



Commissioner Sandy Murman recognized Hillsborough Community College (HCC) for its 50th Anniversary at a recent BOCC meeting. On hand to receive the commendation were Dr. Ken Atwater, President of HCC, Ashley Carl, Executive Director Marketing and Public Relations, and Eric Johnson, Director of Community and Government Relations.

[Proposed MacDill passenger ferry service afloat after BOCC reverses decision](#)

Less than one month after Hillsborough County commissioners scrapped a proposed MacDill passenger ferry project, the new Democratic majority commission has breathed new life into the project. Commissioners voted 5-1 to reverse a decision that terminated the county's public private partnership agreement with ferry company HMS Global Maritime and the South Swell development group.

[Hillsborough County cold weather shelters open when temps reach 40](#)

Hillsborough County cold weather shelters will open for the homeless and for those who live in homes without adequate heat. Pets also are welcome at the Jackson Springs shelter location. Shelters open when the National Weather Service expects local temperatures to dip to or below 40 degrees with wind chill in Hillsborough County.

[Pet Resource Center helps shape new generation of vets](#)

Veterinary technician students at Hillsborough Community College are gaining invaluable hands-on experience in a mutually beneficial partnership with Hillsborough County's Pet Resource Center. About 30 students each semester work with some of the more than 18,000 dogs and cats that come into the public animal shelter each year.

[People First: The human resources team of Hillsborough County Government](#)

With close to 5,000 employees, the Hillsborough County Government team is a large one to manage. The HR team's mission is to engage talent inspired to excel, according to award submission materials. There are two divisions and two sections of the county's HR team. The total rewards division has 25 positions and focuses on compensation to attract and retain talent.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM:

County Commissioners approved an agreement with Phoenix Programs of Florida for an integrated care pilot program that will improve overall health outcomes by effectively treating individuals with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders through a Continuum of Care system.

Hillsborough Commissioners approved a cooperative funding agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for a UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County study on efficient irrigation technologies that will help residents and businesses optimize outdoor water use and save money.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Thursday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Quarterly Awards Ceremony at County Center

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