

Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

2:00 PM

Public Hearings at 6:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

Kenneth T. Welch, Chairman
Karen Williams Seel, Vice-Chairman
Jay J. Beyrouti
Dave Eggers
Pat Gerard
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 2:04 P.M.

Present: 7 - Chairman Kenneth T. Welch, Vice-Chairman Karen Williams Seel, Jay J. Beyrouiti, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Charlie Justice, and Janet C. Long

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION by Reverend Dawn Haeger, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. 2018 Pinellas County Fire Professional of the Year Awards:
Fire Professional
- District Chief Jeremy Sidlauskas, Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
Emergency Fire Dispatcher
- Leslie Perrico, 911 Dispatcher
Special Operations
- Paul Sudduth, Fire Medic, Clearwater Fire Rescue
- Andrew Sullivan, Fire Medic, Clearwater Fire Rescue
Pinellas Federal Credit Union
- Gina Signor, Vice President of Administration
- Joshua Broker, Business Development Manager

Chairman Welch presented the awards and congratulated the recipients; whereupon, a video presentation was shown, and the Credit Union representatives presented checks to the awardees.

2. National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation:
- Fire Chief Tom Jamison, President, Fire Chiefs Association

Chairman Welch provided fire prevention tips and thanked fire professionals for their partnership; whereupon, he read a proclamation recognizing October 7 through 13 as National Fire Prevention Week. South Pasadena Fire Chief Dave Mixson accepted a plaque on behalf of Chief Jamison.

3. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:
- Lori Collins, Database Analyst, Safety and Emergency Services

Following a video presentation highlighting Ms. Collins' efforts in educating the public to reduce accidental falls, Chairman Welch and Mr. Woodard presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service to the community.

4. Partner Presentation:

- Dave Mixson, Fire Chief, South Pasadena Fire Department
- Ian Womack, Division Chief of Rescue, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue

Chief Mixson conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Prevent the Fall - Prevent the Call" campaign, indicating that it is a partnership between municipal government, County government, and the private sector; whereupon, Suzanne Burtzloff, Executive Director of The Fountains senior living community, discussed accident prevention and provided statistical information regarding emergency calls.

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated that North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen wished to speak on the red tide issue; and that following his comments, staff would provide an update, scheduled under Item No. 32.

32. County Administrator Reports:

- Red Tide Update

Mayor Queen discussed the devastating impact of red tide on Pinellas County beaches and praised Environmental Management Division Director Kelli Hammer Levy's job performance and Pinellas County's disaster response; whereupon, he commented that the partnership between Pinellas County and the beach communities is stronger than ever; and that the barrier islands' mayors appreciate the hard work and dedication.

Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji indicated that offshore winds have greatly improved beach conditions; that cleanup efforts have been scaled back allowing time for equipment service; and that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has allocated an additional \$2 million in grant funding; whereupon, he demonstrated the use of a new website-based reporting tool, noting that the County's red tide website is updated daily; and that the public can visit BeachesUpdate.com to find information pertaining to individual beach conditions. He thanked the various municipalities and beach communities for working in partnership with the County, relating that it is a team effort.

The members provided input and expressed gratitude to Messrs. Woodard and Harji, Ms. Levy, and staff for working hard to mitigate the impacts of red tide, and in response to their queries, Mr. Harji directed members of the public to the County's website for information pertaining to precautionary measures and volunteer opportunities, noting that the risks vary depending on the health of each individual, the weather conditions, and the concentrations of bacteria present; and that there are links to the Department of Health to access additional health and safety information.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 15 (Item 6 addressed under Regular Agenda)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Seel, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 – Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 21, 2018.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

7. City of Oldsmar Ordinance No. 2018-06 adopted August 21, 2018, annexing certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

8. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending August 31, 2018.

Management and Budget

9. Hurricane Irma Grant Funding Agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant. (Companion to Item No. 10)
Agreement No. Z0141 approved for anticipated federal and state funding in the amount of \$292,546.72 for reimbursement of disaster-related costs (obligated amount, \$334,339.10; County's local match, \$41,792.38). Chairman authorized to sign the agreement.
10. Amendment One to Hurricane Irma Grant Funding Agreement No. Z0141 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant. (Companion to Item No. 9)
Amendment (Z0141-1) approved for anticipated federal funding in the amount of \$5,042,697.47 for reimbursement of disaster-related costs (obligated amount, \$5,042,697.47; no County match required). Chairman authorized to sign the amendment.

