

Charlotte County

Commission Chambers, Room 119
18500 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
CharlotteCountyFL.gov



Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
9 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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9:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Invocation

If you wish, please rise for the invocation

[Reverend Larry Yerger](#)
[Our Savior Lutheran Church](#)

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes to the Agenda

See separate sheet

Proclamations - Commissioner Christopher Constance

- [1 - National Public Works Week](#)
- [2 - Economic Development Week](#)
- [3 - National Police Week](#)
- [4 - National Safe Boating Week, USCG AUX Flotilla 99](#)
- [5 - Rotonda West Statue of Liberty Dedication Day](#)

[Memorial Day 2026](#)

Employee Recognition

[Years of Service - April 2026](#)

5 Years

Teeara Courrejolles
Tara Brady
Corey Davis
Erin Huro

Human Services
County Administration
Public Safety
Utilities

James Keltner

Community Development

10 Years

Sharon Parlow

Utilities

Ian Bell

Community Development

Mary Shelley

People Operations

Pater Lakoma

Community Development

Michelle Oquendo

Budget & Admin Services, IT

Idali Carabello

Budget & Admin Services, Fiscal Services

Katelyn Warram

Public Safety

Timothy Leake

Budget & Admin Services, Fleet

15 Years

Daniel Daumann

Community Services

Jacob Strefling

Public Safety

Jeremiah Johnson

Public Safety

Jeremy Strefling

Public Safety

Kyle Phillips

Public Safety

Lee Folkers

Public Safety

Matthew Roberg

Public Safety

Nicholas Wadlinger

Public Safety

Ryan Hay

Public Safety

20 Years

John Kelly III

Public Safety

William Hurcomb

Public Works

Antonio Freitas

Facilities Management

Brett Ducharme

Public Safety

Justin Smoak

Public Safety

O'Neal Cunanan

Public Safety

Patricia Stefan

Budget & Admin Services, Real Estate

Award Presentations**PUBLIC INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The committee vacancy list below is for informational purposes only. It is not part of the County Commission agenda upon which action is to be taken, and therefore not a topic on which public input is allowed at the beginning of this meeting.

* [Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)

The **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee** is searching for (1) one volunteer in the following categories to complete the term of Angela Hogan. The term begins immediately and expires December 31, 2026:

- Citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing.
- Citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing.
- Citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing.
- Citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
- Citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- Citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- Citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.
- Citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to F.S. section 163.3174.
- Citizen who resides within the county.
- Citizen who represents employers within the county.
- Citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.

Please contact Morgan.Cook@charlottecountyfl.gov for more information.

* [MSBU-TU Advisory Board Vacancies](#)

The following **MSBU/TU Advisory Boards** are seeking volunteers who must be both a property owner within and reside within the Unit. Submit applications to Public Works Department, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950; call 941-575-3600 or e-mail MSBU-TU@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

- **Boca Grande Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.
- **Cook & Brown Street Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2027, two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.
- **Don Pedro Knight Island Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.
- **Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.
- **Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.
- **Harbour Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.

- **Manchester Waterway Benefit Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Pirate Harbor Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- **Placida Area Street & Drainage Maintenance Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda Sands Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Rotonda West Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **South Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- **South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
- **Suncoast Waterway Maintenance Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2029.

* [Construction Industry Licensing Board - Consumer Advocate](#)

The **Construction Industry Licensing Board** is seeking one volunteer to represent the “consumer advocate” category. Volunteer must be a resident of Charlotte County for at least two years and have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the building trades. Length of term is four years. To obtain an application, please call 941-743-1298 or email Diane.Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

* [Barrier Island Fire Services MSBU-Vacancy](#)

Barrier Island Fire Service Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Advisory Board is seeking a volunteer to fill a vacant position with term ending October 31, 2026. Applicants must be residents of Charlotte County and reside within the Unit. Submit applications to Public Safety Department, 26571 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982; call 941-833-5602 or email Dawn.Johnston@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

* [Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee](#)

The **Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee** is searching for one (1) Charlotte County citizen to volunteer as a representative of environmental expertise and to fill the unexpired term of Cody Oleckna. The term begins immediately and will expire on December 31, 2027. For more information, please contact

Morgan.Cook@charlottecountyfl.gov.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

[Clerk of Court's County Quarterly Investment Report](#)

Comptroller Division

Clerk of Court's County Quarterly Investment Report, March 31, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Comptroller Division

1. [Finance](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve the Clerk's Finance Memorandum.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

B. Minutes Division

1. [Minutes](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve the following Minutes:

April 12, 2026 BCC Board Public Workshop

April 12, 2026 BCC Board Workshop

April 12, 2026 BCC Special Land Use Meeting

April 12, 2026 Local Transportation Quarterly Meeting

April 14, 2026 Utilities Department Quarterly Meeting

April 23, 2026 BCC Pre Agenda

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

1. [Appointment - Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Advisory Board](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve the appointment of Ken Meyer to fill a vacant position on the Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Advisory Board. This appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

D. County Administration

E. County Attorney

F. Budget and Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

Information Technology

Purchasing

1. [23-464, Amendment 2, Transportation Development Plan \(Transit\)](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve Amendment 2 to Contract 23-464, Transportation Development Plan with Alfred Benesch & Company of Tampa, Florida in the amount of \$147,862.00; and
b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 2. This additional study will provide support for Transit to assess the feasibility of adding a fixed-route system to enhance current transit services in Charlotte County. The study will evaluate transit demand, operational requirements, and capital improvements to help prepare the County for future mobility needs.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. A third quarter budget amendment will be brought to the Board for approval. Grant funding for this capital expense will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Grant. There is a 20% local match required. Transportation Development Credits will be used as a “soft match”, which allows the federal share to be reimbursed up to 100% as authorized by Chapter 53 of the Title 49 U.S.C.

2. [23-485, Approve Change Order 10, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion \(Utilities\)](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve Change Order 10 to Request for Bids #23-485, East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion, with Poole and Kent Company of Florida, of Port Charlotte, Florida, in the amount of \$23,935.07. This project is for the upgrade of the East Port Water Reclamation Facility.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project “East Port WRF Expansion” as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied from the Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

3. [26-021, Approve Contract, Design - Port Charlotte Beach Replacement/Repair of Damaged Waterfront \(Community Services\)](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve contract for Request for Proposal #26-021, Design - Port Charlotte Beach Replacement/Repair of Damaged Waterfront, to Coastal Engineering of Bonita Springs, Florida, in the amount of \$436,270; and
b) Authorize the Chairman to sign.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Funding for this hurricane Milton repair is being provided through the County's general revenues and collected in the hurricane fund. There is an anticipated reimbursement of 75% from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with a Florida Department of Emergency Management reimbursement of 12.5%, and a local match of 12.5%.

4. [26-129, Approve Contract, Design - Zemel Road Landfill Operations Building \(Facilities\)](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve contract for Request for Proposal #26-129, Design - Zemel Road Landfill Operations Building, to Alliance Design Group Architecture, LLC, of Fort Myers, Florida, for a total not-to-exceed project cost of \$588,801; and
b) Authorize the Chairman to sign contract.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement project "SW Landfill Operations Building Zemel" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied by the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, landfill fees.

5. [26-373, Award, Burnt Store PowerFlex Drive Upgrades Project \(Utilities\)](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve award of Waiver of Bid Procedures #26-373, Burnt Store PowerFlex Variable Frequency Drives Upgrade Project, to Rexel USA, Inc. of Tampa, Florida for the total amount of \$442,896. This project will replace fifteen (15) existing PowerFlex 700 Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs), which lack the efficiency of newer technologies and will soon become obsolete.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project "SCADA System Upgrades" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied from the Utility Operations & Maintenance Fund.

6. [26-323, Award, Emergency Debris Removal - Annual Contract \(Public Works\)](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve the award of Request for Proposal #26-323, Emergency Debris Removal - Annual Contract to the firms in descending order as follows: AshBritt, Inc, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, DRC Emergency Services, LLC, of Metairie, Louisiana, and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., of Sarasota, Florida; to establish pre-qualified Contractors to assist Charlotte County in the management and removal of debris resulting from a catastrophic event or to assist the County with special needs and events for other than full-scale disasters. The initial term is through and including December 31, 2028, with three (3) one-year renewal terms options with CPI Index increase at renewal per CPI South Region; and
b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts; and

c) Authorize the County Administrator to approve renewal options.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Funding for this pre-awarded hurricane expense is being provided through the County's general revenues and collected in the hurricane fund. There is an anticipated reimbursement of 75% from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with a Florida Department of Emergency Management reimbursement of 12.5%, and a local match of 12.5%.

7. [26-211, Award, Indian Springs Cemetery Bank Stabilization \(Public Works\)](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve award of Request for Bid #26-211, Indian Springs Cemetery Bank Stabilization to Earth Tech Enterprises, Inc. of Fort Myers, Florida for the total amount of \$2,218,814.18. This is to secure the services of a Contractor for the successful channel and bank regrading and stabilization including riprap rubble ditch lining, gabion baskets and sheet pile wall construction; and

b) Approve Resolution for budget adjustment BA26-240 in the amount of \$961,572; and

c) Approve amending Capital Improvement Project "Indian Spring Cemetery Bank Stabilization" increasing total project by \$961,572.

Budgeted Action:

Approve budget adjustment BA26-240 in the amount of \$961,572 amending Capital Improvement Project "Indian Spring Cemetery Bank Stabilization" from \$1,444,722 to \$2,406,294. Funding is supplied by Capital Projects, ad valorem.

8. [26-399, Award Piggyback, Dozer Replacement \(Public Works\)](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve award of "Piggyback" to File #26-399, Dozer Replacement to Dobbs Equipment, LLC of Lutz, Florida, to purchase one (1) John Deere 850P LGP for the total cost of \$563,841 in accordance with Florida Sheriff's Association Contract #FSA23-EQU21.0; and

b) Approve Asset #38144 to be sold via auction.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Heavy Equipment Replacement Plan as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied by the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, landfill fees.

9. [25-264, Change Order 1, Interactive Growth Model Annual \(Fiscal\)](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Request Change Order #1 to approve the Sole Source File #25-264, Interactive Growth Model Annual awarded to Metro Forecasting Models, located in Bonita Springs, Florida. This change will increase the annual amount from a not-to-exceed of \$170,000 to not-to-exceed of \$355,000; and

b) Authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to approve renewal options for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods at the same prices, terms and conditions, by mutual consent for a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 annually.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the General Fund and the Utilities Maintenance and Operations Fund - BCC Control and Utilities Operations Budget - as approved in the FY

2026 budget process. Funding for the expenditure comes from Ad Valorem and User Fees.

10. [26-257, Ranking, Water Quality Trend Assessment and Dashboard Tool Development \(CHNEP\)](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve the ranking of firms for Request for Proposal #26-257, Water Quality Trend Assessment and Dashboard Tool Development: 1st ECCO Scientific, LLC of Gainesville, Florida; 2nd IVA Environmental Services of Port Charlotte, Florida; and 3rd Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida; and

b) Approve start of negotiations; and

c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract after completion of negotiations, if contract does not exceed the amount of \$59,117.

This is for a Water Quality Trend Assessment and Dashboard Tool Development

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Grant funding in the amount of \$31,697 is included in the FY26 budget for Coastal Heartland and National Estuary Program (CHNEP). Grant funding will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). There is no local match required.

11. [Property Deletions for the Month of April 2026 \(Purchasing\)](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve the deletion of additional property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of April 2026.

****Change, Added attachment - Updated Deletions, 5/11/2026**.**

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

Real Estate Services

12. [Resolution to Acquire: Various Intersection Improvements](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property or easement interests in real property by voluntary purchase, lot donation, or tax deed auction that may be required for intersection improvements at various locations.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project "Intersection Improvements at Various Locations" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied from the Road Improvement Fund to be reimbursed by available road impact fees.

Risk Management

G. Community Development

H. Community Services

- I. Economic Development
- J. Emergency Management
- K. Facilities Management
- L. Human Services
- M. People Operations
- N. Public Safety
- O. Public Works
- P. Tourism Development
- Q. Utilities
- R. Other Agencies

REGULAR AGENDA

- S. Regular Agenda
 - 1. [Public Works First Responder Recognition](#)
Public Works
 - a) Adopt a Resolution recognizing Charlotte County Public Works as First Responders; and
 - b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.
 - 2. [Placida Fishing Pier](#)
Community Services
Discussion and direction on the Placida Fishing Pier design options.
 - 3. [FY27 Boater Revolving Fund Grant Program](#)
Budget & Admin Services
 - a) Approve Resolution which funds the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) and Boater Improvement Fund (BIF) expenditures for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$1,674,608; and
 - b) Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to sign WCIND grant applications and agreements, sub-recipient agreements, and other necessary grant documents associated with the FY27 BRF grant cycle.****Change, added attachment - Marine Advisory Committee Funding Consideration, 5/8/2026****

4. [CareerSource Southwest Florida Amendment to the Local Workforce Services Plan](#)
Economic Development
a) Authorize submission of State approval requests and related supporting materials; and
b) Authorize further action by the Consortium Chair and appropriate CareerSource Southwest Florida Officers and Representatives as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the Resolution; and
c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Statement of Intent; and
d) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for Subsequent Local Workforce Development Area Designation.
****Added, 5/8/2026****

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

- T. **10:00 A.M. Public Hearing or soon thereafter, as the agenda allows.**

1. [Second Quarter Budget Adjustments](#)

Budget & Admin Services

Conduct a public hearing approving the Resolution to adopt budget adjustments that amend the FY25/26 budget. These adjustments which impact various funds are needed to align the FY25/26 budget with required changes and actual activity.

PRESENTATION AGENDA

- U. **10:00 A.M. Presentation or soon thereafter, as the agenda allows.**

PUBLIC INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

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- AA. County Administrator Comments**
- BB. County Attorney Comments**
- CC. Economic Development Director Comments**
- DD. County Commissioner Comments**

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**Board of County Commissioners
Schedule of Future Closures/Hearings/Workshops**

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[Schedule](#)