

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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, and Commissioner Doherty. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: Commissioner Truex.

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

1. Clinic & Pharmacy Update

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Appointment Breakdown Trend, Unique Patient Participation, Health Plan Gross Medical Costs, Projected Savings - Cost per employee per month: \$159 million in savings when compared to National average, \$303 million in savings when compared to Florida average, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs: 2009 - 2025, Rx Utilization Trends: Rx Utilization Trend - Volume, Rx Utilization Trend - 12 Months (Volume), Rx Utilization Trend - 12 Month (Cost), Utilization Trends - Generic versus (vs) Brand Rx, Utilization Trends - Glucagon-like peptide (GLP) 1 & 2, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs - Diabetic/Non-diabetic/All other, Next Steps, and replied to long-term implications, obesity reduction benefits, pharmacy distribution mandate, diabetic classification and industry treatment standards, pharmacy benefit managers, and cost savings.

Chair Tiseo discussed GLP prescription costs and options, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs: 2009 - 2025, Utilization Trends - GLP 1 & 2, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs - Diabetic/Non-diabetic/All other, net benefit, quarterly updates, trendlines, clinic expansion, diabetic diagnosis criteria and classification, Florida Association of County Managers (FACM), neighboring counties, and phase out and copay adjustment strategies. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Unique Patient Participation, \$303 million in savings when compared to Florida average, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs: 2009 - 2025, Rx Utilization Trend - 12 Month (Cost), pharmacy distribution utilization mandate, GLP-1 eligibility criteria and prescription costs, Health Plan Employer Paid Rx Costs - Diabetic/Non-diabetic/All other, capacity challenges, elective medications, diabetic criteria classification and prior treatment costs, quarterly updates, National Association of Counties (NACo), pharmacy purchasing groups, GoodRx card, and regulations. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on Projected Savings - Cost per employee per month, National average comparison, increased prescription costs, and weight loss drug effectiveness and health impacts. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Unique Patient Participation, trendlines, clinic performance, Utilization Trends - Generic vs Brand Rx, GLP-1s, pharmacy utilization mandate, sustainability, and cost saving options.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on GLP prescription distribution and cost options.

County Administrator Flores responded to FACM and NACo Prescription Program engagement.

2. Credit Card Billing Fees

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Credit Card Payment Utilization: Top five utilization departments, Third Party Merchant Service Utilization, Paymentus & Future Opportunities, Consolidated

Merchant Services: Secure, Compliant and Cost Effective, replied to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and transactional cost savings.

Chair Tiseo spoke to Third Party Merchant Service Utilization, cash handling costs, electronic payment benefits, and transaction fees. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Constitutional Officers, merchant and convenience fee comparisons, Paymentus contract term and approval, Consolidated Merchant Services: Secure, Compliant and Cost Effective, and automated function impacts.

3. Farmers Market Update & Discussion

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official gave a brief overview of History: Staff workshopped the topic with the Board of County Commissioners, Outcomes, Requirements: A special event permit, Potential New Districts, Moving Forward, responded to statutory and special exception code requirements, and timeframe.

Chair Tiseo mentioned Potential New Districts. **Commissioner Constance** commented on Potential New Districts, places of worship, timeframe, Ordinance 2023-16, and Section 3-9-91 amendment. **Commissioner Doherty** noted Potential New Districts, Requirements, places of worship, primary use special exception process, Harbour Heights, and zoning.

AA. County Administrator Comments - None

BB. County Attorney Comments

County Attorney Knowlton noted community and County staff support.

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo spoke to County Attorney Knowlton's loss, and community and county support. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed house fires, homeowner's insurance, and assistance.

ADJOURNED: 10:15 am

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