

*****August 6, 2025*****

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Dove and Commissioner Stieben are present; Commissioner Smith is absent; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Jamie VanHouten, Community Corrections Director; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services;

Commissioner Culbertson nominated Mike Stieben as temporary chairman for today's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to nominate Mike Stieben as temporary chairman for today's meeting.

Motion passed, 3-0, Commissioner Stieben abstained.

Commissioner Dove suggested the Board contact the Department of Agriculture about a disease that is affecting horses in the area on how to help prevent this disease from spreading.

The Board briefly discussed the costs and the impact of a RHID.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, August 6, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of a supplemental agreement for engineering services on bridges SH-54 and SH-61.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the supplemental agreement with Finney and Turnipseed for construction engineering for bridges SH-54 and SH-61.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Todd Thompson addressed the Board regarding the County Attorney's budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to restore the \$130,000.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Jamie VanHouten requested approval of the adult and juvenile comprehensive plan amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the FY25 Adult Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the FY25 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Budget Amendment.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Dates for Budget hearings were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing set for August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion passed, 3-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for Special Other Funds set for August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion failed, 2-2 Commissioner Reid and Culbertson voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for Special Other Funds set for August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board directed staff to present a revenue neutral budget for next week.

Motion passed, 3-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

The Board discussed the 2026 legislative session topics.

It was the consensus of the Board to include reform revenue neutral statute.

It was the consensus of the Board to include no more State unfunded mandates.

It was the consensus of the Board to include to let each County vote on a tax system that works for them in lieu of relying solely on property taxes.

It was the consensus of the Board to include to place a State wide cap on property taxes.

It was the consensus of the Board to include competitive bids for water district projects.

It was the consensus of the Board to include changing the 30-day time frame in the RHID law.

It was the consensus of the Board to include verified parental consent for abortions.

It was the consensus of the Board to include an amendment to allow the dissolution of Fire Districts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stieben and seconded by Commissioner Dove to adjourn.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Final Approved