Public Works

11. Plat of Harbor Palms.

Plat, private street sign installation guarantee, and sidewalk guarantee submitted by Bay to Bay Development, LLC approved and accepted for recording.

Real Estate Management

12. Award of bid to Waste Management Inc. of Florida for garbage collection and recycling services.

Bid No. 178-0561-B in the annual amount of \$820,266.40 (total amount, \$4,101,332.00) awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a term of five years and contains a provision for annual price adjustments as set forth in the Staff Report.

13. Declare surplus and authorize disposition of miscellaneous County-owned equipment, to include sale of scrap material, disposal of junked material, and removal of stolen, unaccounted, cannibalized, traded-in and donated items from County Fixed Asset Inventory.

Authorization granted. Scrapped items to be liquidated through an existing contract with Trademark Metals Recycling, LLC, and junked items to be disposed of through an existing contract with Waste Management, Inc. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.

Utilities

14. Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for Pump Station 016 Odor Control System Replacement project.

Contract No. 178-0437-CP in the amount of \$2,072,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Bid from KAT Construction & Materials Inc. rejected as non-responsive for not meeting pre-qualification requirements.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

15. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2018-13 adopting and approving Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 General Fund and Housing Trust Fund Operating Budgets, as approved by the HFA Board of Directors.

Resolution received for filing.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Reports received for filing:

6. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2018-21 dated September 7, 2018 - Audit of Solid Waste Contract for Operation of the Waste-to-Energy Plant.

Commissioner Eggers expressed concerns regarding the audit's findings, and responding to his query, Mr. Woodard indicated that a detailed management response to each issue cited is included at the back of the report; that a follow-up audit will be conducted; and that a work session would not be needed unless agreed-upon changes had not been implemented. Commissioner Justice concurred, and referring to security issues, requested that staff follow up to ensure that they are addressed in a timely manner.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

16. Interlocal Agreement related to the operation and funding of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Inc.

Agreement approved to stay in effect for a term of five years ending September 30, 2023, with an option of renewal for an additional five years. Chairman authorized to sign on behalf of Pinellas County, the Palm Harbor Community Services District, and the East Lake Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Library Cooperative Executive Director Cheryl Morales provided clarification with respect to modifications in the funding formula to recognize certain local expenditures. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Woodard related that the revision addresses changes within the State's Chart of Accounts; and that the agreement term was reduced due to changes in technology and the library industry.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Human Services

17. Funding Agreement with BayCare Health System, Inc. for the Pinellas County Health Program.

Agreement in the amount of \$2,064,000.00 approved providing partial reimbursement for ambulatory and inpatient hospital care related services for authorized clients who are actively enrolled in the Pinellas County Health Program. Agreement is for a term of one year and may be renewed for two additional one-year terms.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

18. Agreement with the District Six Medical Examiner for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory.

Professional services agreement between Pinellas County and District Six Medical Examiner Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D., P.A. in an amount not to exceed \$5,805,830.00 for Fiscal Year 2019, approved; authority delegated to the County Administrator to execute the agreement for three additional one-year terms reflecting the annual budget allocation approved by the Board for Medical Examiner services.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

19. Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County for the Pinellas County Health Program and the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$11,662,170.00 per Fiscal Year for a term of three years commencing on October 1, 2018, with the option of renewal for one additional two-year term.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

20. Interlocal Agreements with the Public Defender's Office for Jail Diversion Recovery programs, information technology, and juvenile case managers.

Agreements in the total amount of \$1,069,330.00 approved, providing funding as follows:

\$806,560.00 for Jail Diversion Recovery Programs
\$68,400.00 for a Jail Diversion Case Manager
\$54,370.00 for an Information Technology position
\$140,000.00 for Juvenile Case Managers

Each agreement is effective for Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Parks and Conservation Resources

21. Agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Contract in the amount of \$292,264.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 approved for execution.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Public Works

22. Agreement to conduct a feasibility study to investigate 50-year reauthorizations for the Pinellas County Shore Protection project at full federal expense.

Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Army approved. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest, Chairman authorized to sign the Certification Regarding Lobbying, and Principal Legal Officer of the County authorized to sign the Certificate of Authority.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

23. Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the County Road 694 (Park Boulevard) sidewalk improvement project from Starkey Road to 66th Street North.

