Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

Subject: Follow-up to County Commission Regular Meeting of September 15, 2025

The meeting was held in the Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, County Commission Chambers, Fifth Floor, located at 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The media and the public could access the meeting in real time on Comcast channel 16, the Leon County Florida channel on Roku, the County's Facebook page, YouTube channel, Twitter and County web site.

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- In-person at the meeting; or
- Register to provide comments using communications media technology during the meeting through the registration form using the following link https://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/

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Please note that Board of County Commissioners Policy 01-05, Article IX., Section E., titled "Addressing the Commission", and Article IX., Section F., entitled "Decorum", shall remain in full force and effect.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Pastor Michael Bell, New Mt. Zion AME Church

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Proctor

Commissioner Minor recognized two Commissioners from Grady County who are in attendance today to meet the Board and look for ways to collaborate with Leon County.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Recognizing Mrs. Sandra Horne for her Advocacy Against Gun Violence
  (Commissioner Maddox)
- **POSTPONED** – Proclamation Recognizing Ms. Sue Dick, President and CEO of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, for 30 Years of Service
  (Commissioner Maddox)
- Proclamation Recognizing the 70th Anniversary of WCTV
  (Commissioner Cummings)
- Presentation of Masterplan for Springfield Apartments
  (Tallahassee Housing Authority)

Commissioner Maddox motioned for a proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, recognizing Ms. Williams for her efforts to improve affordable housing in Leon County and her upcoming retirement from the Tallahassee Housing Authority, to be presented at a future meeting.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- Presentation Recognizing Leon County's Continued Support of Honor Flight Tallahassee
  (Tom Napier, Vice Chair of the Honor Flight Tallahassee Board of Trustees)
- Neighborhood of the Year Awards
  (County Administrator / Community and Media Relations)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Mr. Harry Brown spoke about issues with well water in the rural area of Leon County near Crump Road. He requested assistance from Leon County to determine what the cause of these issues is. Mr. Brown was referred to the Florida Department of Health – Leon County.
- Mr. John Gibby spoke regarding Consent Agenda Items #14 and #19. He noted that there are some instances of the City not completing the full landscape maintenance and would like the County to pay extra attention to ensure the work is completed properly.
- Mr. John Gibby spoke regarding Consent Agenda Item #20 and mentioned that some of the most poverty-stricken neighborhoods get unwanted public facilities such as the waste transfer station.

CONSENT

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for items #13, #18, #19, and #23 which were pulled for discussion.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

1. Minutes: May 27, 2025 Special Meeting, June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting, and June 17, 2025 Budget Workshop
   (Clerk of Courts)

   Option #1: Approve the minutes of May 27, 2025 Special Meeting, June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting, and June 17, 2025 Budget Workshop.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers
   (County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

   Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for September 15, 2025, and the pre-approval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of September 16, 2025, through October 13, 2025.

3. Commissioner Appointments to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
   (County Administrator / Administration)

   Option #1: Ratify Commissioner Minor's reappointment of Andrew Gay to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029;

Option #2: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's reappointment of Jeffrey Sharkey to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029;

Option #3: Ratify Commissioner Proctor's reappointment of Gail Milon to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029;

Option #4: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's reappointment of Dr. Michelle Gayle to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2027;

Option #5: Ratify Commissioner Welch's reappointment of Caroline Pryor to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2027;

Option #6: Ratify Commissioner O'Keefe's appointment of Melanie Williams to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for the remainder of a two-year term ending on September 30, 2026; and

Option #7: Ratify Commissioner Cummings' appointment of Dr. Linda Groomes to the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls for a two-year term ending on September 30, 2027.

4. Proposed Public Notice 2026 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule, Proposed 2026 Travel Schedule, and Proposed Revisions to Board Policy No. 03-16, "Holidays" and 98-7, "Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners and Installation of Newly Elected Commissioners"
(County Administrator / Administration)

Option #1: Adopt the proposed Leon County Board of County Commissioners' Public Notice of the 2026 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule (Attachment #1);

Option #2: Approve the proposed 2026 Travel Schedule (Table #1), and authorize travel for the Commissioners, County Administrator, and County Attorney to the scheduled events;

Option #3: Approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy No. 03-16, "Holidays" (Attachment #10); and

Option #4: Approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy No. 98-7, "Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners and Installation of Newly Elected Commissioners" (Attachment #11).

5. Acceptance of Florida Department of Law Enforcement and United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Grants for the Leon County Sheriff's Office and Approval of the Sheriff's Request for Utilization of Law Enforcement Trust Fund Assets
(County Administrator / Office of Management and Budget)

Option #1: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $11,819 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Pass-through Justice Assistance Grant (Attachment #1);

Option #2: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $33,677 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Pass-through Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant (Attachment #2);

Option #3: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $100,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, National Forests Service in Florida, to enhance patrol activities on National Forest Service lands in Leon County (Attachment #3); and

Option #4: Approve the transfer of $143,449 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Sheriff's Office General Operating budget to support various crime prevention activities and programs.

6. Acceptance of a Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant
(County Administrator / Emergency Medical Services)

Option #1: Accept the Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant for a total of $12,000 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated Agreements, documents, and amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request (Attachment #2).

7. Approval of Ground Ambulance Services Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
(County Administrator / Emergency Medical Services)

Option #1: Approve the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Transport Services Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and issue a certificate to Leon County, Florida, (Attachment #1); and

Option #2: Approve the limited Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Transport Services Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and issue a certificate to Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Inc. (Attachment #2).

8. Department of Health in Leon County Fiscal Year 2026 Public Health Agreement
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Authorize the County Administrator to execute an Agreement, and all necessary documents, with the Department of Health in Leon County for the provision of state-mandated public health services for FY 2026, and any future amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

9. Local Funding Match for the Low-Income Pool for Bond Community Health Center, Inc., Neighborhood Medical Center, Inc., and Apalachee Center, Inc.
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Approve up to $295,866.20 in Health Care Competitive Provider Reimbursement Pool funding for the primary healthcare category as a local match for the Low-Income Pool funding for Bond Community Health Center, Inc., in the amount of up to $157,313.40, and Neighborhood Medical Center, Inc., in the amount of up to $138,552.80;

Option #2: Approve up to $457,424 in Baker Act and Marchman Act funding as a local match for the Low-Income Pool funding for Apalachee Center, Inc; and

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to execute all agreements and all necessary documents related to the implementation of the Low-Income Pool funding, and any future amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

10. Driver Education Program Agreement with Leon County School Board
(County Administrator / Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives)

Option #1: Approve the Agreement with the Leon County School Board for the Leon County School's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Driver Education Program (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

11. Public Library Construction Grant Opportunity
(County Administrator / Library Services)

Option #1: Authorize the County to submit an application to the Florida Department of State's Public Library Construction Grant to support renovations to the first floor of the Main Library.

12. Fiscal Year 2026 State Aid to Libraries Grant and Annual Plan for Service
(County Administrator / Library Services)

Option #1: Approve the FY 2026 Annual Plan for Library Service (Attachment #1) to secure State Aid to Libraries Grant funding and authorize the County Administrator to execute and submit all associated documents, including the grant agreement and any amendments, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

13. **PULLED** – One-Year Extension and Amendment of the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) Funding Agreement through Fiscal Year 2026
(County Administrator / Tourism)

14. Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of Landscaping Along Sections of Apalachee Parkway, Mahan Drive, Capital Circle Southeast & Southwest, and Thomasville Road Corridors
(County Administrator / Public Works)

Option #1: Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the maintenance of landscaping along sections of Apalachee Parkway, Mahan Drive, Capital Circle Southeast & Southwest and Thomasville Road Corridors (Attachment #1) and authorize the County Administrator to execute with any minor, non-substantive modifications as may be needed, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Adopt the Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment #2).

15. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of One Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement to the City of Tallahassee for the Continued Operation and Maintenance of Improvements Associated with the Woodville Sewer System Project
(County Administrator / Real Estate)

Option #1: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the conveyance of a sanitary sewer utility easement over a portion of a County-owned parcel located within the Woodville Sewer System Project area to the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #1); and

Option #2: Authorize the Chairman to execute the sanitary sewer utility easement (Attachment #2), and any associated documents, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Procurements:

16. Proposed Contract for State and Federal Lobbyist Services
(County Administrator / Administration)

Option #1: Approve the contract with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc., to provide state and federal lobbying services (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Approve the Budget Amendment allocating $15,000 from General Fund contingency for the County's state and federal lobbyist contract (Attachment #2).

17. Approval of Three-Year Renewal Agreement for Banner Support and Maintenance
(County Administrator / Office of Information Technology)

Option #1: Approve the amendment to the Technical Currency Agreement with Avenu Government Systems, LLC, for a three-year renewal for the Banner financial system maintenance and support in the amount of $441,243 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

18. **PULLED** – Bid Award for Leon County Detention Center Exterior Stair Renovations Phase II
(County Administrator / Public Works)

19. **PULLED** – Interlocal Agreement for the Maintenance of Landscaping on Sections of Capital Circle Southwest and Capital Circle Southeast
(County Administrator / Public Works)

Status Reports:

20. Status Report on Efforts to Address Poverty and Inequities in 32304
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County's efforts to address poverty and inequities in 32304.

21. Status Report on Efforts to Address Food Insecurity
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Accept the status report on Leon County's commitment and ongoing efforts to address food insecurity; and

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Farm Share, Inc., to coordinate and collaborate on events and programming that provide Leon County residents with access to nutritious meals and fresh produce, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

22. August 2025 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report
(County Administrator / Office of Economic Vitality)

Option #1: Accept the August 2025 Quarterly Economic Dashboard Report (Attachment #1).

23. **PULLED** – Approval of a Three-Year Agreement with Choose Tallahassee for Relocation Marketing and Lead Generation
(County Administrator / Tourism)

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

13. One-Year Extension and Amendment of the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) Funding Agreement through Fiscal Year 2026
(County Administrator / Tourism)

- Vice Chairman Caban pulled this item for discussion.
- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1: Approve the one-year extension and amendment of the FY 2021 – FY 2025 Council on Culture and Arts Funding Agreement through FY 2026 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any renewals or amendments thereto, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

- Vice Chairman Caban thanked COCA for the work it does in the Leon County community. He asked staff to bring back some options for discussion at the spring Budget Workshop. He suggested that there may be other opportunities to support tourism promotion in Leon County for the Board to consider.
- Commissioner Caban also commented on an allegation related to the Tallahassee Museum contracting with one of its board members without going through a competitive solicitation process.
- Commissioner Proctor suggested tabling this agenda item until additional information is gathered and considered.
- County Administrator Long noted that the current agreement is scheduled to expire on September 30th, and any delays in approval would put a hold on distribution of TDT funding to COCA grantees.
- Mr. Mathieu Cavell, Director of Community Relations and Resilience, spoke to the proposed one-year extension agreement with COCA and the language included to address some of these concerns.
- Vice Chairman Caban asked if Leon County could conduct the sub-granting process in-house rather than contract with COCA.
- County Administrator Long responded that the Board has requested information on this in the past, and staff will be prepared to present additional information on this topic at the spring Budget Workshop.
- Commissioner O'Keefe asked what the consequences are for not approving the contract. He offered a friendly amendment to direct staff to review the alleged funding incident brought up by Vice Chairman Caban.
- County Administrator Long responded that there are additional limitations on this extension agreement and it is presented to keep the TDT funding moving forward through sub-grants while additional review of the process is completed by the Board.
- Commissioner Cummings noted support for the motion and offered a friendly amendment to include the direction for staff to work with COCA on the 20% marketing cap.
- Commissioner Maddox asked if there is a budget deficit with COCA. He asked how an organization like COCA could have $2 million in reserve funding. He noted that COCA has provided a valuable impact to Leon County and asked staff to include all the details in the budget discussion item coming to the Board in the Spring of 2026.
- County Administrator Long responded that there is no budget deficit at COCA. He spoke to the process which could create reserve of funding.
- Commissioner Minor noted that the additional revenues coming into Leon County is due to Tourism staff doing an excellent job of promoting Leon County. He noted support for the current motion and the friendly amendments in order to better understand this topic.
- Commissioner Proctor noted concern for the discrepancy in information provided by COCA.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1 <u>as amended</u>: Approve the one-year extension and amendment of the FY 2021 – FY 2025 Council on Culture and Arts Funding Agreement through FY 2026 (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any renewals or amendments thereto, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; <u>assess the contracting allegation related to the</u>

Tallahassee Museum and one of its board members; and for County staff to work with COCA on the 20% marketing cap.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Tourism – Mathieu Cavell / Kerri Post

18. Bid Award for Leon County Detention Center Exterior Stair Renovations Phase II
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- Vice Chairman Caban pulled this item for discussion.
- County Administrator Long introduced this item.
- Vice Chairman Caban provided a handout of information regarding the current population of individuals in the Leon County Detention Center. He suggested that the Board consider other ways to fund maintenance and repairs for this infrastructure.
- Commissioner O'Keefe noted that everyone who pays property taxes in the County pays towards the funding of this infrastructure.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Approve the bid award to OmniCon Corp. in the amount of $562,388 for Leon County Detention Center Exterior Stair Renovations Phase II, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement (Attachment #1), and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

19. Interlocal Agreement for the Maintenance of Landscaping on Sections of Capital Circle Southwest and Capital Circle Southeast
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- Vice Chairman Caban pulled this item for discussion.
- County Administrator Long introduced this item.
- Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #3: Board direction to pursue an RFP for local businesses to provide this service to the County.
- County Administrator Long asked the Director of Public Works to speak to the potential options of bidding this contract to local businesses.
- Mr. Brent Pell responded that staff contacted three local businesses regarding the specifics of the project to solicit interest and estimates. Only one business responded with a complete project bid with an estimate of approximately $200,000, which is $60,000 above the level of funding in the proposed agreement with the City of Tallahassee.
- Commissioner O'Keefe withdrew his second of the motion.
- Commissioner Proctor seconded the motion by Vice Chairman Caban. He asked what the previous process was for funding these services through inmates. He noted concern for continuing to pay the City of Tallahassee for this and other services.
- Mr. Pell responded that the County currently utilizes state prison inmates for these services.

- County Administrator Long noted that this agenda item is specifically for those portions of the County that are connected to roadways that the City is already providing these services for in their jurisdiction.
- Commissioner Cummings asked several clarifying questions.
- Commissioner Minor asked about going through the formal RFP process and whether there would be any responses that could come close to the amount of the agreement with the City. He understands the spirit of the motion but based on the information provided by staff, he believes the best way forward is to pursue the agreement as presented in Option #1.
- Commissioner Maddox suggested that the Board could direct staff to review the option of an RFP in another timeframe to avoid any delays with this agreement.
- Commissioner Proctor noted concern that staff are not coordinating with the appropriate partners to find businesses that could complete this work for less than the current agreement amount with the City.
- Commissioner Cummings noted support for businesses in the community whenever possible. She commented that the contract is scheduled to begin October 1, 2025, and noted the timing does not present an opportunity to change direction at this time. She offered to direct staff to conduct a formal RFP for these services in the future to look for ways to reduce the costs of these services.
- County Attorney O'Steen noted that the current agreement is for a period of two years.
- Vice Chairman Caban commented on the spirit of offering local businesses an opportunity to bid on these services before partnering with other entities.
- Commissioner Maddox asked if there is a way to amend the minimum requirements for insurance and bonding.
- Commissioner O'Keefe asked if this agreement is specifically due to the roadway being both in the County and the City, or if we typically have agreements with the City for maintenance.
- County Administrator Long responded that it is because of the roadway specifically.

Commissioner Maddox made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1 as amended: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee for the maintenance of landscaping on sections of Capital Circle Southwest and Capital Circle Southeast (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; reduce the contract to a 1-year period; prepare an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for future year services; and provide an update on the minimum requirements for small businesses to contract with the County (i.e., bid process, insurance and bonding requirements, etc.) and outreach efforts for small businesses to learn how to successfully contract with the County.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

Later during County Administrator discussion time, clarification was requested on the motion for this item related to authority for the County Administrator to issue an ITB for maintenance and landscaping services if the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee is not successfully executed.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to grant authority for the County Administrator issue an ITB for maintenance and landscaping services if the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee is not successfully executed.

The motion passed 7 – 0

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

23. Approval of a Three-Year Agreement with Choose Tallahassee for Relocation Marketing and Lead Generation
(County Administrator / Tourism)

- Vice Chairman Caban noted that this item was pulled by accident.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1: Approve a three-year Joint Project Services Agreement (FY 2026 – FY 2028) with Choose Tallahassee for out-of-market relocation marketing and lead generation (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereto, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Tourism – Mathieu Cavell / Kerri Post

GENERAL BUSINESS

24. Leon County 2025 Annual Report
(County Administrator / Community and Media Relations)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item and showed a video highlighting the accomplishments of Leon County in 2025.
- Commissioner Maddox commended the Board for listening to the residents of Leon County and working to implement programs and projects for the betterment of the community.
- Commissioner Proctor thanked staff for the effort put into the report. He mentioned the Legislative Report and the need to dig in and be as competitive as possible with the Legislature next year.
- Commissioner Minor noted that Leon County is the best run county in the State of Florida.
- Commissioner O'Keefe thanked staff for working to execute all of the unique ideas and directions that have been provided by the Board this year.
- Commissioner Cummings noted that Leon County has the greatest staff on planet earth.
- Chairman Welch noted his appreciation for being allowed to serve in this organization.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1: Accept the 2025 Leon County Annual Report.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

25. Status Report on the City of Ocala Fire Service Fee Lawsuit, *Discount Sleep of Ocala, LLC v. City of Ocala*, 300 So. 3d 316 (Fla. 5th DCA 2020)
(County Administrator / County Attorney)

- County Attorney O'Steen introduced this item.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1: Accept the status report on the City of Ocala fire service fee lawsuit.

- Vice Chairman Caban asked for information comparing the City of Ocala Fire Service Fee compared to the City of Tallahassee and Leon County Fire Service Fee. He also asked about the rate study and how that plays into the Interlocal Agreement to collect the fee.
- County Attorney O'Steen responded with specifics about the City of Ocala lawsuit and similarities to the City of Tallahassee Fire Service Fee.
- Vice Chairman Caban asked about the options available to the Board if there was a breach of the Interlocal Agreement.
- County Attorney O'Steen explained the steps that would be followed if a breach of the Interlocal Agreement is initiated by the City of Tallahassee.

Vice Chairman Caban made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #1 as amended: Accept the status report on the City of Ocala fire service fee lawsuit; authorize the County Attorney to utilize the dispute resolution process if a breach of the Interlocal Agreement is initiated by the City of Tallahassee; and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a new five-year agreement with the City of Tallahassee to determine appropriate and necessary fees.

- County Administrator Long asked for clarification on the direction to negotiate the five-year agreement with the City.
- Vice Chairman Caban noted his direction is to negotiate a new agreement now.
- Commissioner Maddox noted the importance of trying to discuss a compromise prior to any legal action. He asked if there was time in the next few months for the County and City Commissions to meet and discuss options on ways forward in agreement. He rescinded his original motion.
- Commissioner Proctor asked if a rate study is required before charging a fee to users. He also asked if the City can increase the fee without Board approval. He noted support for the motion by Vice Chairman Caban to initiate the dispute resolution process should the City vote to increase the fire service fees for City residents.
- County Attorney O'Steen provided detailed responses to the questions.
- Commissioner O'Keefe noted the actions from the Board's August Special Meeting. He echoed support of those actions and suggested the Financial Consultant needs time to review the details of the fund and bring back information to the Board before taking any other action.
- Commissioner Cummings asked for clarification on the dispute resolution process.
- County Attorney O'Steen reiterated the steps in that process as outlines in the Interlocal Agreement.
- Commissioner Minor suggested a friendly amendment authorizing the County Administrator to meet with the City Manager and discuss the previous proposal presented by the Board to the City on the increase of this fee for FY 2027.
- Vice Chairman Caban declined the friendly amendment due to the additional information that has come to light over the past few months.

Commissioner Minor offered a substitute motion to Authorize the County Administrator to reach out to the City Manager to discuss the previous offer by the County from May 27, 2025, to implement in FY 2027 of the current five-year agreement. The motion died for lack of a second.

- County Administrator Long stated the current Board direction and noted the motion is a bit different than what the Board had decided previously.

- Commissioner Maddox suggested a friendly amendment to remove the portion of the motion directing the County Administrator to negotiate a new five-year agreement.
- Chairman Welch added that the County has new information that should be considered compared to the previous negotiation offer that was provided to the City back in May of this year.
- Commissioner Proctor asked if Station 17 was initially included in the rate study.
- County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that Fire Station 17 was contemplated in the original rate study and provided additional details about the timeline for that station.
- Commissioner O'Keefe noted support for the motion.
- Commissioner Minor noted concern for the motion and the potential to cause more conflicts.
- Commissioner Cummings asked for the status of hiring the Financial Consultant.
- County Attorney O'Steen noted that the consultant has been hired, and now the process of record collection and review will begin.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #1 as amended: Accept the status report on the City of Ocala fire service fee lawsuit; and authorize the County Attorney to utilize the dispute resolution process to seek an injunction if a breach of the Interlocal Agreement is initiated by the City of Tallahassee.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: County Attorney – Chasity O'Steen

Commissioner Proctor moved to continue the Board Meeting until Thursday evening due to additional in-depth discussion and the late hour. The motion died for lack of a second.

26. Appointments to the Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee, Preliminary Committee Bylaws, and Analysis on Potential Charter Amendment Topics
(County Administrator / Administration / County Attorney)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Welch, to approve Options #1 and #2. He also noted that he did not support Option #3 and preferred the Committee bring topics to the Board for consideration rather than the Board directing the Committee to consider specific topics.

- Each Commissioner provided three appointments to the CCRC. Several Commissioners provided additional comments or questions about the charter review process.
- Commissioner Proctor asked for clarification on the terms of the appointments.
- Ms. Nicki Hatch, Assistant to the County Administrator for Legislative and Strategic Initiatives, addressed the terms of the members.
- County Attorney O'Steen also clarified the term duration depending on action required at public hearings in the Summer of 2026.
- Commissioner O'Keefe expressed concern regarding Option #2 and the threshold required for the Committee to advance topics for consideration.

Commissioner O'Keefe made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #2 as amended.

Option #2: Approve the preliminary CCRC Bylaws to be presented to the CCRC for adoption at its first meeting on October 23, 2025 (Attachment #1), with the amendment to Clause 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 related to voting requirement to advance topics from a 2/3 majority to a simple majority vote.

The motion passed 5 – 2 with Commissioners Welch and Maddox in opposition.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve all of the Board appointments as provided in Option #1:

Option #1: Appoint three members by each Commissioner to the Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee (CCRC);

BOCC CCRC Appointments

Commissioner Maddox	Sean Pittman
	Darryl Jones
	Dr. Shamarial Roberson
Commissioner O'Keefe	Ryan Ray
	Dr. Howard Kessler
	Dr. Bruce Strouble, Jr.
Commissioner Proctor	Dr. Jarrett Terry
	Max Herrle
	Dr. Temple Robinson
Vice Chairman Caban	Slaton Murray
	Katrina Tuggerson
	Barry Wilcox
Commissioner Minor	Anita R. Favors
	Joey Davis
	Heidi Otway
Commissioner Cummings	Dr. Henry Lewis, III
	Linda Bond Edwards
	Chauncy E. Haynes
Chairman Welch	Mary Ann Lindley
	William Smith
	Liz Ellis

The motion passed 7 – 0.

- Vice Chairman Caban stated the importance of some of the previously discussed recommendations for Committee review.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to bring back Option #3 to provide direction to staff on potential charter amendment issues to be advanced to the CCRC for further consideration, following the September 23, 2025 Board Public Hearing for additional discussion.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration – Nicki Hatch

27. Status Update on the County's Traffic Calming Program
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.
- The following speaker provided in-person comment:
  - Ms. Vicki Bramblett expressed concerns for roadway safety on Williams Landing Road and offered support for the staff recommendation.
- Commissioner O'Keefe noted support of updating the policy.

Vice Chairman Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Options #1 and #2 as amended:

Option #1: Accept the status update on the County's Traffic Calming Program; and

Option #2: Amend the County's Traffic Calming Policy (Policy No. 21-1) to exclude undeveloped parcels when calculating the 75% petition threshold to initiate a traffic calming study; and, remove the requirement that projects score 50 points to qualify for traffic calming improvements (Attachment #1); and work with the homeowners on Williams Landing Road to develop a traffic calming proposal to bring back to the Board for consideration.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

28. Acceptance of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant and Approval of an Amendment to the Woodville Sewer System Project Grant Agreement
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Options #1 and #2.

Option #1: Accept a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Restoration Grant in the amount of $4,275,000 and Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Woodville Sewer System Project Agreement (Attachment #1), and authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant amendment, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment (Attachment #2).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

29. Full Board Appointments to the Council on Culture and Arts Board, Investment Oversight Committee, and the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
(County Administrator / Administration)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Options #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7.

Option #1: Ratify the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls' reappointment of three citizens, Kay Meyer-Ignacio, Kimberly Berry, and Dr. Wachell "Shelly" McKendrick, to the

Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, for two-year terms ending September 30, 2027 (Attachments #1, #2, and #3);

Option #3: Appoint one nominated citizen, Erika Branchcomb, to the City At-Large seat on the Council on Culture & Arts Board for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029, as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #7);

Option #4: Appoint one nominated citizen, Carol Hill, to the City Business / Economic Development seat on the Council on Culture & Arts Board for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029, as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #8);

Option #5: Appoint one nominated citizen, Haiqiong Deng, to the City Heritage Community seat on the Council on Culture & Arts Board for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029, as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #9);

Option #6: Appoint one nominated citizen, Brinda Pamulapati, to the City Practicing Artist seat on the Council on Culture & Arts Board for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029, as recommended by the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee (Attachment #10); and

Option #7: Reappoint one citizen, Reenee Williams, as recommended by the Council on Culture and Arts Board, to the Business/Economic Development seat, for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029 (Attachment #11).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration – Lisa Davis

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #2 appointing Jarvis Benjamin Watkins, and Option #8 appointing Giavona Williams.

Option #2: Appoint one citizen to the Investment Oversight Committee for a three-year term ending July 31, 2028. Eligible applicants are: Jarvis Benjamin Watkins and Matt Allen (Attachments #5 and #6);

Option #8: Appoint one citizen to the County Tourism seat on the Council on Culture and Arts Board for a four-year term ending September 30, 2029, from the slate of three COCA nominees (Attachment #12). The nominees are: Janet Chernoff, Giavona Williams, and Erika Zambello.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration – Lisa Davis

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

30. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; Entitled Collection; Revising the Methods for Collecting Fire Rescue Charges and Fees
(County Administration / County Attorney)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Mr. Jason Moore spoke in support of additional funding for equipment and fire stations.
- Mr. Stanley Sims spoke with thanks to the Board for standing up for Leon County residents who may not have the ability to pay for this fee on their utility bill. He suggested that the County and City come up with a compromise.

- Ms. Linda Hutchison spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation to change the method of collection.

The following speakers provided virtual comment:

- Ms. Paula Clark spoke regarding landlords having to assume the increase in costs if the renter of the property no longer has to pay for this in the utility bill.
- Ms. Sandra Paskins echoed the concerns of the previous speaker regarding the additional costs imposed on landlords.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1: Conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance (Attachment #1) amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; Entitled Collection; Revising the Methods for Collecting Fire Rescue Charges and Fees.

- Commissioner O'Keefe noted support for the staff recommendation and reminded everyone that this is not an increase, but merely an amendment to how the assessments are collected for Leon County residents.
- Vice Chairman Caban requested support by the Board for this agenda item based on some potential legal issues regarding collection.
- The Board discussed several issues related to this topic.
- Chairman Welch noted the desire to collect these assessments in a uniform and consistent way.
- Commissioner Proctor commented that Leon County has a strong need for affordable housing and a responsibility to avoid housing cost increases.

Commissioner Maddox made a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #2: Conduct the Public Hearing and do not adopt the proposed Ordinance (Attachment #1) amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; Entitled Collection; Revising the Methods for Collecting Fire Rescue Charges and Fees.

The substitute motion failed 3 – 4 with Commissioners Welch, Caban, O'Keefe, and Proctor in opposition.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1: Conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance (Attachment #1) amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; Entitled Collection; Revising the Methods for Collecting Fire Rescue Charges and Fees.

The original motion passed 5 – 2 with Commissioners Maddox, and Minor in opposition.

Staff: County Attorney / Office of Management and Budget – Chasity O'Steen / Roshaunda Bradley

31. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administration / Office of Management & Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

The following speaker provided in-person comment:

- Mr. John Gibby asked for clarification on this proposal.

- County Attorney O'Steen clarified the agenda item and action requested by the Board.

- Commissioner Proctor suggested it may be time for the City and County to end this agreement. He asked if the County can collect a portion of the fees.
- County Attorney O'Steen noted that the Interlocal Agreement specifically states that all monies collected by the County are transferred to the City.
- Commissioner Maddox noted opposition for Options #1 and #2.

Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Options #1 and #2.

Option #1: Approve the proposed Fire Rescue Assessment and Fee Rate Resolution relating to the provision and funding of Fire Rescue Services to incorporate amendments to Chapter 7, Section 7-44, of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, as approved in a separate agenda item (Attachment #1); and

Option #2: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the proposed Resolution adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll to include all non-government properties previously billed via the monthly City of Tallahassee utility bill or quarterly billing (Attachment #2), as approved in a separate agenda item, and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 6 – 1 with Commissioner Maddox in opposition.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

32. First Public Hearing for Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets
(County Administration / Office of Management & Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item and provided the details of the proposed Countywide millage rate and Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate.
- Commissioner Proctor commended the Board for support of the 5% raises for County employees.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2025/2026 Countywide millage rate of 8.3144 mills (Attachment #1).

The motion passed 6 – 1 with Vice Chairman Caban in opposition.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #2 as amended: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2025/2026 Countywide budget (Attachment #2), with removal of the line item for CHSP funding.

The motion passed 7 – 0

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve the line item CHSP funding in Option #2.

The motion passed 6 – 0 with Commissioner Maddox recusing himself from the vote.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #3: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2025/2026 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.7500 mills (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 7 – 0

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #4: Adopt, via Resolution, the tentative FY 2025/2026 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget (Attachment #4).

The motion passed 7 – 0

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #5: Direct staff to advertise, in accordance with Florida Statutes, the tentative millage rates and budgets for FY 2025/2026 and the date, time, and place of the public hearing to adopt the final millage rates and budgets for FY 2025/2026.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

33. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification for 18.51 Acres Located at 4767 Capital Circle SE from the Single Family Detached, Attached and Two-Family Residential (R-3) Zoning District to the Light Industrial (M-1) Zoning District
(County Administrator / Planning)

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning classification from the Single Family Detached, Attached and Two-Family Residential (R-3) zoning district to the Light Industrial (M-1) zoning district, based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Planning Commission, this report, and any evidence submitted at the hearing hereon.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: County Administrator / Planning – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Artie White

34. First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 10-4.207 of the Environmental Management Act Pertaining to Land Management Activities
(County Administration / Development Support & Environmental Management)

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt an Ordinance (Attachment #1) to amend Section 10-4.207 of the Environmental Management Act pertaining to the silviculture and forest management application requirements to expand environmental permitting exemption criteria to include land actively managed in accordance with an accredited land trust management plan and that meets one of the following criteria: has a perpetual conservation easement held by an accredited land trust; is owned outright by an accredited land trust; or has a perpetual conservation easement held by a government agency.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Development Support & Environmental Management – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Scott Brockmeier

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

- None

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items from the County Attorney

- She provided an update on the Opioid Litigation settlement and noted that a new proposed settlement agreement has been received. A memo was provided to the Board with details of the new settlement.
- She requested Board approval for the following:
  - Accept the proposed Purdue Pharma settlement;
  - Authorize the County Attorney to sign the Purdue Pharma General Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County;
  - Authorize participation in the new manufacturer settlements with nine additional defendants; and
  - Authorize the County Attorney to sign the participation agreement for the new manufacturer settlements on behalf of the Board.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, granting authority for the County Attorney as requested.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: County Attorney – Chasity O'Steen

Items from the County Administrator

- He requested clarification on the motion for Consent Agenda Item #19 related to authority for the County Administrator to issue an ITB for maintenance and landscaping services if the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee is not successfully executed.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to grant authority for the County Administrator issue an ITB for maintenance and landscaping services if the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tallahassee is not successfully executed.

  The motion passed 7 – 0

  Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Proctor

- He requested a proclamation recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

  Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He congratulated Mr. Mike Norvell, head coach of the Florida State University football team, for a magnificent win over Alabama recently.
- He requested a status update on the First District Court of Appeals ruling regarding open carry of firearms in Florida.
- County Attorney O'Steen provided an update on this topic and advised of the current restrictions in Florida Statutes regarding this.
- He requested an agenda item to be presented to the Board regarding the Leon County Fairgrounds Lease Agreement.

- Several Commissioners requested additional information be included in the agenda item on the Fair Association including its history, structure, authority, details of the current lease with the County, and options for the County to enhance its oversight of the property.

  Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Chairman Welch, directing staff to prepare an agenda item on the Leon County Fairgrounds Lease Agreement term negotiations and an overview of the Fair Association including its history, structure, authority, and options for the County to enhance its oversight of the property including any Legislative proposals.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration / PLACE – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Artie White

- He requested a proclamation recognizing Patricia Proctor for her new book "Treasures in Clay Jars".

  Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing Patricia Proctor for her new book.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He shared that following Board acceptance of the 32304 update item and food insecurity item this evening, he would work with staff to meet with community stakeholders on the County's ongoing efforts to address poverty.

- He noted that he would not be traveling to the Legislative Black Caucus event in Washington, D.C. this year.

Commissioner Minor

- He requested approval for his travel expenses in August to the Florida Regional Councils Association in Tampa to be covered.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Caban, to approve travel expenses for Commissioner Minor for the Florida Regional Councils Association meeting in Tampa.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

- He requested a proclamation recognizing Suicide Prevention Month to be presented at a future 211 of the Big Bend event.

  Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing Suicide Prevention Month.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He requested a proclamation recognizing several citizens for their efforts assisting a family who was involved in a rollover crash on North Monroe Street.

  Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban, to approve a proclamation recognizing several citizens for their lifesaving efforts assisting a family who was involved in a rollover crash on North Monroe Street.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

Commissioner O'Keefe

- He requested a proclamation recognizing the Chaires Little League 9 – 11 year-olds All Stars Team for winning the national title.

  Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing the Chaires Little League 9 – 11 year-olds All Stars Team for winning the national title.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He requested a proclamation recognizing the 45th Anniversary Season of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra to be presented at the next meeting.

  Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 45th Anniversary Season of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He requested a proclamation requested by the Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition recognizing October as National SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, to be presented at the October 9th candlelight walk.

  Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve a proclamation recognizing October as National SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, to be presented at the October 9th candlelight walk.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

Commissioner Cummings

- She thanked Sheriff Walt McNeil for allowing her to participate in a ride along with the HOST Deputies recently and thanked the Board for supporting additional funding for these deputies.

Commissioner Maddox

- He requested a proclamation recognizing Mr. Rudy Ferguson for his 15th pastoral anniversary.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing Mr. Rudy Ferguson for his 15th pastoral anniversary.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He requested staff look into an excessive loitering issue reported by constituents at the Marathon Gas Station near a neighborhood off Lake Bradford Road.
- The County Administrator advised that a motion was not needed and that staff would follow up on the issue.

  Staff: Administration / Human Services and Community Partnerships – Shington Lamy / Abigail Thomas

Vice Chairman Caban

- He reserved his comments until the next meeting due to the late hour.

Chairman Welch

- He requested a motion for a proclamation for the 13U and 14U Babe Ruth baseball teams who won their respective World Series.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve a proclamation recognizing the 13U and 14U Babe Ruth baseball teams who won their respective World Series.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He requested a motion for a proclamation recognizing Carl Hook for 30 years of service with the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department.

  Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve a proclamation recognizing Carl Hook for 30 years of service with the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department.

  The motion passed 7 – 0.

  Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He wished Kyle Frost a Happy Birthday.

RECEIPT AND FILE

- Capital Region Community Development District Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025, May 22, 2025, June 12, 2025
- Children's Services Council of Leon County Quarterly Financial Report – April 1 – June 30, 2025

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is tentatively scheduled for

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

**All lobbyists appearing before the Board must pay a $25 annual registration fee.
For registration forms or additional information, contact the Board Secretary or visit
the County Clerk website.**

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2025 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
January 27	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Board Retreat
January 28	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
February 11	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
February 25	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Land Use & Mobility Elements Update Workshop
February 25	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Southside Action Plan Workshop
March 18	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
April 8	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
May 13	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
May 13	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Transmittal Hearing on the 2025 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments
May 27	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Special Meeting
June 10	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
June 17	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop
July 8	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
July 8	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Adoption Hearing on 2025 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments
August 12	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Special Meeting
September 15	Monday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 15	Monday	6:00 p.m.	First Public Hearing on Tentative Millage Rate and Budgets
September 23	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate and Final Budgets and Special Meeting
October 14	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 28	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Legislative Priorities Workshop
November 18	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Reorganization & Regular Board Meeting
December 9	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting

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January 2025	Wednesday 1	Office Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Monday 20	Offices Closed	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	Tuesday 21	9:00 a.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Retreat Tallahassee State College, Center for Innovation Plaza Conference & Events Room 101
	Monday 27	9:00 a.m.	Board Retreat The Retreat at Bradley's
	Tuesday 28	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
February 2025	Tuesday 11	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 18	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 25	2:00 p.m.	Comp Plan Land Use & Mobility Elements Update Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 25	3:00 p.m.	Southside Action Plan Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
March 2025	*Saturday 1 – Tuesday 4*		*NACO Legislative Conference* *Washington, D.C.*
	Monday 17	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 18	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 19		*Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day* *FSU Turnbull Conference Center* *Tallahassee, Leon County, FL*
April 2025	Tuesday 8	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 15	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Saturday 26		*Honor Flight Tallahassee* *Washington D.C.*
May 2025	Thursday 8	1:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Workshop City Commission Chambers
		3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 13	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
May 2025 (cont.)	Tuesday 13	6:00 p.m.	Transmittal Hearing for Amendments on the 2025 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 20	Offices Closed	EMANCIPATON DAY observed
	Monday 26	Offices Closed	MEMORIAL DAY
	Tuesday 27	3:00 p.m.	Special Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
June 2025	Tuesday 10	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Monday 16	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 17	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 24 – Friday 27		*FAC Annual Conference & Educational Exposition* *Orlando, Orange County, FL*
July 2025	Friday 4	Offices Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY
	Tuesday 8	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		6:00 p.m.	Adoption Hearing on the 2025 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Friday 11 – Monday 14		*NACo Annual Conference* *Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA*
	Saturday 12 – Wednesday 16		*NAACP National Conference* *Charlotte, NC*
	Wednesday 16 – Saturday 19		*National Urban League Annual Conference* *Cleveland, Ohio*
August 2025	Tuesday 12	3:00 p.m.	Special Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 14 – Sunday 17		*Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference* *Fernandina Beach, FL*
September 2025	Monday 1	Offices Closed	LABOR DAY
	Thursday 11	3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
		5:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Public Hearing City Commission Chambers
	Monday 15	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Mtg. City Commission Chambers
	Monday 15	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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September 2025 (cont.)	Monday 15	6:00 p.m.*	First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for FY 25/26* Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 17 – Thursday 18		*FAC Innovation & Policy Conference* *Gainesville, Alachua County, FL*
	Tuesday 23	6:00 p.m.*	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate and Final Budgets Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 24 – Sunday 28		*Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference – Washington D.C.*
**These public hearing dates have changed due to the School Board's scheduling of its budget adoption public hearings*			
October 2025	Tuesday 14	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 21	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Saturday 25 – Wednesday 29		*ICMA Annual Conference* *Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL*
	Tuesday 28	1:00 pm	Legislative Priorities Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	TBD		*National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) Annual Conference – TBD*
November 2025	Thursday 6	3:00 pm	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 11	Offices Closed	VETERAN'S DAY
	Monday 17	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 18	3:00 p.m.	Reorganization and Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 19 – Friday 21		*FAC Legislative Conference* *Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL*
	Thursday 27	Offices Closed	THANKSGIVING DAY
	Friday 28	Offices Closed	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
December 2025	Tuesday 9	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 16	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Thursday 25	Offices Closed	CHRISTMAS
	Friday 26	Offices Closed	DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 2026	Thursday 1	Offices Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Friday 2	Offices Closed	DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Monday 19		MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Meetings listed in italics are included in the Board's 2025 Travel Schedule

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February 10	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
March 10	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
March 24	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Workshop (if necessary)
April 14	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
April 28	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop
May 12	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
June 9	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
June 16	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop
July 14	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop
July 14	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
August 17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on Charter Amendments
September 8	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 8	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	First Public Hearing on Tentative Millage Rate and Budgets
September 22	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Legislative Priorities Workshop
September22	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate and Final Budgets
October 13	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 27	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Workshop (if necessary)
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2026 Tentative Calendar

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
January 2026	Thursday 1	Office Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Friday 2	Office Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED
	Monday 19	Offices Closed	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	Wednesday 21		*Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day* *FSU Turnbull Conference Center* *Tallahassee, Leon County, FL*
	Monday 26	9:00 a.m.	Board Retreat TBD
	Tuesday 27	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
February 2026	Tuesday 10	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Saturday 21 – Tuesday 24		*NACO Legislative Conference* *Washington, D.C.*
March 2026	Tuesday 10	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 12	3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 24	1:00 p.m.	Board Workshop (if necessary) Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
April 2026	Tuesday 14	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Saturday 18		*Honor Flight Tallahassee* *Washington D.C.*
	Tuesday 28	1:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
May 2026	Tuesday 12	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 20	Offices Closed	EMANCIPATON DAY observed
	Monday 26	Offices Closed	MEMORIAL DAY
June 2026	Tuesday 9	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 11	1:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Workshop City Commission Chambers
		3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
June 2026 (cont.)	Tuesday 16	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 23 – Friday 26		*FAC Annual Conference & Educational Exposition* *Orlando, Orange County, FL*
July 2026	Friday 3	Offices Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
	Tuesday 14	9:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop (if necessary) Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Friday 17 – Monday 20		*NACo Annual Conference* *New Orleans, LA*
	Saturday 18 – Wednesday 22		*NAACP National Convention* *Chicago, IL*
	TBD		*National Urban League Annual Conference* *TBD*
August 2026	*Thursday 13 – Sunday 16*		*Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference* *Fernandina Beach, FL*
	Monday 17	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on Charter Amendments Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
September 2026	Monday 7	Offices Closed	LABOR DAY
	Tuesday 8	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		6:00 p.m.*	First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for FY 25/26* Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 22	3:00 p.m.	Legislative Priorities Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		6:00 p.m.*	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate and Final Budgets Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 24	3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
		5:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Public Hearing City Commission Chambers
	TBD		*FAC Innovation & Policy Conference* *TBD*
	TBD		*Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference – Washington D.C.*

**These public hearing dates may change because of the School Board's scheduling of its budget adoption public hearings*

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
October 2026	Tuesday 13	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Saturday 17 – Wednesday 21		*ICMA Annual Conference* *Long Beach, CA*
	Tuesday 27	1:00 pm	Board Workshop (if necessary) Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	TBD		*National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) Annual Conference – TBD*
November 2026	Wednesday 11	Offices Closed	VETERAN'S DAY
	Thursday 12	3:00 pm	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 17	3:00 p.m.	Installation, Reorganization and Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 26	Offices Closed	THANKSGIVING DAY
	Friday 27	Offices Closed	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
December 2026	*Wednesday 2 – Friday 4*		*FAC Legislative Conference* *Ponte Vedra Beach, FL*
	Tuesday 8	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Friday 25	Offices Closed	CHRISTMAS
January 2027	Friday 1	Offices Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Monday 18	Offices Closed	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Meetings listed in italics are included in the Board's 2026 Travel Schedule

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency DRAFT 2026 Meeting Schedule will be provided at a later date and added to the calendar once available.

Citizen Committees, Boards, and Authorities

Current and Upcoming Vacancies

CURRENT VACANCIES

Advisory Committee for Quality Growth
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)

Animal Classification Committee
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment) – Licensed Veterinarian

Animal Shelter Advisory Board
City Commission (1 appointment)

Architectural Review Board
City Commission (1 appointment)

Board of Adjustments & Appeals
City Commission (2 appointments)

Career Source Capital Region Board
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)

Code Enforcement Board
Commissioner – District 2: Christian Caban (1 appointment)

Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup
City Commission (3 appointments)

Leon County Educational Facilities Authority
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)

Leon County Research & Development Authority
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Board of County Commissioners Chairman: Brian Welch (1 appointment)

Water Resources Committee
Commissioner – At-Large I: Carolyn Cummings (1 appointment)

FUTURE VACANCIES

September 30, 2025

Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Task Force
Board of County Commissioners (3 appointments)

Science Advisory Committee
City Commission (2 appointments)

Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
Commissioner – District 2: Christian Caban (1 appointment)
City Commission (1 appointment)
City Commissioner – Jacqueline Porter (1 appointment)
City Commissioner – Jeremy Matlow (1 appointment)

October 31, 2025

Canopy Road Citizens Committee
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)
City Commission (3 appointments)

Tourist Development Council
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)