

Charlotte County

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



Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
9 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Ken Doherty, District 1
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9:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Invocation

If you wish, please rise for the invocation

[Pastor Bill Frank](#)
[First Baptist Church of Punta Gorda](#)

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes to the Agenda

See separate sheet

Proclamations - Commissioner Joseph M. Tiseo

- [1 - Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [2 - National Public Safety Telecommunications Week](#)
- [3 - Building Safety Month](#)
- [4 - UF IFAS Extension Charlotte County Master Gardner Volunteer](#)
- [5 - Parliamentary Law Month](#)

[Water Conservation Month](#)
[SWFL Rotary Day](#)

Employee Recognition

[Years of Service - March 2026](#)

5 Years

Brandon Moody
Eugene Falcone Jr.
Ryan Kamba

County Administration
Public Works
Public Works

Vanessa Ortolan
Kayle Truran

Utilities
Public Safety

10 Years

Jacob Walker
Evan Leibman
Luis Yeguez
Anthony Jones
Bruce Brooks
George Jurco III
Joseph Weinmann
Michael Benjamin
Stephen Ferracci
David Lyles

Utilities
Budget & Administrative Services, IT
Human Services
Community Development
Public Works
Public Works
Public Works
Public Works
Community Development
People Operations

20 Years

William DePremio

Utilities

25 Years

Andrew Mitchell

Public Safety

30 Years

Curtiss Owens

Public Safety

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

Anyone wishing to address the Board during this portion of the meeting must fill out a card, state their name for the record, and state which agenda item(s) will be addressed. Remarks shall be limited to 3 minutes (max) and shall be addressed to the Commission as a body, and not to individual members.

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.

* [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) Vacancies](#)

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is accepting applications for the following volunteer positions:

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) - one At-Large Representative. The CAC reviews and makes recommendations on transportation plans and projects for MPO Board consideration.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - one West County

Representative (applicant must reside West of the Myakka River and one Mid-County Representative). The BPAC reviews and makes recommendations on transportation plans and projects for MPO Board consideration.

Charlotte County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) is seeking one volunteer representing the **Economically Disadvantaged** (rule: "A person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the county."); and one **experienced representative of the local private for-profit transportation industry**. The LCB identifies local service needs and to provide guidance to the Community Transportation Coordinator on services for the transportation disadvantaged.

Application deadline: Friday, May 8, 2026. Apply online at www.ccpgmmpo.gov or contact the MPO for an application. Address: Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, 1050 Loveland Blvd. Box C, Port Charlotte, FL 33980; Email: office@ccpgmmpo.gov. The MPO Board will elect members at its **Monday, May 18, 2026** Meeting.

* [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.

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

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 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.

* [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, 2026, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
- **Cook & Brown Street Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term

- through October 31, 2026, and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2027 and two members to fill positions with terms through October 31, 2028.
- **Don Pedro Knight Island Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026.
 - **Gardens of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026.
 - **Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2026, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
 - **Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.
 - **Gulf Cove Waterway Unit** is seeking one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2027.
 - **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 two members to fill positions with terms 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.
 - **South Charlotte Stormwater Utility 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, 2026, and one member to fill a position with a term through October 31, 2028.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Comptroller Division1. [Finance](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Clerk's Finance Memorandum.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

2. [New Commercial Paper Loan](#)**Recommended Action:**

- a) Approve Resolution authorizing a new Commercial Paper Loan in the amount of \$1,227,000 for South Gulf Cove Bridge Repair; and
- b) Authorize the Chairman to execute any documents necessary to effectuate loan.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

B. Minutes Division1. [Minutes](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve the following Minutes:

March 17, 2026 BCC Reserve and Debt Policy Workshop

March 19, 2026 BCC Pre- Agenda

March 25, 2026 BCC Regular and Land Use Meeting

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

Board of County Commissioners**C. Commission Office**1. [Appointment - Construction Industry Licensing Board - Electrical Contractor](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve the appointment of Mr. Gregg Brown to the Construction Industry Licensing Board representing the "Electrical Contractor" category. Length of term is until March 26, 2028.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