Resolution No. 13-69 adopted approving the agreement (FDOT Financial Project No.424564 4 58/58 01; County PID No. 001512A) providing for construction grant funding in

the amount of \$1,509,918.00. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 24.** Letter of Agreement and Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, a non-emergency medical transportation broker, to provide reimbursement to Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, dba Sunstar, for non-emergency ambulance transportation of Medicaid recipients.

Agreements approved in accordance with Agency for Healthcare Administration requirements, providing for estimated annual income in the amount of \$300,000.00. Chairman authorized to execute the agreements.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Tax Collector

- 25.** Resolution approving the early extension of the 2018 tax rolls.

Resolution No. 18-70 adopted directing the Property Appraiser to extend the 2018 tax rolls and deliver the extended rolls to the Tax Collector on or before October 5, 2018, pursuant to Section 197.323, Florida Statutes; and directing the Clerk to deliver the resolution to the Property Appraiser.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

- 26.** Resolution deferring the processing of 2018 tax deed applications on 2016 County-held tax certificates in conformance with Section 197.502(3), Florida Statutes.

Resolution No. 18-71 adopted deferring the processing for properties assessed by the Property Appraiser at values less than \$5,000.

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

Aye: 7 – Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

27. County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Woodard advised the Board of a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) public hearing to be held October 9, 2018 regarding bonds to be issued by the Capital Trust Agency on behalf of QSH/Mid Florida, LLC. He explained that the proceeds will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation, installation, and equipping of three senior living facilities, one of which is the Grand Villa of Largo, an 87-unit facility specializing in assisted living or memory care, located at 750 Starkey Road, Largo.

Pinellas County Construction Licensing Department

Mr. Woodard introduced Pinellas County Contractor Licensing Department Director Glenn Wardell and presented background information regarding the establishment of the new department; whereupon, Mr. Wardell discussed the recent move to the Young-Rainey STAR Center facility and announced that an open house will be held on October 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Contractor Licensing Department*, Mr. Wardell provided an update regarding department staffing and responsibilities, Construction Licensing Board membership and vacancies, partnerships, strategy, and accomplishments, including marketing and communication efforts.

In response to queries and comments by the members, Mr. Wardell related that Board members must be County residents; that digital file conversion and platform integration processes are continuing; that complaint response feedback has been positive; that the case backlog is decreasing; that staff is planning to educate consumers on how to choose the right contractor, reduce homeowner risk, and verify that a licensed contractor is in good standing with the department; and that the license renewal process and budget projections are on target; whereupon, Commissioner Long suggested that the presentation be made a part of the legislative package.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

28. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Stephen Marcinek and Kathryn Marcinek - action for injunctive relief.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

- 29.** Initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Trivia Reid and John Brown; County Court Case No. 18-007524-CO-41 - animal seizure.

Attorney White requested ratification of the lawsuit, which was previously filed with the Chairman's approval on an emergency basis.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

- 30.** Proposed settlement in the case Alfonsa Riley v. Pinellas County; U.S. District Court, Middle District, Tampa; Case No. 8:17-cv-1438-T-26JSS - allegations of discrimination.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated September 25, 2018.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

- 31.** County Attorney Miscellaneous.

Attorney White requested that the Board approve a waiver of conflict of interest for outside counsel handling litigation on behalf of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Vice-Chairman Seel, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 32.** County Administrator Reports:
- CareerSource Pinellas - Organizational Structure, Governance Model Findings and Recommendations, Dennis R. Long

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item, relating that Economic Development Department consultant Dennis Long gave a presentation at the last meeting; and that Mr. Long is available to answer questions. He identified the three documents included in the agenda packet and discussed considerations pertaining to the Board's review, noting that ongoing investigations and reviews by the Department of Labor and

other agencies will likely result in operational and/or organizational changes within Career Source Pinellas, which could affect the implementation of any decisions made today.

Mr. Woodard referred to a document titled *CareerSource Pinellas (CSPIN) Organizational and Governance Considerations and Recommendations* and presented the four recommendations, as follows, and the members provided input:

- Transmit report and recommendation to the CSPIN Board for action (i.e., operational reviews at BCC discretion)
- Create a Joint Task Force to evaluate the feasibility of a shared services model
- Appoint additional elected officials to the CSPIN Board to enhance public accountability and transparency
- Defer decision on fiscal agent and administrative entity responsibility assignments

Referring to the Recommendations summary document, Commissioner Gerard indicated that the red-check-marked items have been adopted or are being implemented; whereupon, she suggested that the CSPIN Board form a By-Laws Committee to review the recommendations and provide input, particularly with regard to decision-making authority, and discussed the importance of the Board of County Commissioners having the ability to conduct internal monitoring and receive reports on a regular basis.

