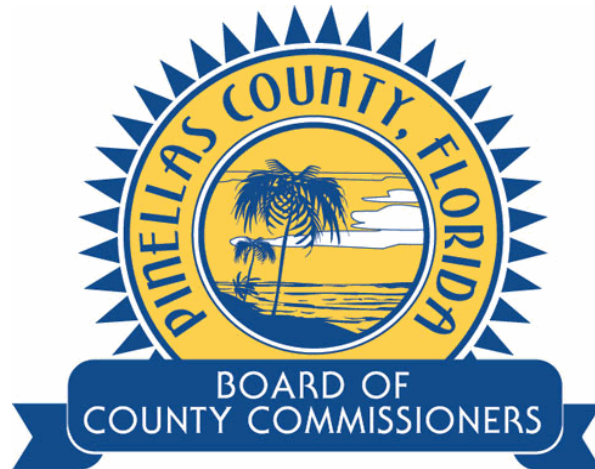


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Dave Eggers, Chair
Chris Latvala, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Vince Nowicki
Kathleen Peters
Chris Scherer
Brian Scott

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [26-0694A](#) Purple Heart Day Proclamation:
 - Father Bob Swick, Commander, Local Chapter of the Military Order of
 the Purple Heart
2. [26-0796A](#) National Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation:
 Parks and Conservation Resources
 - Rich Cerrone, Park/Preserve Maintenance Worker
 - Michael Dyer, Park Ranger I
 - Robert Gardner, Crew Chief I
 - Hannah Hayes, Curator of Education (Heritage Village)
 - Jason Miller, Park Ranger III
 - Monette Preston, Section Manager II (Visitor Services & Outreach)
3. [26-0797A](#) 727 Day Proclamation:
 - Brian Lowack, Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau
4. [26-0898A](#) Partner Presentation:
 Fiscal Year End September 30, 2025, Annual Comprehensive Financial
 Report and Audit Results
 - Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
 - Jeff Wolf, CPA, Forvis Mazars, LLP

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

5. [26-0791A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

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6. [26-1113A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2026.
7. [26-1114A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from May 24 through June 27, 2026.

Reports received for filing:

8. [26-1115A](#) Quarterly Investment Report for the period ended March 31, 2026.

9. [26-1116A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-17, dated June 8, 2026 - Inspector General's Observation of the Supervisor of Elections Office 2026 Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.
10. [26-1118A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-18, dated June 15, 2026 - Follow-up Investigation of Sixth Judicial Circuit Truancy Teen Court Employee Misuse of Time.
11. [26-1119A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-19, dated June 30, 2026 - Investigation of Public Works Misuse of Time.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

12. [26-1120A](#) Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County FY25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
13. [26-1121A](#) Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Financial Report submitted to the State of Florida.
14. [26-1122A](#) City of Clearwater Ordinance Nos. 9890-26 and 9893-26, adopted May 21, 2026, annexing certain properties.
15. [26-1123A](#) Eastlake Oaks Community Development District Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget.
16. [26-1124A](#) Florida Public Service Commission, Docket No. 20260044-EI.
17. [26-1125A](#) Florida Public Service Commission, Docket No. 20260064-EI.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Construction and Property Management

18. [26-1039A](#) Agreements with Average Joe Landscape, Duval Landscape Maintenance, and Rotolo Consultants, Inc. for mowing, landscape, and irrigation services.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreements with Average Joe Landscape, Duval Landscape Maintenance, and Rotolo Consultants, Inc. for mowing, landscape, and irrigation services.

- This contract will provide Construction and Property Management (CPM) facilities with combined services of mowing, landscaping & irrigation.
- Six submittals were received with award recommendations to the top three firms (Average Joe Landscape, Duval Landscape Maintenance, and Rotolo Consultants, Inc.) in the total amount of \$2,230,063.80 for the initial thirty-six-month term.
- This contract includes a provision for two additional twelve-month terms with mutual agreement by the County and firms after the initial thirty-six-month term.
- The current agreements expire on September 30, 2026. Funding for the new agreements is included in CPM's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget request within the General Fund. Funding for FY27 and future years is dependent on the adoption of the annual County Operating Budget.

Contract No. 26-0255-RFP in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,230,063.80, effective for thirty-six months; Authorize Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

19. [26-0826A](#) Agreement with Harper Limbach LLC for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and related services.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreement with the number one ranked firm Harper Limbach LLC (HLL) for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and related services.

- This agreement provides Construction and Property Management (CPM) with a structured contract for preventive maintenance, condition assessments, service response, repairs, documentation, and reporting for critical County HVAC systems and related equipment.
- The scope includes water-cooled chillers, air-cooled chillers, cooling towers, chilled water pumps, condenser water pumps, and related HVAC assets that support County facility operations.
- Nine firms submitted proposals. Following evaluation, HLL was ranked the highest-ranked firm and is recommended for award.
- CPM and Purchasing negotiated with HLL, reducing the proposed agreement value from \$1,111,007.00 to \$911,007.00 while preserving a favorable 15% markup on parts and materials, compared to the current contract markup of 35%.
- The initial term of this agreement is thirty-six-months with a not-to-exceed amount of \$911,007.00. There is also a provision for two additional 12-month terms beyond the initial thirty-six-month term if agreed upon by the parties.
- Funding for the agreement is included in Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for CPM within the General Fund. Funding for future years is dependent on approval in the annual County Operating Budget.

Contract No. 26-0009-RFP in the total award amount of \$911,007.00 for thirty-six months; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

County Administrator

20. [26-0795A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Public Works

21. [26-1080A](#) Ratification of County Administrator approval of the Off Strategic Intermodal System funding application with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction of East Lake Road from south of Curlew Road to north of Trinity Boulevard.

Recommendation: Ratification of County Administrator approval of the Off Strategic Intermodal System funding application with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction of East Lake Road from south of Curlew Road to north of Trinity Boulevard.

