

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

*Janet C. Long, Chair
Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Charlie Justice
Chris Latvala
Brian Scott*

ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.

Present: 6 - Chair Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair Kathleen Peters, Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

Absent: 1 - Charlie Justice

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Katie Poviones, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Pastor Keturah Pittman, Greater Mt Zion AME Church, St. Petersburg.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Water Conservation Month Proclamation:
Utilities Department
 - Franklin Roberson, Water Conservation Coordinator
 - Frank Quarterman, Water/Wastewater Plant Operator 1
 - Nathan Hickerson, Chemist 1
 - Robert Pawlikowski, Chemist 1

Chair Long welcomed the Utilities Department representatives to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Water Conservation Month. Mr. Roberson expressed appreciation for the proclamation.

2. National Community Development Week Proclamation:
Housing and Community Development
 - Brook Gajan, Compliance Manager
 - Joe Riddle, Grants Program Manager

Chair Long invited Ms. Gajan and Mr. Riddle to the podium and read a proclamation which highlighted accomplishments of the Community Development Block Grant and the Home Investment Partnership Programs and recognized April 10 through 14, 2023 as National Community Development Week. Mr. Riddle shared some of the accomplishments of the programs and thanked the Housing and Community Development department staff who diligently work to administer the programs and the local non-profit agencies for work to build better and stronger communities.

3. Department of Solid Waste Accreditation Award:
 - Paul Sacco, Director, Solid Waste
 - Rick Clarke, Solid Waste Program Supervisor, Solid Waste

Chair Long invited Messrs. Sacco and Clarke to the podium, noting that the Department of Solid Waste has received full accreditation from the American Public Works Association for

its commitment to continuous improvement of solid waste operations and services to the community; whereupon, a video from the President of the American Public Works Association was played and detailed the rigorous standards through which the accreditation was awarded to the Pinellas County Solid Waste Department. Mr. Sacco expressed thanks to the Board, the County Administrator, and staff for the opportunity to pursue accreditation.

4. Employee Recognition Award:

- Rick Clarke, Solid Waste Program Supervisor, Solid Waste
- Dan Schutzsmith, Web Team Leader and Sarah Powell, Graphics and Digital Project Coordinator, Communications

Mr. Clarke was invited to the podium by Chair Long, where she and Mr. Burton expressed their appreciation for his commitment to delivering first-class service to the citizens of Pinellas County and for taking the lead role in working towards the Solid Waste Department's accreditation from the American Public Works Association; whereupon, Chair Long introduced a video highlighting Mr. Clarke's contributions to the department.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

5. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Steven Duverge, St. Petersburg
Colin Molnor, St. Petersburg
Miles Truslow, St. Petersburg
Giovanni Jotz Da Silva, St. Petersburg
Noah Aktas, St. Petersburg
Don Cocker, Seminole
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Ellsworth Williams, St. Petersburg
Mack Johnson, Largo
Angela Sweet Taylor, St. Petersburg
Alexander Krest, St. Petersburg

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

6. Amendment to the ordinance of the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 7 and 8)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved Ordinance No. 23-4 amending the ordinance of the EMS Medical Control Board to change the Pinellas County Medical Association seat to add a pediatric physician member that would represent a hospital with pediatric services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

7. Amendment to the bylaws of the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 6 and 8)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved amendment to the EMS Medical Control Board bylaws to add a pediatric physician member that would represent a hospital with pediatric services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

8. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 6 and 7)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointments and reappointments of the following individuals for two-year terms ending February 2025:

- Dr. Meghan Martin appointed as a Pediatric Physician representative.
- Amelia Russell reappointed as a Hospital Administrator representative.
- Lacey Rains appointed as a Hospital Administrator alternate representative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 9 through 18

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 9.** Minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 10.** Vouchers and bills paid from March 5, 2023 through March 18, 2023

Period March 5 - 11, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$8,826,083.69

Payroll - None

Period March 12 - 18, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$25,124,346.77

Payroll - \$4,236,052.90

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

- 11.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 12.** Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended September 30, 2022.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 13.** Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ended December 31, 2022.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

14. Award of bid to NDL, LLC d/b/a Natural Designs Landscaping for roadway medians, rights of way, ponds and outparcels maintenance services.

Contract No. 23-0208-ITB awarded in the estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$770,280.56, for a total not-to-exceed expenditure of \$1,540,561.12, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid. The contract is effective for a period of 24 months, provides for two 24-month extensions to allow for price adjustments, as set forth in the Staff Report, and is a replacement to Contract No.178-0178-B.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

15. Award of bid to Wholesale Landscape Supply d/b/a Big Earth Landscape Supply and Southern Landscaping Materials for requirements of Roadway and Landscape materials - a Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative contract.

Contract No. 23-0077-B awarded in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,264,875.00, effective for a period of 12 months, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. The contract contains a provision for unit price adjustments and four 12-month extensions, as set forth in the Staff Report.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Solid Waste

16. Ranking of firms and agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC for Solid Waste and Waste Diversion Consulting Services.

(Contract No. 22-0644-P) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the estimated annual expenditure of \$369,820.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,849,100.00. Agreement is effective for 60 months, includes provision for one 24-month extension, and replaces Contract No. 167-0463-P, which expired on February 28, 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

17. Award of bid to Ring Power Corporation for electrical switchgear maintenance and repair services.

Contract No. 22-0590-B awarded to Ring Power Corporation in the estimated annual expenditure of \$453,043.00, with a 36-month total amount not to exceed \$1,359,129.00, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The contract contains a provision for two 12-month extensions.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

18. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Largo for the relocation and replacement of County's water system infrastructure in conflict with the City's proposed roadway and drainage system improvements along Valencia Drive North, South, West, and East.

(County PID No. 005063A) Agreement approved. County to pay the City a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,100,000.00 for construction services. Agreement will be in place for the duration of construction.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

19. Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project at Long Key/Upham Beach.

(FDEP Project No. 23PI1; County PID No. 004487A) Agreement approved for an FDEP award of \$1,325,000.00 with a County match of \$1,325,000.00 (federal cost share, \$4,744,633.00) for the nourishment and monitoring of approximately 0.45 miles of shoreline of the federal Shore Protection Project. Agreement term is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

20. Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for reimbursement of non-federal costs spent on the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project at Treasure Island.

(FDEP Project No. 18PI2, formerly 18PI1; County PID No. 001515A) Agreement approved for an estimated cost of \$12,040,000.00 (cost share: \$6,960,000.00 federal, \$2,540,000 FDEP, and \$2,540,000 County match), with an estimated reimbursement amount to the County of \$1,400,000.00. Agreement term is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

21. Resolution dedicating a County-owned property as public right-of-way.

Resolution No. 23-23 approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

22. National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System Annual Report.

Report received and filed.

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director of Public Works, explained the importance of the Community Rating System program and indicated that it rewards communities with good floodplain management practices and programs with floodplain insurance premium discounts, saving policy holders millions of dollars.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Peters, and Commissioner Justice

Safety and Emergency Services

23. Resolution adopting countywide minimum standards for radio frequency testing in new and existing high-rise structures; and providing for effective dates.

Resolution No. 23-24 approved.

Later in the meeting, James White, Belleair, expressed his support for the resolution.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

24. Appointment to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Dawn Peters appointed as Education and Training category representative, beginning July 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

25. Subsequent designation of local workforce area and continued charter of WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Application for subsequent designation and continued charter approved, covering a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

Countywide Planning Authority

26. Joint Forward Pinellas/Countywide Planning Authority Resolution designating Forward Pinellas as the forum to guide implementation of the Advantage Pinellas Housing Action Plan.

Resolution No. 23-25 approved.

Whit Blanton, Director of Forward Pinellas, thanked the Board for endorsing the resolution and related that it will establish the Forward Pinellas Board as a forum to provide support for the action plan to local governments, needed for affordable housing in Pinellas County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

Economic Development Authority

27. Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority (d/b/a the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority) Resolution Regarding Modification of the Variable Rate Index on Certain Outstanding Obligations from Certain London Interbank Offered Rates to a substitute variable interest rate index.

Resolution No. 23-26 approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Vice-Chair Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

Emergency Medical Services Authority

28. Amendment to the bylaws of the EMS Advisory Council. (Companion to Item No. 29)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the amendment to the Council bylaws to add a mental health professional or similar representative to its membership. This seat replaces the Pinellas County Medical Association seat, as the organization was recently dissolved.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

29. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. (Companion to Item No. 28)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following appointments and reappointments for terms ending in February 2025.

- Becca Tieder reappointed as Citizen Representative for Commission District 5.
- Jorge Mercado reappointed as Citizen Representative for Commission District 7.
- Siomara Bridges-Mata appointed as representative for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- Chief Chad Pittman reappointed as primary representative for Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association.
- Chief Scott Young reappointed as alternate representative for Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association.
- Commissioner Kevin Kenney reappointed as primary representative for Independent Fire Districts.
- Commissioner Casey Cane appointed as alternate representative for Independent Fire Districts.
- Dr. Zachary Zimko appointed as a Mental Health Professional or similar representative.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Peters, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

COUNTY ATTORNEY

30. Arbitration determination in the case of Pepper Contracting Services, Inc. v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-004558-CI - claims arising from a work order contract.

Attorney Crowell requested that the item be pulled from the agenda and indicated that the members will be updated one-on-one at a later date.

This County Attorney Item was withdrawn.

31. County Attorney Reports - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

32. County Administrator Reports - None.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 33.** Appointment to the Pinellas County Housing Authority (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Robin Ruybal appointed to fill a current vacancy for a term to expire on January 31, 2026, following a ballot vote.

- 34.** County Commission New Business:

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Latvala

- Brian Aungst, Sr. sworn in as the Mayor of Clearwater
- Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival in Clearwater
- Minor League Baseball season starting
- Tampa Bay Rays record

Commissioner Eggers

- Tampa Bay Water
- Zachary Shannon Memorial Post 2550 VFW Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event in Dunedin
- Elisa's Greatest Wishes Spring Fling
- Dunedin Fire Rescue Station 60
- Tarpon Springs City Commissioner Jacob Karr

Commissioner Scott

- Terre Verde Community
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Commissioner Flowers

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Tampa Bay Partnership
- Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Leadership Summit on May 3-5
- Plaque dedication ceremony for former County Commissioner Sallie Parks
- Kudos to Commissioner Eggers for service on Tampa Bay Water

Commissioner Long

- Tampa Bay Partnership Round Table, kudos to Commissioner Peters
- Mayor Brian Aungst, Sr.'s request to be the Clearwater representative on the Tourist Development Council (TDC)

Commissioner Flowers made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Latvala and carried unanimously, that Interim Mayor Brian Aungst, Sr. be appointed to serve as the Clearwater city representative on the TDC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge lighting

Chair Long requested that the following be added to the master bridge lighting resolution list:

- Endometriosis Awareness Month, April 23 - 29
- Night for Fallen Firefighters, May 8
- Slow Down and Move Over Law for first responders awareness, June 18

A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Justice

ADJOURNMENT - 11:03 A.M.



Janet C. Long

 Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Deidra Lewis*
 Deputy Clerk