

Equestrian Center Update

May 6, 2025

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Mindy Brooks, Rudy Rodriguez, Fionna Velazquez, Grace Jimenez, Alex Murray, Doug Carey, Matt Patana, Tony Ketchum, Stacy Denham, Emil Pierson, Michael Thomas, Todd Chaput, Kate Chatterton, Charlie Kolarik of Populous, Joel Feldman of Convention Sports Leisure, Malik Wocker

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Representatives from Populous and Convention Sports Leisure discussed plans for the proposed equestrian center. They noted that grant funding for the project from Commerce comes with certain requirements and has a September 2025 deadline.

The representatives discussed the planned width of the center – 240 to 280 feet wide – as well as proposed uses for the facility, including the following:

- Camping
- Convention center
- Spectator seating
- Training facility for firefighters, police
- Training facility for bodybuilding
- Facility for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) training

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.