2. [Appointment - Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve the appointment of Mary Russo to fill a vacant position on the Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Advisory Board. This appointment will be effective immediately and will expire on October 31, 2028.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

3. [New Appointment - Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve the new appointment of John Osanitsch to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee as a representative of Business/Land Development. The term will begin immediately and expire December 31, 2029.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

D. County Administration**E. County Attorney****F. Budget and Administrative Services****Fiscal Services****1. [Public Safety Coordinating Council](#)****Recommended Action:**

a) Adopt a Resolution establishing the Charlotte County Public Safety Coordinating Council; and

b) Authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

Information Technology**Purchasing****2. [26-251, Approve Ranking, Design - Tiki Point Living Shoreline \(CHNEP\)](#)****Recommended Action:**

a) Approve ranking of firms for Request for Proposal #26-251, Design - Tiki Point Living Shoreline: 1st Cummins Cederberg, Inc., of Sarasota, Florida, 2nd: RES Florida Consulting, LLC, of Orlando, Florida, 3rd: GHD Services, Inc., of Tampa, Florida; and

b) Approve start of negotiations; and

c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts after completion of negotiations, if contract does not exceed the amount of \$320,000.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Grant funding is included in the FY26 budget for CHNEP fund 1026. Grant funding will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. There is no local match required.

3. [23-171, Approve Change Order, Purchase of Two \(2\) E-One Level 1 Custom Pumpers \(Public Safety\)](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve Change Order #1 for File #23-171, Purchase of Two (2) E-One Level 1 Custom Pumpers from Hall-mark RTC, Inc., of Ocala, Florida, in the amount of \$15,000. This will remove the credit for the trade-in previously approved as the fire engine will be retained in the fleet.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Heavy Equipment Replacement plan as approved in the FY2026 budget process. Funding is supplied from assessments in the Fire/Rescue Municipal Service Benefit Unit.

4. [26-182, Award, Ackerman Vacuum Zones 1 and 2 - Plumbing Contract 5 \(Utilities\)](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve award of Request for Bid #26-182, Ackerman Vacuum Sewer Zones 1 and 2 - Plumbing Contract 5, to the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, Quality Plumbing of Sarasota, located in Bradenton, Florida, in the amount of \$315,420. This is to furnish and install all piping and appurtenances, abandon septic tanks, and restore affected property to successfully connect approximately 100 properties in the Phase 2 - Ackerman Countryman Plumbing Contract Zones 1 and 2 area to the vacuum central sewer system.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the "Ackerman Septic to Sewer and Water Expansion" project as part of the Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative as adopted in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied from the Ackerman MSBU Fund through Ackerman Sewer MSBU Assessments and Base Rates..

5. [26-277, Award, Northwest Port Charlotte Bridge Rehabilitations - #014044 and #014045 \(Public Works\)](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve award of Request for Bid #26-277, Northwest Port Charlotte Bridge Rehabilitations - #014044 and #014045 to Zep Construction, Inc. of Fort Myers, Florida for the total amount of \$1,870,145.46. This project is for various minor bridge repairs for Chamberlain Boulevard over Jupiter Waterway and Chamberlain Boulevard over Apollo Waterway.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in the Public Works MSBU/TU Bridges Capital Maintenance Plan as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding is supplied from Northwest Port Charlotte Street and Drainage MSBU assessments.

6. [26-286, Award, Veterans Boulevard Intersection Improvements \(Public Works\)](#)**Recommended Action:**

Approve award of Request for Bid #26-286, Veterans Boulevard Intersection Improvements, to the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, EHC Incorporated of Fort Myers, Florida in the amount of \$3,375,027.61. This project consists of intersection improvements at Veterans Boulevard & Norman Street, Veterans Boulevard & Harbor Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Loveland Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Orlando Boulevard, Veterans Boulevard & Torrington Street, and Veterans Boulevard & Yorkshire Street.

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.

7. [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.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

Real Estate Services**Risk Management**G. **Community Development**H. **Community Services**I. **Economic Development**J. **Emergency Management**K. **Facilities Management**L. **Human Services**1. [Re-set a Public Hearing on the proposed issuance of Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds \(Gulf Breeze\) by the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida.](#)**Recommended Action:**

Re-set a public hearing for April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as may be heard, in Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida to consider a Resolution approving the issuance of Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds Series 2026 in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32,000,000.00 for the Gulf Breeze Apartments project, pursuant to Chapter 159, Part IV, Florida Statutes, as amended and the Interlocal Agreement previously entered into between Charlotte County and the Housing Finance Authority of Lee County, Florida.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

2. [Charlotte HOME Program Modification](#)**Recommended Action:**

a) Approve a Resolution amending the Charlotte HOME Program guidelines and policy; and

b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

3. [State Housing Initiatives Partnership \(SHIP\) FY23 Close-out Annual Report](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve the revised SHIP FY23 Close-out Annual Report of Expenditures and FY24 Encumbrance; and

b) Authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification of the Annual Report.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

M. **People Operations**

N. **Public Safety**

O. **Public Works**

1. [Southwest Florida Water Management District Permit Application and Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operation and Maintenance Entities for the Peace River 6 Roadway and Stormwater Project](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Authorize the Chairman to sign Part 4: Sections A, B, and C of the Southwest Florida Water Management District permit application; and

b) Approve the Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operations and Maintenance Entities for the Peace River 6 Roadway and Stormwater Project; and

c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification of Financial Capability for Perpetual Operations and Maintenance Entities.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Upon Board approval, the annual estimated amount of \$4,000 for the perpetual operating and maintenance commitment would be the responsibility of the applicable MSBU.

P. **Tourism Development**

Q. **Utilities**

1. [KL Westport Expansion LLC Off-Site Utility Agreement for West Port East Project](#)

Recommended Action:

a) Approve Off-Site Utility Agreement between the County and the Developer, KL Westport Expansion, LLC; and

b) Authorize Chairman to sign the Off-Site Utilities Agreement.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in Capital Improvement Project "Water Transmission/Wastewater Collection Reimbursement" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied by the Utility Water Connection Fee Fund and Utility

Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

2. [KL Westport Village, LLC Off-Site Utility Agreement for West Port Village Project](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve Off-Site Utility Agreement between the County and the Developer, KL Westport Village, LLC; and
- b) Authorize Chairman to sign the Off-Site Utilities Agreement.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. Budgeted in Capital Improvement Project "Water Transmission/Wastewater Collection Reimbursement" as approved in the FY26 budget process. Funding will be supplied by the Utility Water Connection Fee Fund and Utility Wastewater Connection Fee Fund.

3. [Resolution Supporting South County Utility Improvements Project](#)

Recommended Action:

Approve adoption of Resolution supporting the Charlotte County South County Utility Improvements Project, including construction of an elevated potable water storage tank and related system upgrades, and formally acknowledge approximately \$10.7 million in loan funding awarded through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Fiona and Ian (SAHFI) Program.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed. A budget adjustment and project amendment will be brought back to the board to recognize the FDEP SAHFI funding.

R. **Other Agencies**

1. [West Port East CDD Interlocal Agreement Regarding Traffic Enforcement](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Traffic Enforcement ("Agreement") between Charlotte County and West Port East Community Development District; and
- b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

2. [Interlocal Agreement between Charlotte County on behalf of the CHNEP and City of Punta Gorda](#)

Recommended Action:

- a) Approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) on behalf of the Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) and City of Punta Gorda outlining respective duties in undertaking the joint Tiki Point Living Shoreline project; and
- b) Authorize the Chairman to sign the ILA Agreement.

Budgeted Action:

No action needed.

REGULAR AGENDA

S. Regular Agenda

1. [2026 Sales Tax](#)

County Administration

- a) Discussion and direction on the 2026 Sales Tax projects; and
- b) Discussion and direction on the duration of 2026 Sales Tax.

2. [Countywide 250th Birthday Party](#)

Commission Office

Discussion and direction on a Countywide 250th Birthday Party.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

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

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

County Commissioners

- Joseph Tiseo, District 5, Chairman
- Christopher Constance, District 2, Vice Chairman
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**Board of County Commissioners
Schedule of Future Closures/Hearings/Workshops**

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[Schedule](#)