Following discussion, Commissioner Gerard reported that the Science Center Committee is discussing the feasibility of selling the Science Center property or keeping it and has recommended that an appraisal be conducted to determine possible refinancing options; whereupon, she announced that AmSkills has been approved as a training provider.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the Board accept the recommendations, transmit the report and recommendations to the CareerSource Pinellas Board, and continue to work on the Interlocal Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouiti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

33. Public Comment

Linda McDowell, Seminole, re Baypointe Golf Course Property
Greg Zajdel, Seminole, re Baypointe Golf Club drainage
Jeff Allen, Seminole, re Baypointe Golf Course
Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Please repeal HB7069
Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas County Government
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Medium

At the request of Chairmen Welch, Mr. Woodard addressed concerns regarding the Baypointe Golf Course, including code violations, public health and safety risks, delinquent taxes, and future development of the land, and discussed the various proactive measures taken by the County to enforce code compliance, noting that the accrual of fines and liens is in excess of \$255,000; whereupon, the members provided input regarding the public welfare risks associated with abandoned properties, recourse options for surrounding neighborhoods, instituting a new ordinance protecting property owners, allowing the County to clean up the property, and continuing to levy fines and liens against the property.

In response to queries by Commissioners Long and Seel, Attorney White provided information regarding the subject property, County-owned tax certificates, and the tax-delinquent property auction process, and indicated that she can work with the County Administrator's staff to determine additional alternatives for gaining compliance. Mr. Woodard agreed, relating that recommendations could be ready for presentation to the Board at its October 9 meeting.

Chairman Welch thanked the public and the Board members for their advocacy and emphasized that County staff have followed the code enforcement protocol.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 34.** Appointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Vince Cocks was appointed for a three-year term following a ballot vote.

- 35.** Appointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Trenae Gayle was appointed as Health Care Consumer, and Melissa Johnson and Brittany Peters were appointed as Health Care Providers following a ballot vote.

- 36.** Appointments to the Economic Development Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Danielle Ruiz appointed and Mike Barbaro, Nancy Crews, Sergio DeSanto, Bud Elias, Sandy Mills-Alford, and Diane Plomatos reappointed for two-year terms.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Seel, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouiti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

- 37.** County Commission New Business Items:
- Lealman CRA (Commissioner Justice)

Referring to a memorandum dated August 30, 2018, Commissioner Justice provided an update on the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). He reported that he

recently met with Planning Department staff to discuss the quantity/quality of housing stock in the vicinity; that a thorough presentation on the matter will take place at the October 9 BCC meeting; and that the County Attorney's Office has compiled a list of legal issues with regard to addressing conditions in mobile home parks, homesteaded properties, and non-homesteaded rental properties.

The members expressed support for an assertive/aggressive policy that would hold mobile home park owners accountable to provide clean and safe housing to their tenants, and discussion ensued regarding the following and similar matters:

- Lack of affordable rental housing in the county
- Updating the countywide housing strategy
- Demolition and foreclosure options
- Potential for transitional housing
- Dilapidated rental properties
- Active enforcement of liens
- Incentives for developers
- State law

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Woodard provided information regarding ordinances in other counties and the current regulatory framework in Pinellas County. He related that the County has the opportunity to take a leadership role in engaging partners in the affordable housing process; that an Affordable Housing Workshop will likely take place toward the end of the year; and that the final public hearing for the new Land Development Code, scheduled for October 23, will provide greater clarity pertaining to housing alternatives; whereupon, Chairman Welch confirmed that there is Board consensus to move forward.

38. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

The members reported on the activities of their assigned Boards and Committees and related or discussed the following items.

Commissioner Beyrouti

- Discussed meetings held with mayors and staff of the beach communities regarding Gulf Boulevard utility undergrounding and a Redington multi-use facility, noting that the mayors expressed their appreciation for Mr. Woodard's work to improve the relationships between the municipalities and the County.

Commissioner Eggers

- Reported on the recent and upcoming activities of the Community Veterans Engagement Board, Tampa Bay Water Board, and Habitat for Humanity.

- Related that the Veterans Outreach Exposition will take place at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg on November 9, noting that he will send out more information once it is provided.
- Related that he met with Pasco County Commissioner Mike Moore.
- Expressed enthusiasm about today's conversation regarding taking action against the developers of the Baypointe Golf Course, opining that irresponsible developers used golf courses as a bait-and-switch tactic to sell homes, then closed them during tough times. Commissioner Seel provided input, noting that the entire golf industry is in a downturn.

Commissioner Seel

- Reported on the recent and upcoming activities of the Early Learning Coalition and the Human Rights and Homeless Leadership Boards.
- Referring to employees' concerns, requested that Mr. Woodard provide the Board an update pertaining to the Compensation and Classification Study.

Commissioner Justice

- Related that the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority will vote on its budget next week.
- Reported on the recent and upcoming activities of the Gulf Consortium, Area Agency on Aging, and Historic Preservation Board.
- Indicated that he was invited to serve on the Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve Advisory Board, noting that his first meeting was an interesting learning experience.
- Attended St. Petersburg College's Public Policy and Administration Information Session and served as a member on the Justice and Safety Career Panel.
- Attended the grand opening of the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Research Innovation Building with Commissioner Seel.

Commissioner Long

- Announced that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) has hired a new executive director; that it is moving forward with the procurement process for its Federal Advocacy Group; and that it has approximately \$10 million in the bank and is poised to receive an additional \$5 million from the Florida Department of Transportation.

- Met with Tampa Bay Partnership Board members last week to discuss regional transportation, climate change, and sea level rise issues.
- Provided an update with regard to the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition initiative, noting that the official signing of the coalition compact will be held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council headquarters on October 8. She related that she has been invited to travel to south Florida to speak on a panel in late October, as the region is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of its compact.
- Met with Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority's Director of Planning and Innovation Robert Frey to begin discussions on alleviating the traffic flow on McMullen Booth Road.
- Toured the Supervisor of Elections Office with Congressman Crist, and commended the Canvassing Board for their work securing Pinellas County's elections process. Chairman Welch noted that a *Tampa Bay Times* editorial indicated that Pinellas County has the lowest level of rejected mail ballots in the state, and discussion ensued regarding voting statistics.
- Recently met with North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen and Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District Chief Mike Burton to discuss issues related to the Gulf Boulevard undergrounding and Redington multi-use facility projects.
- Noted that the Wall Street Journal has designated Pinellas County as the most dangerous place to bicycle in America.
- Reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is holding meetings to unveil Pinellas County's new flood zones.

Commissioner Gerard

- Related that, per CareerSource Pinellas' Interim Director, accurate reporting will most likely result in a reduction of its yearly statistics.
- Indicated that she will be unable to attend the PSTA Board meeting, as the Pinellas County Child Care Licensing Board, which she chairs, will be voting on its budget.
- Noted that the Pinellas Park Water Management District budget was passed.
- Reported on the recent and upcoming activities of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and Youth Advisory Committee.
- Attended five ceremonies for Habitat for Humanity in the last week and announced that the agency will celebrate its 500th dedication on October 8.

Chairman Welch

- Indicated that the members should have received their copy of the County Administrator's annual evaluation; and that the completed documents are due for submission tomorrow, noting that Mr. Woodard is an employee through December 31.
- He has been appointed to serve on the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Task Force, and the priorities discussed during last week's conference call include the North American Free Trade Agreement, opioids, opposition to oil drilling, and issues relating to blue-green algae, red tide, and beach nourishment, noting that Congressman Crist has already signed a letter of support. Ms. Herring will send an email containing the details.
- Related that there will be a joint meeting with the FAC Growth Management Committee on Thursday.
- Attended a luncheon with University of South Florida St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock to discuss the challenges of consolidation, maintaining diversity, and student access regarding the new preeminence standards and plans to address the issues.
- Reported that Mr. Tadlock and St. Petersburg College President Tonjua Williams have been invited to the BCC meeting on October 9 to give Partner Presentations.
- Discussed scheduling a future work session with Mr. Tadlock, Ms. Williams, and a Pinellas County School Board representative to discuss the continuum of education and how it ties into the County's economic development plans.

Meeting Recessed: 5:41 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**39. (Withdrawn)**

Resolution amending the FY 2018 Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund and Sewer Interest and Sinking Fund budgets to increase transfers to Sewer Interest and Sinking Fund and to realign reserves for future years to interest expense due to increased interest rates on bonds, as asserted by Bank of America, N.A.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the item has been withdrawn, noting that Bank of America has decided not to raise its interest rate.