- Grant request is \$140,000,000.00 for construction portion of project.
- Grant funding is proposed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2031 through 2036.
- Proposed County match is \$35,000,00.00, anticipated to be derived from Local Infrastructure Sales Tax (Penny for Pinellas).
- Due to the very short turnaround time for this application, the County Administrator approved submission to FDOT, per Legistar Item 26-0499D. Through this action, the Board of County Commissioners is authorizing ratification.
- Funding for this project is not included in the FY26-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, as East Lake Rd (CR 611) from south of Curlew Road to north of Trinity Blvd. (CR 966), project 003879A, is scheduled for Penny V after the current 6-Year CIP.

PID 003879A; Total project costs \$175,000,000.00; grant funding request \$140,000,000.00 with a \$35,000,000.00 County match to be local funds. Approval by the County Administrator did not require a signature.

22. [26-0880A](#) Ratification of County Administrator approval of the application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application for the Keystone Road and East Lake Road emergency access improvements.

Recommendation:

Ratification of County Administrator approval of the application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application for the Keystone Road and East Lake Road emergency access improvements.

- Project will improve emergency access along Keystone Road from the East Lake Fire and Rescue Station 58 to East Lake Road. The project site is identified as being on the High-Injury Network and defined as a hot spot in the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan.
- Requested grant funding is \$7,960,000.00; anticipated County match is \$1,990,000.00.
- County Administrator approved submission of application due to deadline, per Legistar Item 26-0327D. County Administrator approval was necessary with understanding item would be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.
- Application deadline for submission was May 26, 2026.
- Funding for this grant application is budgeted in Capital Improvement Plan, under Keystone Road and East Lake Road Emergency Access Improvements, which is currently funded by Local Option Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas).

County PID: 005208A; Requested grant funding is \$7,960,000.00; County match is \$1,990,000.00; Authorize the Board to ratify County Administrator signature, approval, and submission of the grant application due to submittal deadline; Authorize the Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Solid Waste

23. [26-0961A](#) Award of bid to Axecel Construction LLC, Solid Waste Administration Building HVAC renovation.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of the bid to Axecel Construction LLC, Solid Waste Administration Building HVAC renovation.

- This contract is for the replacement of the existing building HVAC systems. Work includes demolition of existing units and installation of new, including all associated electrical, controls, piping, and all necessary work for complete system installation.
- Three bids were received with an award recommendation to Axecel Construction LLC, in the amount of \$893,148.50 as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, with all work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding for this agreement is budgeted under Solid Waste Administration Building HVAC Replacement project 006492C, included in the Fiscal Years 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Solid Waste Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Bid No. 26-0394-ITB-C; in the amount of \$893,148.50, with all work to be completed in 365 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

24. [26-0513A](#) Award of bid to Waste Management Inc. of Florida for Lealman residential waste collection, disposal, and recycling services.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreement with Waste Management Inc. of Florida for Lealman residential waste collection, disposal, and recycling services.

- This contract is for requirements of Lealman residential waste, recyclables, yard, and bulky waste collection, and disposal services.
- The invitation to bid included options for once weekly and twice weekly residential waste collection, universal recycling collection and subscription-based recycling collection. The County selected twice weekly residential collection services that will be paid by the County and the subscription-based recycling collection that will be paid by the customer directly to the vendor in an amount of \$5.00 per month.
- Three responsive bids were received with Waste Management Inc. recommended for award with the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the twice weekly residential collection in the amount of \$11,748,000.00 for the initial 60-month term from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2031.
- This contract is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget of the Lealman Solid Waste Department, in the Lealman Solid Waste and Collection Fund.

Contact No. 25-0718-ITB for a total contract expenditure not to exceed \$11,748,000.00 for 60 months; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

25. [25-0434A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with PCL Construction, Inc. for Pump Station 16 improvements - Professional Design-Build Services.

Recommendation: Approval of ranking of firms and agreement with PCL Construction, Inc. for Pump Station 16 improvements - Professional Design-Build Services.

- This contract is for professional design-build services consisting of engineering design, construction documents and permitting (Phase 1) and construction services (Phase 2) for the Pump Station 16 Rehabilitation project.
- Award recommendation is to PCL Construction, Inc. per the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act in the amount of \$2,298,231.50 for Phase 1.
- Staff will return to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of Phase 2 construction services with a Lump Sum Guaranteed Maximum Price.
- Four Small Business Enterprise firms are included in this contract with PCL Construction, Inc.: Dialogue Public Relations, LLC, Juturna Consulting, LLC, Hyatt Survey Services, Inc., and V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc. for combined SBE fees of \$187,561.00, or approximately 8% of the total Phase 1 award.
- Funding is available under Pump Station 016 Improvements, included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund, in the amount of \$2,637,000.00.

Contract No. 25-0209-RFP-DB in the amount of \$2,298,231.50 from the notice to proceed for 450 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

26. [26-0964A](#) Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

27. [26-1025A](#) Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and delegation of authority to accept Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2026 Funds - Airport Improvement Program Grant - St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommendation: Approval of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 project application to request \$95,202.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant program.

- This grant will enable St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) to fund 36 Vehicle Movement Area Transmitters which will be installed and configured to airport vehicles and equipment that access the airfield.
- These transponders will be paid for with an AIP grant, which pays 90% of the cost, while PIE pays the other 10%.
- It is uncertain exactly when the grant agreement will be forwarded to the County for signature by the Chairman and County Attorney. The grant will be electronically mailed to the Chairman for electronic signature and then the County Attorney. PIE will not have a copy of the grant prior to the grant being sent via email. It is customary that the FAA provides PIE with no advance notice and only a few days to execute the grant and obligate the funding.
- Because the grant agreement needs to be signed when it is received by the FAA, we request the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to Chairman Eggers to sign the grant at the point in time when approving this grant application.
- This is requested in the FY27 Budget of PIE in the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund. In the event that future fiscal year funding is not available for this agreement, the County maintains the authority to terminate this agreement.

Housing & Community Development

28. [26-0905A](#) Historic Preservation Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for two historic properties in the City of St. Petersburg.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolutions authorizing a historic preservation tax exemption of County ad valorem taxes for improvements made to the recently rehabilitated historic properties in the City of St. Petersburg identified as:

- The single-family dwelling located at 7321 3rd Avenue North (the Mathis Residence), a local historic landmark listed in the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places; (PID# 19-31-16-20484-018-0080).
- The single-family dwelling located at 3243 8th Avenue North, a contributing property to the Kenwood Section -- Northwest Kenwood Local Historic District listed in the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places; (PID# 14-31-16-46350-014-0080).
- These tax exemptions apply only to the increase in the value of improvements after rehabilitation, as determined by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser, and is for a period of ten years.
- The amount of the exemption will impact ad valorem collections including the City of St. Petersburg, the Countywide General Fund, the Emergency Medical Services fund, and the Health Department.
- The revenue loss to the County in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for the two properties is \$935.00. The revenue loss to the City in FY26 for the two properties is \$1,310.00. The revenue loss in future years will likely grow.

Authorize the Chairman to be the signatory party for the County on the historic preservation covenants for these properties and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest the resolutions and associated covenants.

Human Services

29. [26-1047A](#) First Amendment Term Extension with BKN Creative, LLC for marketing services.

Recommendation: Approval of the First Amendment Term Extension for marketing services with BKN Creative LLC (BKN) requested by Human Services.

- This contract provides marketing services to promote Care About Me in a bold, robust manner to increase visibility and program utilization.
- The First Amendment exercises the first twelve-month extension per the terms of the original contract approved by the Board of County Commissioners, increasing by \$910,000.00 and extending from August 19, 2026, to August 18, 2027.
- This amendment provides 200 hours of marketing development and support from BKN each month, for a total of \$420,000.00 for twelve months, with an advertising budget of an additional \$490,000.00.
- This agreement expands the grassroots marketing efforts with staff dedicated to increased outreach to faith-based organizations, civic groups, businesses and other community stakeholders.
- Opioid Settlement Funds are being utilized for this amendment to target increased utilization for behavioral health care services.
- Funding for this amendment is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Adopted Budget for Human Services within the General Fund out of the Miscellaneous Opioid Settlement funds under project 006566A. It will be switching to the City/County Opioid Fund in FY27.

Contract No. 25-0812-N increase in the amount of \$910,000.00, for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$1,510,000.00, through August 18, 2027; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

30. [26-0979A](#) Resolution declaring Pinellas County Government as a hybrid entity for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Recommendation: Adoption of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Resolution.

- This resolution designates Pinellas County Government as a HIPAA hybrid entity and identifies the specific departments, divisions, and programs that serve as healthcare components covered entities and business associates. Healthcare components must maintain HIPAA compliant procedures, to safeguard protected health information and appoint a HIPAA Privacy and Compliance Officer.
- Effective immediately upon adoption this resolution authorizes the County Administrator to modify healthcare component and business associate designations as organizational changes occur and supersedes all prior hybrid entity designations.
- Federal HIPAA regulations establish standards for compliance by covered entities and business associates. Several Pinellas County departments function as health care providers or health plans and therefore qualify as healthcare components, while others operate as business associates because they handle PHI in support of those components.
- The County previously designated itself as a HIPAA Hybrid Entity in 2003, with an amendment in 2010 to reflect departmental restructuring. A recent review determined that further updating the County's Hybrid Entity designation would best serve the public and ensure compliance with applicable laws. The County now seeks to formally ratify and restate its Hybrid Entity status, identifying the healthcare components and business associates responsible for HIPAA compliance.
- The County Attorney's Office confirmed that no public hearing or advertisement is needed for this resolution.
- This resolution, by itself, has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County. No funding will be allocated towards this resolution.

31. [26-1035A](#) Funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2027 Human Services Social Action Grant Program.

Recommendation: Approval of funding recommendations by the Social Action Funding Advisory Board (SAFAB) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Social Action Grant Funding Agreements with 17 community agencies, and delegation of authority to the County Administrator to sign all associated agreements and documentation.

- Seventeen community agencies are recommended by the SAFAB for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the priority area of food/nutritional services; homeless and housing services; healthcare for disadvantaged residents; human services for disadvantaged residents, and supportive services for an aging population. A breakdown of recommended awards is attached. The grant award will be for one-year project period.
- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online grant application which opened March 2, 2026. Fifty-nine applications were received totaling \$5,298,664 in requested funding.
- On May 6, 2026, following review and ranking of the applications, the SAFAB voted to recommend awards to 17 projects. Awards range from \$12,324.00 to \$150,000.00.
- Funding for this agreement is included in the FY27 Adopted Budget for Human Services within the General Fund which will be adopted in whole or in-part by the Board of County Commissioners in September 2026. Funding for this and future years is dependent on approval in the annual County Operating Budget.
- The total allocation is \$1,705,610.00.

32. [26-0944A](#) Service Area Competition grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Recommendation: Approval of the Service Area Competition grant award for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program. This award includes the remaining balance of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Health Care for the Homeless Program as well as a one-time award of \$67,000.00 for the Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention.

It is also recommended that the County Administrator be given delegated authority for adjustments and supplemental awards given by HRSA for this program during the grant project period.

- Grant award from HRSA provides continued support for the Pinellas HCH program for a four-year project period from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2030.
- Federal funding in the amount of \$1,926,977.00 per year supports the provision of medical, dental, and behavioral health care for individuals experiencing homelessness and receiving care at the Bayside Clinic and Mobile Medical Unit.
- This notice of award represents the remainder of the FY26 budget period funding.
- The award includes a one-time award of funding in the amount of \$67,000.00 in support of the Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention.
- The County anticipates applying non-federal funds to the program totaling approximately \$5,411,699.00 per year.
- Funding for this grant is included in the FY26 Adopted Budget for Human Services within the General Fund, with future-year funding dependent on annual County Operating Budget approval; however, the one-time supplemental HIV funding is not included in the FY26 Adopted Budget and may be added in a future budget amendment, though sufficient lapse savings are available to support this one-time supplement.

Management and Budget

33. [26-0657A](#) Contract with SESPECA, LLC for painting services for building exteriors, infrastructure systems, and pressure washing countywide on an as needed basis.

Recommendation: Approval of the shared-use contract with SESPECA, LLC, on an as needed basis, for painting services for building exteriors, infrastructure systems, and pressure washing countywide.

- This shared-use contract provides countywide painting services for building exteriors, infrastructure systems, and pressure washing on an as needed basis.
- Not to exceed amount of \$2,389,975.00 for a duration of thirty-six months with provision for one twenty-four-month extension. Unit prices may be adjusted annually (increase/decrease) in an amount not to exceed the average of the Consumer Price Index, or 5%, whichever is less.
- Nineteen responses were received with SESPECA, LLC recommended for award as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. This contract replaces Contract No. 23-0145-ITB, awarded by the Board of County Commissioners on July 18, 2023.
- Funding for the agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget for Construction and Property Management, Public Works and Parks and Conservation Resources, within the General Fund. Funding for the agreement is also included in the Star Center Fund for Economic Development, within the Solid Waste Revenue and Operating Fund for Solid Waste Department, for Public Works in the Surface Water Utility Fund as well as the County Transportation Trust, and for the Utilities Department in the Water Revenue and Operating fund. Funding for FY27 and future years is dependent on the adoption of the annual County Operating Budget.

Contract No. 26-0036-ITB for a thirty-six-month not to exceed expenditure of \$2,389,975.00 based on the lowest responsive and responsible bid received meeting specifications; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

34. [26-1084A](#) Reimbursement resolution establishing the intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Income Tax Regulations, to reimburse certain costs related to capital improvements to the North County Campus with proceeds of a future tax-exempt financing.

Recommendation:

Approval of the reimbursement resolution establishing its intent, for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Income Tax Regulations, to reimburse certain costs related to capital improvements to the North County Campus with proceeds of future tax-exempt financing.

- In a regular meeting duly assembled July 21, 2026, consider the adoption of a Reimbursement Resolution authorizing the reimbursement, from proceeds of a future tax-exempt financing, for capital expenditures to be paid by Pinellas County, Florida (County) in connection with certain capital expenditures related to a new North County Campus (Future Projects). The debt to be incurred by the County with respect to the future projects will not exceed \$51,000,000.00.
- The adoption of the Reimbursement Resolution does not constitute authorization to incur debt, nor does it require the County to incur debt. The primary purpose of the Reimbursement Resolution is to preserve the County's legal rights, pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Income Tax Regulations, to reimburse itself for expenditures related to the Future Projects.
- The County is responsible for payments of all fees and expenses.

Public Works

35. [26-0815A](#) Declaration to the public providing notice of the County's closure of the 119th Street North Class III Landfill in Seminole.

Recommendation: Approval of a declaration to the public pertaining to the County's closure of the 119th Street North Class III Landfill (formerly Pierce Landfill) in Seminole.

- The County owns the Landfill located at 119th Street North, Seminole; parcel ID nos. 09-30-15-00000-240-0600, 09-30-15-00000-240-0200 and 09-30-15-00000-240-0300.
- The County closed the Landfill, and in connection therewith, is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to record a Declaration in the Public Records notifying the public and future owners and users of the site that any activity involving the disturbance of the Landfill will require consultation with FDEP.
- The closure is a component of Capital Improvement Project number 006024A, providing site rehabilitation involving gas mitigation and the creation of green space.
- This declaration has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the declaration and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to file the declaration in the Board's records and record the declaration in the Pinellas County Public Records.

36. [26-1049A](#) Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for State of Florida Department of Commerce, as part of the Community Development Block grant requirements for Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail project.

Recommendation: Approval of the Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for State of Florida Department of Commerce, as part of the Community Development Block grant requirements for Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail project.

- Grant requires completion of Environmental Assessment. Assessment was used to determine if Joe's Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail will have significant impact on the human environment.
- Assessment was completed and determination found no significant impact to quality of human environments.
- No fiscal impact is associated with this Environmental Assessment.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

37. [26-1020A](#) Grant application and associated resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Funding will be used to reimbursed construction and monitoring costs for Upham Beach renourishment.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant application and adoption of the associated resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2028 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Funding will be used to reimbursed construction and monitoring costs for Upham Beach renourishment.

- Grant application request to FDEP is \$862,592.87.
- Upham Beach area of Long Key Segment was nourished in 2025.
- Eligible construction costs are \$4,300,185.75, first- and second-year monitoring costs are \$45,000.00 and \$30,000.00. Total eligible project cost is \$4,375,185.75.
- Funding for this resolution and application is available under Long Key-Upham 9th Nourishment project, 004487A, included in the FY26-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Capital Fund with Tourist Development Tax and State grant funding.
- Authorize staff to electronically submit signed grant application by July 31, 2026.

PID 004487A; FDEP grant application request is for \$862,592.87.

38. [26-1026A](#) Grant application and associated resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Funding will be used to reimburse construction and monitoring costs for Treasure Island Beach renourishment.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant application and adoption of the associated resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2028 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Funding will be used to reimburse construction and monitoring costs for Treasure Island Beach renourishment.

- Grant application request to FDEP is \$4,926,970.65.
- Most recent nourishment to project area was in 2025.
- FDEP total share projected is \$7,452,020.65, including previously awarded grant funds of \$2,525,000.00. Current funding request is \$4,926,970.65.
- County share projected amount is \$7,452,020.65.
- Funding for this resolution and application is available under Treasure Island 12th Nourishment, project 002574A, included in the FY26-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by Tourist Development Tax and State grant in the Capital Fund.
- Authorize staff to electronically submit signed grant application by July 31, 2026.

PID 002574A; Grant application request is for \$4,926,970.65.

39. [26-0875A](#) Modification No. 3 to the grant agreement with United States Environmental Protection Agency for Air Pollution Control Program support.

Recommendation: Approval of Modification No. 3 to the grant agreement with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for Air Pollution Control Program support.

- Action approves Modification No. 3 in amount of \$250,610.00 for Fiscal Year 2026.
- USEPA provides up to 30% cost share for all approved budget costs incurred, not to exceed total federal funding of \$605,699.00 from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026.
- Total two-year project amount is \$2,496,266.00, which includes \$1,747,386.00 County match and maximum Federal match of \$748,880.00.
- Signature not required on the agreement.
- County's match funds are a combination of Tag Fee funds and locally generated air program revenue. Costs charged to the General Fund that are not reimbursed by the USEPA are wholly offset by air program revenue.
- Funding for the grant is included in the current year budget of Public Works in the General Fund.

County PID 006687A; USEPA A-00402125: Modification to Agreement in amount of \$250,610.00; Total two-year maximum project amount is \$2,496,266.00; Project Period October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

40. [26-0988A](#) Purchase authorization with AIP US, LLC for data communication components.

Recommendation: Approval of the purchase authorization for CISCO data communication equipment from AIP US, LLC for use by the Public Works Transportation Division.

- This contract provides a mechanism for the Public Works Transportation Division to obtain required components (switches) for use in various traffic management devices.
- Pricing is based on the NASPO ValuePoint Contract No. 43220000-NASPO-19-ACS - Master Agreement Number: AR3227 with the State of Utah (lead agency) expiring September 30, 2026.
- This is a one-time purchase in the amount of \$348,540.86. Utilizing this cooperative provides substantial savings in the amount of approximately \$40,000.00 as compared with another competitive contract quote.
- Funding for this authorization is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Public Work within the Transportation Trust Fund.

Contract No. 26-0520-PB in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$348,540.86 through September 30, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

41. [26-1083A](#) State Funded County Incentive Grant Program Agreement and corresponding Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation for construction activities of the Intelligent Transportation System/Advanced Traffic Management System on Duhme Road/113th Street from State Road 666/Tom Stuart Causeway to State Road 688/Ulmerton Road project.

Recommendation: Approval of the State Funded County Incentive Grant Program Agreement and corresponding Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for construction activities of the Intelligent Transportation System/Advanced Traffic Management System on Duhme Road/113th Street from State Road (SR) 666/Tom Stuart Causeway to SR 688/Ulmerton Road project.

- Agreement amount is \$2,932,400.00. FDOT maximum participation is \$1,466,200.00; County match is \$1,466,200.00.
- Project construction funded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 and FY28.
- County matching funds for Agreement and overall project are derived from the Local Option Fuel Tax.
- Project will enhance flow of traffic by providing necessary surveillance of traffic conditions along roadway, and provide motorists with information for alerts, incidents and evacuations.
- Funding is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program, in the amount of \$8,189,000.00, under project 004544A-ATMS 113th Street, funded by Local Option Fuel Tax and State Grant.

FDOT FPN 448509 1 54 01; PID No. 004544A; FDOT to fund \$1,466,200.00 and County to fund \$1,466,200.00 of the Agreement total of \$2,932,400.00; Total construction cost estimate is \$7,814,200.00; Agreement term ends July 17, 2028; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Solid Waste

42. [26-0445A](#) Agreements with three firms for the requirements of the Waste to Energy Facility - Continuing Professional Engineering Services.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreements with three firms for the requirements of the Waste to Energy Facility - Continuing Professional Engineering Services.

- This contract will provide the Solid Waste Department with continuing professional engineering consulting services on an as-needed basis.
- Five submittals were received with award recommendation to the top three firms (HDR Engineering, Inc., CDM Smith, Inc., and Arcadis US, Inc.) in the total amount of \$21,000,000.00 (\$7M per firm) for a five-year term, in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055.
- All the prime vendors have committed to utilizing multiple-certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms for engagements resulting from this contract. Percentage goals are not established for CCNA's continuing contracts. When the County utilizes a firm for an engagement, the requested department, working with Economic Development, will ensure SBEs are utilized.
- This contract is used on an as-needed basis with no obligation to spend the full amount of the contract or to spend in any given year, with the obligation occurring upon issuance of work order assignments (purchase orders). Funding is determined by the individual work order assignment sourced to the agreement, and actual expenditures are contingent upon work completed.

Contract No. 26-0406-RFQ-CCNAC in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 per vendor for a five-year total not to exceed of \$21,000,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

43. [26-0818A](#) Resolution repealing Resolution No. 05-59 and terminating the Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grant program.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution repealing Resolution No. 05-59, thereby terminating the Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grant (MRG) program effective October 1, 2026.

- Resolution 05-59 established the MRG program with the primary goal of seed funding for municipalities within the County to establish residential curbside recycling programs.
- The total annual grant funding available is \$500,000.00.
- Maximum funding available to each municipality is based on population.
- MRG Program funds are reimbursable based on whether acceptance criteria are met.
- Between Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY25, the County reimbursed municipalities over \$1.57 million for operating expenses, including invoices for contractor services for residential recycling collection and processing.
- The Solid Waste Department continues to work with Solid Waste Technical Management Committee to develop alternative solid waste diversion programs.
- Funding for this grant program is included in the current-year budget of the Solid Waste Department in the Solid Waste Revenue and Operating Fund.

Utilities

44. [26-1002A](#) Change Order No. 2 to the agreement with Rowland DE, LLC for the annual sanitary sewer repairs and extensions Fiscal Year 2024-2026.

Recommendation: Approval of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to the agreement with Rowland DE, LLC for the annual sanitary sewer repairs and extension for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2026.

- The purpose of this contract is for the repair, rehabilitation, replacement, and extension of sanitary sewer pipes, manholes, and appurtenances at various locations throughout the County, with provisions for emergency repairs.
- This contract was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on July 30, 2024, for \$10,209,703.75, with all work to be completed within 730 consecutive calendar days.
- Change Order No. 1 was approved by the BCC on July 22, 2025, and increased the agreement by \$5,000,000.00 for a revised total of \$15,209,703.75.
- An additional \$5,000,000.00 under Change Order No. 2 is necessary to maintain uninterrupted contractor availability for sanitary sewer repairs, rehabilitation, replacement, and extensions until the expected issuance of the Annual Sanitary Sewer Repair contract for FY27 through FY29. Extending the agreement by 365 consecutive calendar days through October 16, 2027.
- This contract is used on an as-needed basis with no obligation to spend the full amount of the contract or to spend in any given year, with obligations occurring upon issuance of work order assignments (purchase orders). Funding is determined by the individual work order assignment sourced to the agreement, and actual expenditures are contingent upon work completed.

Contract No. 24-0384-ITB-C increase for \$5,000,000.00 for a revised total not to exceed the amount of \$20,209,703.75; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

45. [26-0275A](#) First Amendment to the agreement with SAK Enterprises, Inc. for flood barriers and termination of agreement for cause with Engineering Inspection and Restoration Services, LLC.

Recommendation: Approval of the First Amendment to the agreement with SAK Enterprises, Inc. (SAK) for flood barriers.

It is further recommended that the Board of County Commissioners terminate the agreement for cause with Engineering Inspection and Restoration Services, LLC (EIRS) due to their inability to perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

- These agreements provide Pinellas County Utilities (PCU) with flood barrier protection at vulnerable wastewater and water treatment facilities throughout the County and were awarded to EIRS and SAK by the Board on December 16, 2025.
- The First Amendment revises the scope of work to include all flood barrier locations and reallocates the funding from the terminated agreement to SAK for a revised not-to-exceed total contract amount of \$385,400.48.
- Additionally, staff recommends termination of the agreement for cause with EIRS as EIRS failed to perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement following issuance of two Notices to Cure.
- Termination of the EIRS agreement allows PCU to proceed with project implementation with SAK (second low bidder).
- Funding for this agreement is budgeted under South Cross Bayou Renewal and Replacement project 000847A, Water Facilities Annual Improvements project 003767A, and Pump Station Improvements project 000964A, included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-FY32 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Water Renewal and Replacement Fund and the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Contract 25-0689-ITB, reallocation of contract funds to SAK in the amount of 350,698.96 for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$385,400.48; terminate agreement with EIRS; Authorize the Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

46. [26-1003A](#) Purchase authorization with Granicus, Inc. for software, maintenance, and support.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution and purchase authorization with Granicus, Inc. (Granicus) for software, maintenance and support as requested by the Business Technology Services Department.

- This contract provides a cost-effective way to consolidate and co-term all Granicus licenses avoiding more than \$528,240 over five years in support of continued use of the Granicus suite (Legistar, GovQA, Address Verification, and Short-Term Rentals) to maintain efficient operations, accurate data, streamlined services, and strong compliance.
- Pricing is per the Omnia Partners/Region 14 Education Service Center Contract No. 159768 with County terms; increases are capped at 3% year over year.
- County resolution is required as Region 14 Education Service Center is a non-profit corporation, not a governmental entity whose cooperative purchasing procedures and resulting contracts are satisfactory and beneficial to the County and meet the expectations of existing competitive practices for the delivery of competitively and transparently procured solutions.
- Funding is included in the FY26 Adopted budget and FY27 Budget request. Funding for future years is dependent on approval in the annual County Operating Budget.

Contract No. 26-0505-PB in the total not to exceed amount of \$1,974,666.98 through December 31, 2030; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Emergency Medical Services Authority

47. [26-0975A](#) Issuance and renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for provision of non-medical wheelchair transport service.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue and renew Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for each non-medical wheelchair transport provider on the attached listing.

- WHC CLW LLC d/b/a Trip and Rydepoint Medical Transport have completed applications and met the Authority's requirements to operate as non-medical wheelchair transport providers.
- If approved, the one new and one renewal COPCNs will be effective on July 21, 2026, and expires on June 30, 2027. Certificates approved during this time period will be renewed in June 2027 as part of the annual batch renewal process.
- There are currently nine firms providing non-medical wheelchairs, six firms providing non-medical wheelchairs and stretcher van, and two firms providing stretcher van transport services.
- Vehicle inspections are performed prior to issuing the COPCN, and records are kept on file.
- The County is transitioning from a paper application to a new electronic system, and all providers have met the requirements.
- There is no fiscal impact for certifications. Staff administration of the process is included in the annual operating budget for the EMS Fund.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

48. [26-1040A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Melissa Carr v. Jason Nguyen, et al; HUD Case No. 04-26-9732-8; PC Case No. 26-015 - alleged housing discrimination.
- Recommendation:** Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation on behalf of Melissa Carr through outside counsel retained for these legal services.
49. [26-1030A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Sean Etty; County Court Case No. 26-005577-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.
- Recommendation:** Ratification of the Chair's approval of authority to initiate litigation against Sean Etty.
50. [26-1045A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Robert Jones - action to recover public money.
- Recommendation:** Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation against Robert Jones.
51. [26-1046A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Belleair Development, LLC v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 26-003078-CI.
- Recommendation:** Ratification of the filing of a counterclaim against Belleair Development, LLC.
52. [26-1031A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Lawrence Strominger; County Court Case No. 26-005795-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.
- Recommendation:** Ratification of the Chair's approval of authority to initiate litigation against Lawrence Strominger.
53. [26-1036A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Duke Energy Corp.; Circuit Court Case No. 26-003521-CI - complaint for monetary damages resulting from damage to a digital message sign.
- Recommendation:** Ratification of the Chair's approval of authority to initiate litigation against Duke Energy Corp.
54. [26-0973A](#) Proposed settlement in the case of Marvelle Claudette Okeefe v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 25-003173-CI.
- Recommendation:** Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Marvelle Claudette Okeefe v. Pinellas County.

55. [26-1041A](#) Proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County, Florida v. AmerisourceBergen; Federal Case No. 17-MD-2804.

Recommendation: Consideration of the proposed settlement with in the case of Pinellas County, Florida v. AmerisourceBergen.

56. [26-0792A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

57. [26-0816A](#) County Administrator Reports:
- Maximum Millages

COUNTY COMMISSION

58. [26-0984A](#) Appointment and reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following appointment and reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for two-year terms.

- Appoint Rescue Captain Jonathan Sanchez as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief's alternate representative for a term starting July 2026 and ending April 2028. Rescue Division Chief Lindsay Judah is the primary representative for the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief and whose current term started May 2026 and ends April 2028.
- Reappoint Ms. Nancy Hopkins as the Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter representative. Ms. Hopkins is volunteering to serve another two-year term, starting July 2026 and ending June 2028.
- A voice vote will suffice.

59. [26-0823A](#) Appointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Board of Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve two appointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning on August 1, 2026, and ending on July 31, 2028. These appointments are made by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole.

- These vacancies were created as two current appointee's terms are set to expire on July 31, 2026. The two current appointees are Miles M. Croom and Cynthia Grizzle.
 - Mr. Croom reapplied and his application is included in the Applications/Resumes Packet.
 - Ms. Grizzle did not reapply.
- The two people selected to serve must meet the qualifications for an Environmental Science Advisory appointee. This is determined by PCR staff and eligibility is indicated on the ballot.
- Seven applications were received during the application period which ended on June 24th.
- The ballot listing all the applicants, as well as their applications and resumes can be found in the attachments to this agenda item.
- The Clerk will disseminate the ballots.

60. [26-0693A](#) Appointment to the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve one appointment to the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) for a term of two years beginning on July 17, 2026. This appointment is by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole.

- The current appointee is Ms. Tracy Meehan. She is currently serving her fourth term on the Solid Waste TMC and is eligible for reappointment.
- During the application period ten applicants applied. Applicant's eligibility is indicated on the attached ballot. Eligibility is determined by qualified Solid Waste staff.
- Applications and resumes for all applicants are attached to this agenda item.
- The Clerk will disseminate ballots for a vote.

61. [26-0890A](#) Appointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve three appointments to the Suncoast Health Council for a term of two years beginning on date of appointment. These appointments are made by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole.

- Four applications were received during the application process.
- The names of all applicants can be found on the attached ballot, as well as in the attached applications/resumes packet.
- Eligibility of applicants is determined by the Suncoast Health Council staff.
- The Clerk will disseminate the ballots.

62. [26-0794A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

- 63.** [26-0969A](#) Case No. CW 26-07 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium, regarding 0.41 acre more or less, located at 2446 Nursery Road.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 26-07, a proposal by the City of Clearwater to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium, regarding 0.41 acre more or less, located at 2446 Nursery Road.

- The applicant requests the amendment to increase the allowable residential equivalent density associated with the existing assisted living facility and to support a potential future increase in bed capacity.
- The proposed amendment would increase the maximum permitted residential density from 10 units per acre to 15 units per acre. Residential equivalent uses are permitted within both the current and proposed categories at a ratio of 3.0 beds per permitted dwelling unit.
- Although the amendment area is located within a Multimodal Accessibility Index underperforming grid cell, the proposal satisfies the balancing criteria due to the limited multimodal impacts associated with assisted living facilities.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

64. [26-0976A](#) Case No. CW 26-08 - City of Clearwater (continuance requested to August 11, 2026)
Countywide Plan Map amendment in the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area regarding 491.5 acres more or less.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, approve a continuance of the case to the August 11, 2026 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

- The City of Clearwater submitted an application for an amendment to the Countywide Plan Map, concerning 491.5 acres more or less, that was advertised for public hearing on June 8, 2026, before the Forward Pinellas Board and on July 21, 2026, before the Countywide Planning Authority.
- Property owners were notified of the public hearings.
- After receiving many inquiries about the proposed amendment from the public, and consulting with City staff, the City of Clearwater has requested that the public hearings be continued to July 8, 2026, before the Forward Pinellas Board and August 11, 2026, before the Countywide Planning Authority, to allow more time to educate the public on the purpose and need of the requested map amendment.
- The Forward Pinellas Board unanimously approved a continuance of the case to its July 8, 2026, meeting.

65. [26-0970A](#) Case No. CW 26-09 - Town of Redington Shores
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail & Services to Residential Low Medium, regarding 0.13 acres more or less, located at 109 180th Avenue East.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 26-09, a proposal by the Town of Redington Shores to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Retail & Services to Residential Low Medium, regarding 0.13 acres more or less, located at 109 180th Avenue East.

- The Town approved a local Future Land Use Map amendment from Commercial General to Residential Low Medium through Ordinance No. 25-09.
- The subject property is located within an established waterfront residential neighborhood and historically contained a non-conforming single-family residence constructed in approximately 1967. The site is currently vacant following the demolition of the prior home.
- The proposed amendment would permit redevelopment of the property with a new single-family residence compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The surrounding area consists primarily of single-family residential uses, with limited commercial properties near Gulf Boulevard.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

66. [26-0971A](#) Case No. CW 26-10 - City of Pinellas Park - Withdrawal at the Request of the City.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the County Planning Authority, approve the withdrawal of Case No. CW 26-10 as submitted by the City of Pinellas Park.

- The City of Pinellas Park submitted an application to amend the Countywide Plan Map.
- The proposed amendment was advertised for public hearings before the Forward Pinellas Board and the Countywide Planning Authority.
- After receiving communication from the State of Florida citing that the proposal violated SB 180, the City requested that the case be withdrawn from any further consideration.
- The Forward Pinellas Board voted 15-0 to recommend that the case be withdrawn and did not conduct a public hearing.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

67. [26-0986A](#) Resolution adopting an increased Solid Waste tipping fee for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.

Recommendation: Adoption of the resolution to increase the Solid Waste tipping fee to \$63.57 per ton, effective October 1, 2026, and \$68.65 per ton, effective October 1, 2027.

- This item is a separate adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 tipping fee at \$63.57 per ton, as presented during the Budget Information Session and included in the FY27 Proposed Budget, and FY28 tipping fee at \$68.65 per ton.
- The FY27 rate is an 8.0% increase from the FY26 rate of \$58.86 per ton and was based on the recommendation of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. and the Technical Management Committee. The FY28 rate increase is an 8.0% increase from the proposed FY27 rate.
- The tipping fee revenues are receipted to the Solid Waste Revenue and Operating Fund, and are included in the FY27 Proposed Budget, in the amount of \$64,175,640.00.

68. [26-0978A](#) Annual certificate of the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Resolution increasing the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District.

Recommendation: Approval of the annual certificate of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll via public hearing.

- Approval provides the Tax Collector authority to collect a non-ad valorem assessment from Lealman Community residential property owners for Solid Waste collection and disposal.
- Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc., is the currently contracted service provider and provides satisfactory service.
- Approval of the Resolution increases the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal assessment fee to \$288.00 per year per unit from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. This increase equates to as \$48.00 increase over the previous year and is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Proposed User Fee Schedule.
- The Calendar Year (CY) 2026 estimated Non-Ad Valorem assessment revenue is \$1,846,800.00.
- This proposed Non-Ad Valorem assessment is estimated to generate revenue of \$2,136,880.00 in CY27.
- Non-ad Valorem assessment revenue is receipted to the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund, included in the Lealman Solid Waste Department Annual Operating and Capital Budget.

Authorize the Chairman to certify the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2026.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Court to attest the Resolution increasing the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District.

69. [26-0994A](#) Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution for the reissuance, for federal tax purposes, by the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority of the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2015, in a principal amount of not to exceed \$3,528,367.30 on behalf of Saint Paul's School, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation for its existing school located in Clearwater, Florida.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of a TEFRA Resolution authorizing TEFRA approval for the reissuance of the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Refunding Bond (Saint Paul's School Project), Series 2015 (Series 2015 Bond) as a tax-exempt qualified 501(c)(3) bond in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,528,367.30 on behalf of Saint Paul's School, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (Corporation).

The Series 2015 Bond is not a new bond, rather a restructuring and consequentially a reissuance of the original Series 2015 Bond for federal tax purposes (Reissuance). The amendments to the Series 2015 Bond are being requested by the Corporation and Seacoast National Bank (Bank) for the primary purpose of:

- Modifying the interest rate of the Series 2015 Bond to reflect current market interest rates;
- Deleting the Demand Purchase Option and Optional Tender Date of the Series 2015 Bond;
- Modifying the maturity date of the Series 2015 Bond;
- Modifying the amortization schedule of the Series 2015 Bond; and
- Undertaking additional minor modifications pursuant to the direction and approval of the Bank.
- This item has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County. The Educational Facilities Authority (EFA) is a dependent special district of Pinellas County. This financing (refinancing) pledges neither the EFA's nor the County's credit, and neither are responsible for payment of the debt except from funds received from the borrower (in this case, the school).

70. [26-0998A](#) Amendment by resolution to realign appropriations and reserves for requesting departments and funds supplementing the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget recognizing unanticipated revenue, realign appropriations for requesting departments, and realign reserves for requesting departments and funds.

Recommendation: Approval of the amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget realigning reserves and recognizing unanticipated revenue for requesting departments.

- Realign \$1,494,640.00 from General Fund Reserves to Supervisor of Elections (\$508,550.00), Sheriff (\$852,390.00), and Human Services State Mandates (\$133,700.00).
- Realign \$4,000,000.00 from reserves to Maintenance North and South (\$3,900,000.00) and South Operations (South Cross) (\$100,000.00) in the Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund for unanticipated repairs in the system.
- Realign \$793,000.00 from reserves to Transfer to General Fund in the Building Services Fund. Recognize this same \$793,000.00 in unanticipated revenue in the General Fund from Building Services Fund and appropriate to General Government to support substantial damage efforts.
- Recognize \$1,230,850.00 in unanticipated revenue in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Fund and appropriate to Transfer to General Fund to complete the ARPA transactions previously adopted in Resolution No. 23-111 (23-1841A).
- Recognize \$1,230,850.00 in unanticipated Revenue Replacement from ARPA Fund transfer and appropriate to reserves in the General Fund.
- Realign \$609,030.00 from completed ARPA projects and administration in the ARPA Fund to an existing ARPA project, the Park Playground Replacement (004171A).

71. [26-1051A](#) Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122, related to the County Towing Ordinance.

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendments to the County Towing Ordinance revising County Code sections 122-40, 122-41, and 122-42, adjusting the tow rate schedule and operational guidelines for tow operators.

- Following a three-year review of the towing rates in 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) requested that Consumer Protection (CP) meet with the industry to continue review of the rate structure for further updates based on industry feedback and continued economic pressures.
- CP held a series of meetings with Professional Wrecker Operators of Florida and towing representatives to review and maintain a competitive rate schedule responding to the economic pressures of the industry while seeking to protect and balance impact to consumers.
- Recommendations were paused to assess community impact of statutory changes in July 2024 resulting in new lien assessments in addition to county rates.
- The Board made rate adjustments in June 2026 by resolution and requested additional recommendations return as an amendment to the ordinance.
- Proposed amendment seeks to adjust rates on several vehicle classes, adds several new fees for towing operators, and provides language clarifications and requirements to help protect consumers.
- Human Services anticipates that this proposed ordinance change will require no additional staff time. This ordinance amendment, by itself, has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County and brings no additional revenue to the County.

ADJOURNMENT