

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
SPECIAL MEETING**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, Esq., CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED IN AGENDA ORDER
AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

1:00 P.M.

**HISTORIC PASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD ROOM 2ND FLOOR
37918 MERIDIAN AVENUE, DADE CITY, FL 33525**

County Commissioners	Honorable Ronald E. Oakley, Chairman, District 1 Honorable Kathryn Starkey, Vice Chairman, District 3 Honorable Seth Weightman, District 2 Honorable Lisa Yeager, District 4 Honorable Jack Mariano, District 5
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Clerk & Comptroller	Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq. Rep by: Kimberly Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, Deputy Clerk
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County Administrator	Mike Carballa, P.E.
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County Attorney	Jeffrey N. Steinsnyder, Esq. Rep by: David Goldstein, Chief Assistant County Attorney
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Call To Order

Chairman Oakley called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Thompson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Ms. Thompson called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

Public Comment

Will be taken on the agenda items.

Topic for Discussion

1 RFP-LK-24-132 State Lobbying Services

Mr. Michael Pultorak requested for additional time because appropriate time was not given to ask for additional time. He voiced his concerns regarding lack of trust, faith, and the transparency in the system.

Chairman Oakley explained the public comment was for the Agenda items only.

Mr. Pultorak continued his comments and asked the Board what they were lobbying for, how much was being spent, and who else the lobby groups lobbied for. He expressed concerns with whom else the groups would be lobbying for and potential conflicts of interest. He noted emotions were high in the County and that the residents were wanting to make sure what was being lobbied for and that the money spent by the County was in the best interest of the current residents.

Ms. Lisa Moretti noted questions that had been sent to her about the lobbying. She asked who gave real time direction to the lobbyists and the firm, who assigned the Agenda and if it was all public information, and how much was spent lobbying their own State Representatives.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 2:55 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 3:10 P.M. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT.

Approved to hire all three firms at the not to exceed rate of \$6,000.00 a month with Sunrise to be the lead and to bring something back at the first December meeting for final approval with Commissioner Yeager voting nay.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Prepared by: Jessica L Popplewell, Records Clerk III, Board Records Division