

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 2, 2026

A Special Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: County Attorney David, Deputy County Administrator Lewis, and Minutes Clerk Gerace. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda - None

PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Chief Kevin Easton, Englewood Fire Department spoke against Burn Ban Resolution.

Richard Van Acker spoke in favor of Burn Ban Resolution.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Burn Ban Resolution

Public Safety

Approve Resolution to lift the burn ban and rescind Resolution 2026-069.

Deputy Chief Bryan Carr gave a brief overview of Statewide Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) June 29, 2026 - Charlotte County 441, June Outlook Issued June 18, 2026, Seasonal Outlook Issued June 18, 2026, County Enacted Bans as of June 27, 2026, Forecast/Outlook Impacts, and responded to Sarasota County processes.

Chair Tiseo discussed West County, Deep Creek, total rainfall, brush fires, first responders, fireworks, core responsibility, public safety, geographical enforcement, Sarasota County, and process review. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Statewide Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) June 29, 2026 - Charlotte County 441, Sarasota County, West County, County Enacted Bans as of June 27, 2026, and data improvement. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on countywide burn ban, public safety, geographical enforcement, rainfall, controlled fireworks, and first responders. **Commissioner Doherty** noted total rainfall, Deep Creek, fireworks, countywide burn ban, vacant properties, regional averages, West County, detailed methodology, and risk evaluation. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to staff efforts, West County, yard conditions, Deep Creek, Sarasota County, total rainfall, fireworks, public safety, geographical enforcement, America's 250th Anniversary, Englewood Fire District, and countywide average.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis responded to KBDI data, geographic average criteria, and countywide burn ban.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO POSTPONE ACTION UNTIL PUBLIC SAFETY DETERMINES IT IS TIME TO BRING BACK THE ITEM BACK FOR RESCINDING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

AA. County Administrator Comments

Deputy County Administrator Lewis discussed staff efforts.

BB. County Attorney Comments – None

CC. Economic Development Director Comments – None

DD. County Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo mentioned William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, Chief Matthew McElroy, and United States Bicentennial. **Commissioner Constance** commented on staff efforts and America's 250th Anniversary. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted Independence Day events and William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park award consideration. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to staff efforts, drought conditions, and Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) water supply storage. **Commissioner Truex** discussed America's 250th Anniversary and public safety.

ADJOURNED: 8:27 am

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk