

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 16, 2026

A Board Workshop 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 Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, and Minutes Clerk Gerace. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Board Workshop.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: Item #3, Added attachment – Presentation, 6/11/2026. Added attachment – Updated Presentation, 6/12/2026.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

1. Data Center Regulations

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official gave a brief overview of Why are we here, Current Status, Statutory Definitions: Data Center, Large-scale data center, Legislation - Senate Bill (SB) 484 - Data Centers, Types of Data Centers, Why Florida Is Emerging as a Data Center Market, Typical Data Center Siting Criteria, Major Siting Challenges in Florida, Florida Power and Light (FPL) Requirements for Large-Scale Data Centers, Economic Benefits, 10-Year County Revenue Projection, Florida Data Center Workforce & Salary Overview, Power Demand and Grid Impacts, Water and Cooling Considerations, Google Data Center Locations, Pros of Data Centers in Florida, Cons of Data Centers in Florida, Coordination with Community Partners - The City recommends that the County include the following points in the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) workshop, Options: Prohibit them, Allow them, Environmental Regulations, Next Steps, responded to standalone and Charlotte County Sherriff's Office facilities, data transmission, Cheney Brothers Inc, challenge options, technology, Florida Association of Counties (FAC), mining operations, SB 180, Comprehensive Plan, timeline, state data center locations, DeSoto County Administrator Mandy Hines, permitting and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) appeals process, Pulte Group, fractional data centers, and community outreach.

Chair Tiseo discussed Statutory Definitions, Types of Data Centers, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office facility, Cheney Brothers Inc., community impacts, Legislation - SB 484 - Data Centers, SB 180, Current Status, Land Use Code regulations, nuclear power, prohibition, BZA, and legal pathway. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Current Status, Types of Data Centers, Water and Cooling Considerations, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA), Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP), Cons of Data Centers in Florida, Annual Water Withdrawal, Power Demand and Grid Impacts, nuclear facility, FAC, Legislation - SB 484 - Data Centers, six-month extension, process review, data centers

locations, DeSoto County, prohibition, BZA, and public outreach. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on regulations, technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Types of Data Centers, Economic Benefits, Cons of Data Centers in Florida, Major Siting Challenges in Florida, Google Data Center Locations, and phosphate mining prohibition. **Commissioner Doherty** noted National Association of Counties (NACo) Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee and Chair Michael Turner, Types of Data Centers, Current Status, Legislation - SB 484 - Data Centers, Water and Cooling Considerations, Coordination with Community Partners, regulations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) potable standards, DeSoto County, Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), Power Demand and Grid Impacts, FPL, building setbacks, Cons of Data Centers in Florida, FAC, status quo, and Major Siting Challenges in Florida. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to staff efforts, Current Status, six-month timeline, regulations, Types of Data Centers, self-sustaining facility, and Cons of Data Centers in Florida.

County Attorney David interjected on Types of Data Centers, Legislation - SB 484 - Data Centers, Statutory Definitions, and legal determination.

2. ECAP Update

Kay Tracy, Economic Development Director gave a brief overview of ECAP Background, ECAP, Target Sector Businesses, ECAP Growth Timeline, ECAP Growth, Industrial Investment Increased Significantly, 2025 Economic Impact, This Bold Goal Worked. The Opportunity Ahead ... Is Even Greater, replied to impact data source, and cost benefits.

Commissioner Constance discussed 2025 Economic Impact.

Jordan Ray, Economic Development Specialist responded to 2025 Economic Impact and national industry standard model.

3. Animal Welfare League

(Change #1) Added attachment – Presentation, 6/11/2026. Added attachment – Updated Presentation, 6/12/2026.

County Administrator Flores mentioned staff efforts, Animal Welfare League (AWL), negotiations, budget cycles, property tax reform, replied to AWL Rejection of County Contract Proposal, Review of AWL's Financial Statements, financial and budget analysis, Economic Development Office (EDO), Waste Management, Current Scope of Service, Animal Control Space Options, and Timeline.

Katelyn Warram, Animal Control Division Manager gave a brief overview of Animal Control Regulations & Requirements: Ordinance Requirements, Statutorial Requirements, Timeline, Current Scope of Service, Current Financial Terms, AWL's Proposed Scope of Service, AWL's Proposed Financial Terms, Contracted Animal Shelter Services: County Comparisons, Scope of Services Comparisons: Charlotte County, St. Lucie County, Indian River County, Okaloosa County, Martin County, City of Port St. Lucie, Scope of Services Observations, and AWL Rejection of County Contract Proposal.

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Review of AWL's Financial Statements, Key Fiscal Observation, Estimated County Share of Costs, Operational Cost Considerations, Fiscal Services Opinion, Holding Period Analysis (15-day scenario), and Tiered cost-sharing.

Chief Matthew McElroy, Public Safety Director gave a brief overview of Alternative Options Reviewed, Trend Towards County-Operated Animal Shelters, Animal Control Space Options, Additional Considerations, Next Steps, and replied to contract negotiations.

Chair Tiseo commented on contract negotiations and narrative, Timeline, staff meetings, AWL Rejection of County Contract Proposal, Review of AWL's Financial Statements, unaudited expenses, animal count methodology, Tiered cost-sharing, Additional Considerations, unincorporated tax dollar funding, AWL's Proposed Financial Terms, Key Fiscal Observation, Holding Period Analysis (15-day scenario), Current Scope of Service, Special Meeting, and holdover provision. **Commissioner Constance** noted Additional Considerations, funding sources, City of Punta Gorda responsibility, Current Financial Terms, Current Scope of Service, AWL's Proposed Scope of Service, Holding Period Analysis, June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2026 Regular and Land Use Meeting, and contract extension and increase. **Commissioner Deutsch** spoke to AWL facilities and support, contract negotiations, and Timeline. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Timeline, Animal Control Space Options, ad valorem property taxes, AWL's Proposed Financial Terms, AWL Rejection of County Contract Proposal, and AWL's Proposed Scope of Service. **Commissioner Truex** mentioned taxpayer responsibility limitations, Key Fiscal Observation, Timeline, and contract negotiations.

Tara Zajas, AWL Executive Director replied to contract negotiations, Timeline, and staff efforts.

County Attorney David interjected on contract terms and negotiations, current agreement, and statutory requirements.

4. Clinic and Pharmacy Update

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP1s) Update, Market Update, Proposed Process, Proposed Qualification, Benefits, Pharmacy Costs, Rx Volume versus (vs) Cost, Potential Savings, Rx Alternates, responded to medical conditions, prescription practices, pharmaceutical management, resistance period, compound prescriptions, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), employee commitment and behavior, drug representatives, and contract renewal.

Chair Tiseo commented on Proposed Process, Proposed Qualification, Benefits, diabetic medications, taxpayer interest protections, and property tax reform. **Commissioner Constance** noted Proposed Process, medication prescription process, Proposed Qualification, April 21, 2026 Board Workshop, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), taxable income, HRA, employee retention profile, Potential Savings, provider education, Rx Volume vs Cost, brand name and generic medications, and Rx Alternates. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Rx Alternates. **Commissioner Truex** discussed Proposed Qualification and Rx Alternates.

Shawn Fleming, The Gehring Group Senior Benefits Consultant replied to Aetna, standard medical protocols, prescription practices, and pharmacy rebates.

John Watson, My Health Onsite Business Development Vice President responded to generic medication, availability, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), direct to consumer model, medication costs and prescribing habits, drug representatives, corporate pharmacist, claims analysis process, specialty medications, patent protections, and diabetic treatments.

County Administrator Flores mentioned Board support, Raymond Sandrock, Bob Pryor, My Health Onsite staff, City of North Port, Marion County, and employee benefit.

AA. County Administrator Comments – None

BB. County Attorney Comments – None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo commented on newspaper interview, Board motivations, committee volunteer, and public input and service. **Commissioner Constance** noted staff efforts. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Federal delegation letter.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Federal Legislative Agenda addition and July 28, 2026 Regular and Land Use Meeting.

ADJOURNED: 12:04 pm

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk