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**Lee Board of County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda**

March 4, 2025

9:30 AM

County Manager

Dave Harner, II

County Attorney

Richard Wm. Wesch

Commission Chambers

2120 Main Street

Fort Myers, FL 33901

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Invocation: Pastor Gaspar Anastasi - Word of Life Ministry

Pledge of Allegiance

Ceremonial Presentations

Recap

Consent Agenda

- Items to be pulled for discussion by the Board
 - Public comment on balance of items
- Motion to approve balance of items
- Consideration of items pulled for discussion
 - Public comment taken on each pulled item as it is considered

Administrative Agenda

Public Hearings

Walk-ons and Carry-overs

Commissioners' Items/Committee Appointments

County Manager Items

County Attorney Items

Public Presentation of Matters by Citizens

Adjourn

TRANSCRIPT

1. 03/04/25 Agenda Transcript

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:
Included in the Current
Budget?:
Fund:
Comments:

Item Summary:

PROCLAMATIONS

2. **Pet of the Month (Commissioner Pendergrass)**
3. **National Nutrition Month (Commissioner Hamman)**

RECAP

4. **March 4, 2025 Agenda Recap**

CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE COURTS

1. **Approve and Record County Disbursements per Florida Law**

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current	N/A
Budget?:	
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Chapter 136.06(1), Florida Statute requires that all County disbursements be recorded in the Minutes of the Board. This is for the check and wire registers viewable on the Clerk's website - <https://www.leeclerk.org/departments/finance/financial-reports/bocc-check-registers-and-wire-transfers>.

2. **Approve Lee Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current	N/A
Budget?:	
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approve the minutes for Lee Board of County Commissioners' meetings held on January 7, 21, and 22 and February 4, 2025. The minutes were provided to Board members, and any comments from the Commissioners were taken into consideration in the development of the final minutes.

3. Present Monthly Investments Summary for January 2025

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This is a monthly information report from the Clerk of Court's Office that provides interim information on investments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

4. Authorize Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Creating Crescent Walk CDD

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Authorizes County Staff to Advertise a Public Hearing on April 15, 2025 at 9:30 am to adopt an Ordinance creating the Crescent Walk Community Development District (CDD) pursuant to Chapter 190, F.S. If approved, the ordinance will create a Community Development District capable of financing and servicing the basic services within the District boundary.

5. Direct to Two Public Hearings an Amendment to Corkscrew Grove Development Agreement

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Provide direction to County Staff to hold two public hearings for consideration and approval of a development agreement amendment between Lee County and Corkscrew Grove, owners and developers on March 18, 2025 and April 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

6. Confirm and Ratify Resolutions Extending the Hurricane Helene State of Local Emergency

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
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Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Confirm and ratify Hurricane Helene State of Local Emergency Resolution Numbers:

25-02-30 – 22nd Extension of State of Local Emergency (Issued 2/25/2025)

25-03-02 – 23rd Extension of State of Local Emergency (Issued 3/4/2025)

7. Confirm and Ratify Resolutions Extending the Hurricane Milton State of Local Emergency

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Confirm and ratify Hurricane Milton State of Local Emergency Resolution Numbers:

25-02-29 – 20th Extension of State of Local Emergency (Issued 2/23/2025)

25-03-01– 21st Extension of State of Local Emergency (Issued 3/2/2025)

COUNTY LANDS

8. Authorize Staff to Bid at Tax Deed Auction for Parcel in Lehigh Acres

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$27,040
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Road Impact Fees Central District
Comments:	\$25,000: Tax Deed Purchase \$2,000: Due Diligence \$40: Recording Fees

Item Summary:

Authorizes staff to pursue a Lehigh Acres lot for the future expansion of Sunshine Boulevard North, in the amount of \$25,000 plus due diligence costs and recording fees, through the tax deed auction process. The opening bid is \$3,449.57 and staff is requesting funds to bid up to \$25,000 for this lot. The lot is located at the intersection of Sunshine Boulevard North and Flora Avenue North, Lehigh Acres.

9. Accept Donations of Right-of-Way from Midtown at Bonita

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$40
Included in the Current	Yes

Budget?:
Fund: Transportation Trust
Comments: Estimated Recording Fees

Item Summary:

Accepts donation of two right-of-way parcels by Warranty Deed from Lynx Zuckerman at Bonita Grande, LLC, in accordance with a limited development order. This donation will accommodate right of way improvements for the residential development Midtown at Bonita, located along Bonita Beach Road and Bonita Grande Road in Southeast Lee County.

10. Approve Surplus Property Donation to Not-For-Profit Affordable Housing Agency

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount: \$100
Included in the Current Budget?: Yes
Fund: General Fund
Comments:

Item Summary:

Approves the donation of surplus property located at 1217 Ecstasy Street East in Lehigh Acres to The Real Estate Foundation Inc., a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation and qualified not-for-profit affordable housing agency to construct affordable housing. This lot was previously approved for surplus donation by the Board of County Commissioners on September 19, 2023.

11. Approve Office Lease for Congressional Delegation Member in County Building

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount: \$13,308
Included in the Current Budget?: No
Fund: General Fund
Comments: Lease Revenue

Item Summary:

Provides office space in Lee County-owned facilities for United States Congressman Byron Donalds. The term for the lease runs from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. Approve Amendment to Incentive Agreement for Merchant's Crossing Redevelopment

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount: No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?: Yes
Fund: General
Comments: No additional funding from this amendment

Item Summary:

Approves amendment to Incentive Agreement with RB Merchants LLC for the Revitalization Incentives Pilot Program to delete the requirement in Article 4 for a 6,000 square foot retail outbuilding and replace with 'mixed-use development' to accurately reflect the redevelopment of the property.

Lee County adopted the Revitalization Incentives Pilot Program, which is a reimbursement-based program to help facilitate redevelopment within the North Fort Myers Community Plan Area. On March 17, 2020, the Board approved the agreement to redevelop Merchants Crossing in North Fort Myers and classified the project as a Keystone Project. This amendment will allow the applicant to request reimbursement and to be able to complete the redevelopment efforts.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

13. Approve Sole Source Purchase of Toro Commercial OEM Parts and Repair Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$95,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Fleet Operating Fund
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves a sole source purchase of OEM parts and repair services on an as-needed basis from Wesco Turf, Inc. in the amount of \$95,000.00. In order to maintain the integrity of Lee County's Fleet, our equipment requires Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts. Wesco Turf is the only all inclusive dealer in Lee County that can provide OEM Toro parts needed for our equipment as well as provide advanced technology and scanning tools that help detect issues within our fleet.

14. Approve Sole Source Purchase for Altec OEM Parts and Repair Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$95,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Fleet Operating Fund
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves the sole source purchase of OEM parts and repairs for Altec brand bucket trucks on an as-needed basis from Altec, Inc., in the amount of \$95,000.00. In order to maintain the integrity of Lee County's Fleet, our equipment requires Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts. Altec Industries Inc. is the exclusive authorized all inclusive dealer in Lee County. Fleet Management also relies on Altec, Inc. for their advanced diagnostic technology, scanning tools, and dielectric testing, which are essential for accurately diagnosing specific equipment repair needs.

HUMAN & VETERAN SERVICES

15. Accept Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant Funds

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$642,180
Included in the Current Budget?:	No

Budget?:	
Fund:	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Grant
Comments:	Hurricanes Helene and Milton Recovery and Resilience

Item Summary:

Approve accepting Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) grant funds in the amount of \$529,738.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH 2) grant funds in the amount of \$112,441.53 from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF).

This funding is used to address the unmet needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a natural disaster, including Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

PARKS AND RECREATION

16. Approve Donation to Purchase Trees for Wheeler Road Dog Park

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$28,800
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	General Fund
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves accepting a donation from the Boca Grande United Methodist Church, dba Boca Grande Disaster Fund, in the amount of \$28,800.00. This funding will be used to purchase of trees to be planted at Wheeler Road Dog Park. These trees will replace those that have died as a result of recent hurricanes. If funding is still available, additional trees will be purchased to further beautify the dog park area.

PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

17. Approve Annual Piggyback for Commercial and Industrial Equipment and Supplies

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	See Comments below.
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Various department funds.
Comments:	Expenditures will be on an as-needed basis, as approved in departments' annual adopted budgets.

Item Summary:

Approves using a cooperative purchasing agreement competitively solicited through the State of Florida, Department of Management Services to purchase parts and supplies with volume pricing discounts ranging from 14% up to 43% based on product category from W.W. Grainger, Inc. Total expenditures in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 were \$2,505,460. This contract is commonly used by Facilities Construction & Management, Fleet, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Solid Waste, Transit, Transportation, and Utilities. A market analysis was completed and the purchase under this

contract will represent an average savings of 24.14%.

18. Approve Annual Piggyback for Purchase of Tires Tubes and Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	See Comments below.
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Various department funds.
Comments:	Expenditures will be on an as-needed basis, as approved in departments' annual adopted budgets.

Item Summary:

Approves using a cooperative purchasing agreement authorizing use of the State of Florida Contract through a competitively bid NASPO ValuePoint solicitation for the purchase of tires and related products and services on an as-needed basis. The contract will be available for countywide use, as approved in the departments' annual approved budgets. Approval allows the County to purchase a wide selection of these products and services at competitive pricing through multiple vendors. Total expenditures for tires and related services and equipment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 were \$424,391.32 mostly by the Fleet and Solid Waste departments.

19. Approve Amendment for Countywide Equipment Rental Contract

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	See Comments below.
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Various department funds.
Comments:	Expenditures will be on an as-needed basis, as approved in departments' annual adopted budgets.

Item Summary:

Approves a contract amendment with Herc Rentals, Inc. to adjust the pricing in Exhibit B, Fee Schedule for the rental of power and non-power equipment Countywide. The amendment will result in an 3.3% increase in the contract amount. Total expenditures to-date for Fiscal Year 2024-25 were \$281,470.40 by the Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Utilities, Solid Waste, Facilities, and Natural Resources departments. Approves the contract renewal through June 27, 2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY

20. Approve Sole Source Purchase for Emergency Call-taking Software License, Services, and Support

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$129,781
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	E911
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This item approves the sole source purchase of annual licensing fees and maintenance of current

emergency call-taking software system as well as fees for employee certifications, training, and training materials on an as needed basis from Priority Dispatch Corporation. Priority Dispatch makes the Medical, Fire, and Law Enforcement Priority Dispatch software we use in Emergency Communications for classifying and prioritizing calls. This licensing, support, and training is proprietary and can only be provided by Priority Dispatch. The software has been in use in Public Safety for more than 15 years. The three-year term contract has a cost of \$389,343.00.

21. Approve Piggyback for 911 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software and Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$334,546
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	E911
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This item approves a piggyback to use pricing on the Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract for 911 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software and Services with Motorola Solutions, Inc., to purchase VESTA 9-1-1 equipment, service, and installation. The total amount for this purchase is \$334,546.12. This equipment and services are necessary to install temporary equipment in the existing Emergency Dispatch Center and to transition existing equipment into the new Emergency Communications Center at the new Lee County Public Safety Center this spring.

A market analysis was completed and the purchase under this contract will represent a savings of \$57,771.02 or 15%.

22. Approve Contract Extension for Emergency Medical Services Uniforms

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$160,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	General Fund
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves a contract amendment with Gall's LLC, under the solicitation for Uniforms for Emergency Medical Services to adjust pricing in Exhibit B, Fee Schedule of the Agreement, and extend contract through September 18, 2025. A new solicitation is being issued now for this contract and the entire agreement will be rebid over the next six months.

23. Approve Modifying FDEM Grant for USAR Expenditures

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$119,766
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	FDEM Grant
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves modifying a subgrant agreement between the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Lee County to increase the budget to \$151,066. Expenditures for a subgrant agreement from FY2019 were properly submitted to FDEM but went unpaid. In order to make the County whole for the error, FDEM has offered this grant modification to the County's FY2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program allocation. These revenues will be deposited into the grant fund for the FY2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program account and accomplish a proper closeout of expenditures for this grant and the FY2019 agreement. All expenditures under this grant complied with the grant agreement and were completed within the period of performance.

24. Accept Annual Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds from FDEM**Funding:**

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$153,016
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	All Hazards Protection Fund
Comments:	Long Term Recovery Initiative PC-001 Long Term Recovery Initiative IF-002

Item Summary:

Approves accepting a grant in the amount of \$153,016.00 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for Lee County's Emergency Management program to support preparedness efforts and operations. The Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has allocated the funds from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to supplement and augment emergency management and preparedness activities. This includes weather stations and evacuation mapping software.

25. Approve Renewing Cape Coral Fire Department Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**Funding:**

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Cape Coral Fire Department submitted an application for renewal of their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to provide advance life support (ALS) non-transport services. Approval provides Cape Coral Fire Department with the necessary COPCN to satisfy the statutory requirements applicable to their State non-transport license that expires on July 31, 2025. Granting the COPCN will allow the District to continue operating as an ALS non-transport service provider in accordance with State law for two additional years.

26. Approve Renewing Fort Myers Beach Fire District Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**Funding:**

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current	N/A

Budget?:
Fund: N/A
Comments:

Item Summary:

Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District submitted an application for renewal of their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to provide advance life support (ALS) transport services. Approval provides Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District with the necessary COPCN to satisfy the statutory requirements applicable to their State transport license that expires on April 27, 2025. Granting of COPCN will allow the District to continue operating as an ALS transport service provider in accordance with State law for two additional years.

TRANSIT

27. Approve Partnering for Transportation Results Agreements

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount: \$298,544
Included in the Current Budget?: Yes
Fund: Enterprise
Comments: The recommendations are following the FY 2024/2025 Partnering for Transportation Results Program budget.

Item Summary:

Approves Partnering for Transportation Results agreements to provide match funding to three non-profit agencies who have received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds administered by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. The three agencies are:

- Hope Hospice and Community Services: \$140,354
- Dr. Piper Center for Social Services, Inc.: \$134,935
- Sally J. Pimentel Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, Inc.: \$23,255

This FTA program supports transportation for the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The total funding amount of \$298,544 has been included in the FY 24/25 Transit Operating budget to support this program. The funding was recommended by the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Partnering for Transportation Results Selection Committee

28. Authorize Purchase of Seven Replacement LeeTran Support Vehicles

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount: \$236,846
Included in the Current Budget?: Yes
Fund: FTA Grants
Comments: 100% FTA Grant Funded

- FL-2019-080: \$141,831
- FL-2021-059: \$95,015

Item Summary:

Authorizes the purchase of seven replacement support vehicles: five Ford Escapes, one Ford

Explorer, and one Ford F250 truck from Sam Galloway Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$236,846.00. The vehicles will replace existing units that have met or exceeded their useful life of four years or 100,000 miles. Vehicles will be 100% FTA grant funded.

TRANSPORTATION

29. Approve Change Order for Orange River Bridge Repair Design and Evaluation

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$15,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Transportation Capital Improvement
Comments:	Long Term Recovery Initiative IF-003

Item Summary:

Approves a Change order to the contract with HighSpans Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000. Additional time and compensation are needed due to the repairs requiring DOT to procure a contractor instead of handling the repairs with in-house forces. HighSpans additional scope includes review of shop drawings and request for information from the construction contractor, site visits and final as-built plans and load rating analysis. This change order adds 120 days, bringing the total to 240 days.

30. Approve Change Order for Orange River Blvd Sidewalk & Water Main Design

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$63,660
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Transportation Capital Improvement and LCU Capital Improvements
Comments:	Long Term Recovery Initiative IF-003

Item Summary:

Approves a change order to the contract with CW3 Engineering, Inc. for design services for Orange River Blvd. Sidewalk and Water Main Replacement project. Additional time and compensation are needed due to the revised construction timeline adding three months to the construction administrative services task. The additional contract time is 428 days, bringing the total to 2,007 days, and increasing compensation in the amount of \$63,660.00, bringing the new contract total to \$658,387.50.

31. Approve Piggyback for All-Electronic Tolling System Upgrade

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$4,008,855
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Cape/Midpoint and Sanibel Surplus Tolls
Comments:	Long Term Recovery Initiative IF-003

Item Summary:

Approves a piggyback purchase with TransCore, LP using pricing from the State of Florida

Department of Transportation contract for Toll Equipment Contractor. This purchase includes an all-electronic tolling system upgrade to toll lanes and host systems. The following bridges are being upgraded: Cape Coral (5 lanes), Sanibel (3 lanes) and Midpoint (4 lanes).

Pricing includes All Electronic Tolling (AET) for lanes, Remobilization and Regional and Central Host Systems. The current tolling system was purchased in 1997. While there have been numerous hardware and software updates over the last 28 years, the current tolling system is aging, with limited support and capabilities. This new system is specifically designed for all electronic toll collection. Transcore All Electronic Tolling Infinity system is the same system that all major toll agencies in Florida use.

A market analysis was completed and the purchase under this contract will represent a savings of 19.48% or \$970,114.22. This project was anticipated and is funded in the current fiscal year.

32. Approve Revising Two MOUs with Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funds required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	NA
Fund:	NA
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approve two new Memorandum of Understanding Agreements (MOU) with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to continue to allow Tolls the ability to identify registered owners of vehicles through the Violation Enforcement process.

UTILITIES

33. Award Contract for Miscellaneous Electrical, Controls and Instrumentation Professional Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Enterprise
Comments:	Expenditures will be on an as-needed basis, as approved in the department's annual budget.

Item Summary:

Awards an annual contract to Johnson Engineering, LLC; McKim & Creed, Inc.; RKS Consulting Engineers, Inc.; and Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP to provide electrical, controls, and instrumentation design and consulting services for County projects and systems on an as-needed basis, for an initial three-year term. Work under these contracts will be negotiated, authorized, scheduled, funded, and accounted for by the issuance of a Supplemental Task Authorization (STA). Board approval is required for any STA greater than \$100,000.

34. Award Contract to Rehabilitate Headworks at Gateway Water Reclamation Facility

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$108,420
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Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Enterprise
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Awards competitively bid project for concrete repairs and coating services with Restorations & Protective Solutions, LLC of Headworks at the Gateway Water Reclamation Facility, in the amount of \$108,420.00. The scope of work includes surface preparations, all concrete repairs needed, and a protective coating application. The department solicited three bids following Lee County Procurement Ordinance 23-21 and determined Restoration and Protective Solutions, LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder. The Board approved the project as part of the FY25 Utilities Major Maintenance budget.

35. Direct to Public Hearing a Resolution Adopting Greater Pine Island Water Association New Rate Schedule

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	Enterprise
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Authorizes staff to schedule a Public Hearing for Greater Pine Island Water Association (GPIWA) to adopt a new rate schedule and study by Resolution on April 1, 2025, at 9:30 AM. On October 29, 2024, the GPIWA Board approved a one-time rate increase of 15% to be implemented after January 1, 2025. Additionally, the GPIWA Board approved the possibility of future annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases not to exceed the Florida Public Service Commission rate index for that Fiscal Year. The new rate schedule will take effect upon execution of the Resolution at the Public Hearing on April 1, 2025.

The current monthly rates for GPIWA became effective January 1, 2020, and have remained unchanged during the past four years. A rate study completed by Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc. on November 4, 2024, supported the 15% increase with the possibility of future annual indexing.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

36. Award Contract for Punta Rassa Boat Ramp Site Work – Phase One

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$1,623,586
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	General Fund and FDEM LAP
Comments:	FDEM LAP: \$1,383,521 CIP - General Fund: \$240,065

Item Summary:

Awards a contract to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC to provide phase one construction services for the Punta Rassa Boat Ramp, in the amount of \$1,623,586.00. The Punta Rassa boat ramp, a very popular site for boat users, was destroyed during Hurricane Ian and needs to be rebuilt. It was determined to phase out the project due to construction taking place at the same time as the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) ongoing paving operations.

Phase one will include all underground facilities such as water lines, fire hydrant lines, fish cleaning lift station discharge lines, ADA ramp, irrigation, and other associated utilities. This portion of the project will be funded through the General Fund and FDEM Legislative Appropriations Program (LAP).

NATURAL RESOURCES

37. Accept Amending FDEP Disaster Grant Agreement for Lovers Key and Bonita Beach

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$9,126,722
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	Beach Renourishment Trust Fund
Comments:	Long Term Recovery Initiative NR-001

Item Summary:

Approves an amendment to a grant agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to provide an additional \$19,503,700.22 for the Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole Recovery Project. The amendment will increase the total grant to \$20,607,832.22 (no local match requirement). The project includes beach and dune restoration on Lovers Key and Bonita Beach as described in the FDEP Revised Grant Work Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING - 9:30 AM

COUNTY ATTORNEY

38. Conduct Public Hearing Amending Medical Examiner's Cremation Fee Ord, Adopt Resolution Amending AC-3-10

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	General
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This item increases the cremation fee imposed on all funeral homes from \$60 to \$70 per Medical Examiner authorization for the cremation. The last time the fee was increased was January 1, 2022. The Medical Examiner is requesting the increase to help defray costs of providing the cremation authorizations, including staff time of physicians and forensic investigators, and storage of records in accordance with state regulations. This increase will reduce the general subsidy for the authorizations as a cremation authorization.

COUNTY MANAGER

39. Conduct Public Hearing to Approve Final Assessment for Old Pelican Bay

Maintenance Dredge MSBU

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$231,341
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	Old Pelican Bay Maintenance Dredge MSTBU District
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Old Pelican Bay Channel is a MSTBU-maintained Channel, located south of Siesta Dr., adjacent to Bunche Beach Preserve and Old Pelican Bay Dr., North of San Carlos Island. The project has been completed and this action will adopt a Resolution to confirm the final project cost and the per-parcel cost to the property owners within the unit. The total cost of the project was \$731,306. FEMA and State funding reduced the amount property owners need to pay by \$294,525.50. Assessment collections lowered the remaining balance to \$231,340.50, or \$4,536.09 per EAU (Equal Assessment Unit). Property owners within the unit have a choice to pay the assessment in full within 30 calendar days of this meeting, or can choose to amortize the cost over a 5-year period on their property taxes.