40. Resolutions to adopt final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2019 (second public hearing).

Public hearing was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 final millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County; resolutions adopted approving final millage rates (No. 18-72) and budgets for the Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department (Nos. 18-73 and 18-74); resolutions adopted approving final millage rates and budgets for Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts (Nos. 18-75 and 18-76); and resolution adopted approving the total final Fiscal Year 2019 County Budget (No. 18-77).

Ms. Harris reported that two phone calls in opposition to the proposed millage rates were received in connection with the first public hearing.

Chairman Welch reviewed the sequence of events for the evening's proceedings and indicated that Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty and Deputy for Assessment Administration Kevin McKeon are available to respond to anyone having questions or concerns about the assessed value of their property or information that appears on the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice.

Chairman Welch related that even though Florida Statutes provide that a taxing authority may adopt tax levies and budgets of all its dependent special taxing districts and MSTUs by a single unanimous vote, members of the general public can request that the Board discuss and adopt any of those items separately; whereupon, in response to his query, no citizen requested that any item be separately reviewed.

Thereupon, Chairman Welch opened the second public hearing on the final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2019.

Ms. Harris reported that the public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes; that the meeting has been duly noticed by the "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase" and the "Summary of Proposed Budget" legal advertisements that were published in the September 21, 2018 edition of the *Tampa Bay Times*; and that affidavits stating proof of publication have been received for filing.

Chairman Welch announced that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, the Dependent Special Districts, and the MSTUs, as previously referenced, will now proceed with the public hearings.

Mr. Woodard related that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets over the rolled-back rate, based on the maximum rates on the TRIM Notice, to fund the Fiscal Year 2019 Final Budget, is a 5.24-percent increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate; whereupon, he indicated that the primary purposes for the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate are as follows:

- In the General Fund, including the Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund, and Emergency Medical Services Fund, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors.
- In the Feather Sound MSTU, the revenue increase is required to support community improvement projects within the district.
- In the Public Library Cooperative MSTU, the Palm Harbor MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, East Lake Recreation Services MSTU, and the Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.

Chairman Welch announced that the Board of County Commissioners will continue the hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies, as previously referenced, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

In response to Chairman Welch's call for public comment, Mark Klutho, Largo, presented his comments and concerns.

Chairman Welch asked whether the members wished to recommend any changes to the proposed millage rates or budgets.

Commissioner Eggers stated that he will not support the budget; and that he has concerns regarding the addition of nearly 70 new positions and the lack of funding for many senior, homeless, and youth programs and services amid the uncertain outcome of the passing of Amendments 1 and 2 in the General Election. Chairman Welch related that he respects Commissioner Eggers' viewpoint; that the members have weighed in during the budget discussions; and that funding was not provided for every request; whereupon, he stated that he will support the budget, noting that the majority of the new positions are funded by the Enterprise Asset Management Program, as opposed to the General Fund.

Chairman Welch announced that resolutions will now be considered to set the final millage rates and budgets; whereupon, Mr. Woodard announced each of the resolutions separately, noting that the millage rates, rolled-back rates, and percentage change for each taxing authority are listed in Schedule A, which has been posted to the County website and made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 18-72 adopting the Final Millages for Fiscal Year 2019 for the Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department adopted.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Following brief discussion, Chairman Welch recommended that the Board move to adopt the budgets for the General Fund and the Health Department separately.

Resolution No. 18-73 adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 for the Pinellas County General Fund adopted.

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

Aye: 6 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Resolution No. 18-74 adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 for the Pinellas County Health Department adopted.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Resolution No. 18-75 adopting the Final Millages for Fiscal Year 2019 for Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts adopted.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Resolution No. 13-76 adopting the Final Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019 for Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin,

Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts adopted.

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

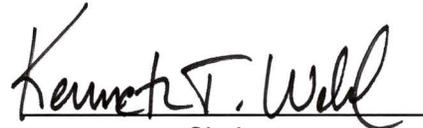
Resolution No. 18-77 adopting the total final Fiscal Year 2019 County Budget adopted.

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

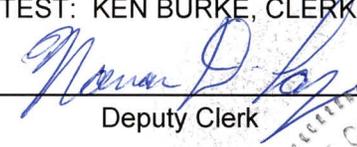
Aye: 6 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Beyrouti, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

ADJOURNMENT - 6:23 P.M.


Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk

