Technology Products & Solutions Contract #121923-SHI; and

   B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp., in the amount of $470,832.89, for the Endpoint Protection Renewal.

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Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
SHI International Corp. Vendor #193696 Endpoint Protection Renewal Term: 03.17.2026 - 03.16.2027	General Fund 001 Cost Center 270102 Object Code 55403	$470,832.89	Quote #27080497 Contract #121923-SHI Sourcewell - Technology Products & Solutions

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Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

5. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning Benefits Consulting Services:

   A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and USI Insurance Services, LLC, per the terms and conditions of PD 24-25.089, Insurance Brokerage and Consulting Services, for an annual fee of $125,000 for three years with two one-year renewal extensions; and

   B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of $62,500, to USI Insurance Services, LLC.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

6. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order for payment to USI Insurance Services, LLC, broker/agent of record, in the amount of $3,517,776 to place commercial property insurance through AmWins Brokerage of Alabama, LLC, for the period of March 1, 2026, through March 1, 2027.

Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount
USI Insurance Services, LLC	Fund 501, Internal Service Fund, Cost Center 140835, Object Code 54501	$3,517,776

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

7. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Awards for PD 25-26.024, Grounds Mowing and Trimming for Parks Department:

   A. Approve the award of Agreements, per the terms and conditions of PD 25-26.024, Grounds Mowing and Trimming for Parks Department, for a term of 12 months with the option of two additional 12-month renewals for a possible total of 36 months, between Escambia County, Florida, and each of the following vendors;

Vendor/Contractor	**Funding**	**Amount**	**Contract Number**
Russell Landscape Florida, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$1,080 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $43,200	Zone 1 PD 25-26.024
A Cut Above Landscaping, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$1,369 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $54,760	Zone 2 PD 25-26.024
The Wallace Company	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409 and 19PR819	$1,730.49 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $69,219.60	Zone 3 PD 25-26.024

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Gulf Coast Environmental Contractors, Inc.	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR819 and #19PR0409	\$2,870 per cut Annual Estimated Amount \$114,800	Zone 4 PD 25-26.024
B & P Construction of Northwest Florida, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	\$1,025 per cut Annual Estimated Amount \$41,000	Zone 5 PD 25-26.024
Hinote Property Works, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	\$950 per cut Annual Estimated Amount \$38,000	Zone 6 PD 25-26.024
Paul Douglas Guy DBA Paul Guy Landscaping	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409 and 19PR819	\$1,350 per cut Annual Estimated Amount \$54,120	Zone 7 PD 25-26.024

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Coastal Landscaping And Maintenance, Inc.	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$1,500 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $60,000	Zone 8 PD 25-26.024
South Baldwin Sports Turf, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$1,450 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $58,000	Zone 9 PD 25-26.024
Gulf Coast Environmental Contractors, Inc.	Fund 001, General Fund, Cost Center 350226, Parks Maintenance, Object Code 53401	$2,750 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $110,000	Zone 10 PD 25-26.024
B & P Construction of Northwest Florida, LLC	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$1,050 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $21,000	Zone 11 PD 25-26.024

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Vendor/Contractor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
NolanCo Property Assistance	Fund 353, LOST IV, Cost Center 350221, Parks Capital Projects, Object Code 53401, Project #19PR0409	$637 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $25,480	Zone 12 PD 25-26.024
Coastal Landscaping And Maintenance, Inc.	Fund 001, General Fund, Cost Center 350226, Parks Maintence, Object Code 53401	$1,500 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $13,500	Zone 13 PD 25-26.024
Russell Landscape Florida, LLC	Fund 151, Cost Center 370118, Object Code 53401	$1,575 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $31,500	Zone 14 PD 25-26.024
South Baldwin Sports Turf, LLC	Fund 110, Cost Center 220807, Object Code 53401, and Fund 118, Cost Center 222001, Object Code 53401, Project #NRDA0104	$400 per cut Annual Estimated Amount $16,000	Zone 15 PD 25-26.024

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

   C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign the Purchase Orders relating to the Agreements listed above.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

8. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Park License and Management Agreements for County athletic parks between Escambia County, Florida, and volunteer athletic associations:

   A. Approve each of the Agreements authorizing license and management of County-owned property for public recreation purposes with the following volunteer athletic organizations:

      1. Bellview Football Club at Bellview Park;

      2. Brent Athletics Associations, Inc. at Brent Athletic Park;

      3. Cantonment Football Club, Inc. at Cantonment Athletic Park;

      4. Ensley Youth Sports Association, Inc. at John R. Jones Park (football fields);

      5. Miracle League of Pensacola at John R. Jones Park;

      6. Molino Recreation Association at Cantonment Athletic Park (baseball fields);

      7. Molino Recreation Association at Don Sutton Park;

      8. Myrtle Grove Athletic Association at Myrtle Grove Park;

      9. Pensacola Beach Hockey League INC at Cowley Park;

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10. Pensacola Futbol Club, Inc. at Ashton Brosnaham Park;

11. Pensacola Men's Baseball League, Inc. at Bellview Park (Field 9);

12. Perdido Bay Futbol Club, Inc. at Baars Field;

13. Perdido Bay Futbol Club, Inc. at Southwest Escambia County Sports Complex Park;

14. Perdido Bay Youth Sports Association, Inc. at Southwest Escambia County Sports Complex Park;

15. Youth Association of NE Pensacola at John R. Jones Park (baseball/softball fields); and

B. Authorize the Chair to execute each of the 16 Park License and Management Agreements for the aforementioned volunteer athletic organizations, effective upon Board approval.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

9. Recommendation: That the Board take the following actions concerning the Contract Award for the Johnson Beach Information Signs, PD 25-26.032:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Triad Electric, LLC, for Design Services for Johnson Beach Information Signs, per the terms and conditions of PD 25-26.032, in the amount of $58,427.60;

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of $58,427.60, for Johnson Beach Information Signs to Triad Electric, LLC; and

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract
Triad Electric, LLC	Fund 001, General Fund Cost Center 310204, Facilities Priority One	$58,427.60	PD 25-26.032

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 item
Made by: Commissioner Stroberger **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent
Speaker(s): Melissa Pino and Kevin Wade

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

10. Recommendation: That the Board authorize payment of Escambia County's share, in the amount of $41,906.67, for the Summer Traffic Signal Monitoring between the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) and Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties:

TPO's Share = $62,860
Escambia County's Share = $41,906.67
Santa Rosa County's Share = $20,953.33

Expenditures		
Source of Funds	**Amount**	**Account Codes**
Fund 175, Transportation Trust Fund	$41,906.67	Cost Center 211201, Transportation and Traffic, Object Code 54901, Other Current Charges and Obligations
Total Expenditures	$41,906.67	

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

11. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for Professional Services, PD 23-24.010:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Gortemoller Engineering, Inc., per the terms and conditions of PD 23-24.010, Contract Award for Professional Services;

B. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Water Resource Associates, LLC, per the terms and conditions of PD 23-24.010.1, Contract Award for Professional Services; and

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C. Approve and authorize the department(s), in conjunction with the Office of Purchasing, to negotiate Task Orders according to Florida Statutes 287.055, "Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act" (A&E Services), on a project-by-project basis.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

12. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Contract Award for County Road (CR) 297A - CR 97 Alignment - Design Consulting Services, PD 24-25.149:

A. Approve the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida, and Volkert, Inc., per the terms and conditions of the CR 297A - CR 97 Alignment - Design Consulting Services, PD 24-25.149;

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

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II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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C. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order, in the amount of $399,374.60, to Volkert, Inc.

Vendor	Funding	Amount	Contract Number
Volkert, Inc.	Fund 352, LOST III, Cost Center 210107, Object Code 56301, Project #14EN3125	$399,374.60	PD 24-25.149

The project is located in Commission District 5.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

13. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) between Escambia County, Florida and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS), for the control of beaver, which impact stormwater treatment systems throughout Escambia County:

A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the CSA between Escambia County, Florida, and the United States Department of Agriculture APHIS WS; and

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 alert the finite terms of funding amounts or budgets.

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Continued

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

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

A. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Bright Bridges in the amount of $167,958.40;

B. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Health and Hope in the amount of $227,500;

C. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Hope Above Fear in the amount of $235,286;

D. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Lakeview AIM in the amount of $200,860.96;

E. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Ministry Village in the amount of $267,640;

F. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and Offentsive in the amount of $38,500;

G. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and YMCA in the amount of $55,048.37;

H. Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Escambia County, Florida and REAP in the amount of $249,788;

I. Approve and authorize a payment from Fund 122, Opioid Abatement Funding, Cost Center 110193, in the amount of $270,533 to the EMS Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) team; and

J. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign all necessary Purchase Orders.

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Community Partner	Funding Source	Amount Allocated
Bright Bridges	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$167,958.40
Health and Hope	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$227,500
Hope Above Fear	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$235,286
Lakeview AIM	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$200,860.96
Ministry Village	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$267,640
Offentsive	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$38,500
YMCA	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$55,048.37
REAP	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$249,788
EMS CORE	Fund 122, Cost Center 110193	$270,533

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** “The balance” refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

II. BUDGET/FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA – Continued

15. Recommendation: That the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution [R2026-18] approving Supplemental Budget Amendment #SBA-26033, Opioid Abatement Fund (122), in the amount of $1,349,731, recognizing proceeds from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds, and to appropriate these funds to be used for activities Opioid Recovery Activities as directed by the Opioid Abatement Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners.

Fund Number	**Fund Name**	**Revenue Code**	**Revenue Title**	**Amount**
122	Opioid Abatement	369350	Opioid Abatement	$1,349,731
Fund Number	**Fund Name**	**Cost Center/Title**	**Account Code/Title**	**Amount**
122	Opioid Abatement	110193/Opioid Abatement	58201/Aids to Private Org.	$1,349,731

Motion: Move the balance of the Budget/Finance [Consent Agenda] **For information:** "The balance" refers to Budget/Finance Consent Agenda items 2 through 15, with the exception of item 9, which was held for a separate vote. Item 1 was also held for a separate vote.
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

III. FOR DISCUSSION

1. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action concerning the purchase of approximately 894.3 square feet for Olive Road roadway improvements from Titus and Andrea Culbreth:

   A. Approve the contract for $6,000 for approximately 894.30 square feet, to be used for Olive Road roadway improvements;

   B. Authorize and approve the Chair to execute the Contract and Purchase Agreement approved by the County Attorney for acquisition of a portion of real property located at 850 East Olive Road; and

   C. Authorize the County Attorney's Office to prepare, and the Chair to execute, subject to legal review and sign-off, any documents necessary to complete the acquisition of this property without further action from the Board.

   This property is located in Commission District 4.

Motion: Move item III-1, A, B, and C
Made by: Commissioner Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent

2. Recommendation: That the Board hear comments from the public and hold a discussion concerning customary use on Perdido Key.

Motion: No action taken **For information:** The Board held a brief discussion about the rights of property owners and the public, parking particularly at Public Access #1, and heard comments from Tim Day, Natural Resources Deputy Director, regarding the County's previous usage of FEMA and public funding. The Board agreed to revisit the discussion after meeting independently with County Attorney Rogers to find common ground.
Speaker(s): Tony Hobbs, Joseph Kleinpeter, Tony Reaves, Tim Walden, Timothy R. Mullins, Curtis Soderberg, Connie Walker, Ethan Jones, Tom Meziere, Blaine Burnett, Diane Burnett, Mark Hearn, Jennifer Jackson, Charles Krupnick, Frances Opitz, Laura Bigras, Chuck Cadden, Dianne Krummel, Kevin Wade, Melissa Pino, Earl Wright, and Mary Inabnit

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Alison Rogers, County Attorney

I. FOR ACTION

1. Recommendation: That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign correspondence to the National Park Service requesting a waiver of the entrance fee for County residents to access Rosamond Johnson Beach or, alternatively, a daily rate in addition to the standard and annual entrance fees.

Motion: Move item 1 and 2, and in 2 that includes A through D
Made by: Commissioner Barry Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent
Speaker(s): Dianne Krummel, Kevin Wade, and Melissa Pino

2. Recommendation: That the Board take the following action [regarding the cases of *Whitesell-Green/Caddell JV, LLC v. Escambia County, Florida v. DLR Group,* Case No. 2022 CA 000219 and Appellate Case No. 1D2024-1373]:

   A. Ratify and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement to Resolve All Claims executed on January 14, 2026, at the conclusion of mediation in January 2026 between Whitesell-Green/Caddel JV, LLC and Escambia County to resolve the claims reserved for arbitration as referenced in the original Mediated Settlement Agreement approved by the Board on September 7, 2023, which resolved the litigation pending in Whitesell-Green/Caddel JV, LLC v. Escambia County, Florida v. DLR Group (2022CA000219);

   B. Authorize counsel to file suit to protect the County's ability to make a claim against the performance bond posted by Whitesell-Green/Caddel JV, LLC to encourage Whitesell-Green/Caddel JV, LLC to complete repairs to the Escambia County Jail as referenced in the Agreement to Resolve All Claims;

   C. Authorize payment of attorney's fees to DLR Group related to the dismissal of claims brought by the County to address DLR Group's failure to perform as the County's representative during the jail construction; and

   D. Memorialize the decision of the County to decline to seek further appellate relief of the Court's decision to deny and then subsequently grant a summary judgment motion dismissing the County's claims against DLR Group.

Motion: Move item 1 and 2, and in 2 that includes A through D
Made by: Commissioner Barry Barry **Seconded by:** Commissioner Stroberger
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Kohler absent
Speaker(s): Dianne Krummel, Kevin Wade, and Melissa Pino

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None.

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 11:56 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _______________________
Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair

ATTEST:
Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

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Deputy Clerk

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL ESCAMBIA CO., FL

Approved: March 5, 2026