

# **Pinellas County**

315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Kenneth T. Welch, Chairman*

*Karen Williams Seel, Vice-Chairman*

*Dave Eggers*

*Pat Gerard*

*Charlie Justice*

*Janet C. Long*

*Kathleen Peters*

**ROLL CALL - 9.42 A.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller; and Chris Bartlett, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

**INVOCATION by Reverend J.C. Pritchett, II, Faith Church, St. Petersburg.****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Doing Things! Employee Recognition Award:**

- Angela Greene, Senior Office Specialist, Human Services

Chairman Welch and Mr. Burton recognized Ms. Greene for her work with Human Services clients, and a video was shown highlighting the services she provides.

**2. Partner Presentation:**

- Michael J. Raposa, Chief Executive Officer, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul CARES

Mr. Raposa conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *St. Vincent de Paul C.A.R.E.S.*, and provided highlights of the program and its impact on Pinellas County. He noted that its primary focus is to help those who are without a home; and that its core services are based in the City of St. Petersburg; whereupon, he discussed many of the programs offered by St. Vincent de Paul C.A.R.E.S., including the following:

- The C.A.R.E. Center program, providing services for the homeless.
- Center of Hope, providing services for homeless individuals and veterans in recovery, and helping to stabilize families in transition.
- A food center that provides approximately 15,000 meals each month.
- Rapid rehousing programs that provide services and rental assistance to individuals, families, and veterans living on the street or in emergency shelters.

Mr. Raposa acknowledged the local, state, and federal partners who help fund specific projects in the program and related that there has been a 44 percent reduction in veteran homelessness since 2017; and that of the 243 individuals that remain homeless, 151 of them should receive housing soon through their participation in various intervention programs. He stated that homelessness is only solved by systems; that shelters are no longer just buildings, but have been transformed to services; and that the local community has done an amazing job in working collectively as a system; whereupon, he introduced staff members in attendance and responded to queries by the members.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act resolution for the issuance by the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority (dba the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority) of its Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not-to-exceed \$100,000,000.00 on behalf of Drs. Kiran & Pallavi Patel 2017 Foundation for Global Understanding, Inc.

Resolution No. 18-96 adopted approving the issuance of the bonds pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard. The public hearing was properly advertised and an Affidavit of Publication has been received and is on file in the Board Records Department.

Mr. Burton related that the proceeds of the bonds will be used to fund a medical education and health sciences education complex to be used and leased by Nova Southeastern University.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Mr. Burton indicated that Item No. 4 has been deferred due to an access issue regarding the property; and that Items Nos. 5 through 9 were incorrectly advertised.

4. Petition of Tommy G. Mathison to vacate that portion of 74th Street North lying west of Lots 11 through 14, Block D, Bon Creek Park, Plat Book 24, Page 81, lying in Section 6/31/16, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

**The Petition to Vacate was deferred.**

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

5. Case No. CW 18-22 - Pinellas County  
(Deferred to December 11, 2018 BCC Meeting)  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail & Services, regarding 0.67 acre more or less, located at 1003 Virginia Avenue, Palm Harbor (regular amendment).

**The Countywide Plan Map amendment was deferred.**

6. Case No. CW 18-19 - City of St. Petersburg  
(Deferred to December 11, 2018 BCC Meeting)  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 1.5 acres more or less, located at 5908 4th Street North (regular amendment).  
**The Countywide Plan Map amendment was deferred.**
7. Case No. CW 18-21 - City of Clearwater  
(Deferred to December 11, 2018 BCC Meeting)  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public and Preservation to Residential Low Medium, regarding 9.2 acres more or less, located at 3474 Aspen Trail, and 3490 and 3492 Lake Shore Lane (regular amendment).  
**The Countywide Plan Map amendment was deferred.**
8. Case No. CW 18-23 - City of St. Petersburg  
(Deferred to December 11, 2018 BCC Meeting)  
Countywide Plan Map Amendment from Activity Center to Activity Center, regarding 82 acres more or less, generally bounded by 5th Avenue South to the north, 10th Street South to the west, Booker Creek and Roser Park Drive South to the south, and following the Coastal High Hazard boundary line to east (regular amendment).  
**The Countywide Plan Map amendment was deferred.**
9. Case No. CW 18-24 - City of Belleair Bluffs  
(Deferred to December 11, 2018 BCC Meeting)  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail & Services, regarding 0.30 acre more or less, located at 2726 Bayway Avenue (subthreshold amendment).  
**The Countywide Plan Map amendment was deferred.**

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 33 (Items 20, 24, and 27 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 2018.

11. Vouchers and bills paid from September 16 through October 13, 2018.

Period: September 16 through September 22, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$10,689,158.36

Payroll - \$3,704,230.10

Period: September 23 through September 29, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$37,743,318.47

Payroll - None

Period: September 30 through October 6, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$54,551,819.16

Payroll - \$3,594,031.00

Period: October 7 through October 13, 2018

Accounts Payable - \$14,108,165.82

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

12. Dock Fee Report for the month of October 2018.
13. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2018-30 dated October 25, 2018 - Follow-Up Audit of Risk Management's Internal Controls over DAVID Information.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

14. Correspondence from the Southwest Florida Water Management District regarding the District's Proposed 2019 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program.
15. Tampa Bay Water 2019 Board Meeting Schedule.
16. City of Clearwater Notice of Public Hearing held November 1, 2018, regarding the vacation of a 50-foot right-of-way.
17. City of Oldsmar Ordinances Nos. 2018-11 through 2018-13 adopted October 16, 2018, annexing certain properties.
18. City of Seminole Notice of Ordinance Enactment and Public Hearings held November 13, 2018, re proposed Ordinances Nos. 18-2018, 19-2018, and 22-2018 annexing certain properties.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

- 19.** Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Runway 18/36 at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.  
(FDOT Financial Project No. 440718-1-94-01; Contract No. G0Y98; County Project No. 000035A) Agreement in the amount of \$900,000.00 approved. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Management and Budget

- 21.** Amendment No. 2 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.  
Amendment No. 2 approved for anticipated federal funding in the amount of \$2,664,791.75 for reimbursement of disaster-related costs (obligated amount, \$2,664,791.75; no County match required). Chairman authorized to sign the amendment.

Public Works

- 22.** Authority to advertise a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance amending the County Code by enacting Section 98-5; re-enacting the criteria for construction and maintenance of paver driveways; maintaining a private right of action against property owners who install or previously installed paver driveways within the County right-of-way for failure to construct or maintain a paver driveway; and amending Section 154-151 of the County Land Development Code, as amended pursuant to ordinance 18-36, to require paver driveways extending across sidewalks to comply with Section 98-5.  
Public hearing to be held on December 11, 2018.
- 23.** Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements - Phase 2A project on Indian Rocks Road.  
Contract No. 178-0515-CP (PID No. 003128A) in the amount of \$567,279.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.
- 25.** Cooperative Funding Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the City of Clearwater, and the County for Lower Spring Branch Conveyance improvements.  
(PID No. 001018A) Agreement approved; estimated total costs in the amount of \$3,320,000.00 to be shared by the three parties as set forth in the staff report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Safety and Emergency Services

- 26.** Joint Project Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for utility work associated with the Haines Road improvement project from 60th Avenue North to U.S. Highway 19.

(PID No. 002106A) Agreement approved; estimated City funding in the amount of \$784,214.81 to be paid to the County for its portion of the utility work as part of the construction of the overall project. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

- 28.** Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Advanced Life Support providers.

Renewal certificates issued for the following providers in accordance with Pinellas County Code Section 54 and Florida Statutes Section 401.25. Chairman authorized to sign the certificates.

- ALS First Responders

Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island; East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District; Lealman Special Fire Control District; Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District; and Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District.

- ALS Helicopter Ambulances

Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital - Aeromed; Med-Trans Corporation d/b/a Med-Trans West; and Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC d/b/a Bayflite

- Hospitals

St. Joseph's Hospital, Inc. and Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - Lifeline

- Sunstar Ambulance Service

Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority d/b/a Sunstar

Utilities

- 29.** Award of bid to Southern Underground Industries, Inc. for the McMullen Booth Road and State Road 580 water main improvement project.

Bid No. 178-0442-CP (PID No. 003226A) in the amount of \$1,255,203.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 240 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

- 30.** Ranking of firms and Agreement with Garney Companies, Inc. dba Garney Construction for professional design-build services pertaining to the new Headworks and Grit Removal facility.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 178-0001-NC approved in the amount of \$2,449,325.00 for Phase One design services. Contract is for a term of 540 consecutive calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Tampa Bay Systems Sales, Inc. dba Tampa Bay Trane v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-005980-CI-21 - allegations of breach of contract.

#### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

##### Emergency Medical Services Authority

32. Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a non-medical wheelchair van transport provider.

Certificate issued to KERT, LLC, in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificate.

##### Sheriff's Office

33. Resolution supplementing the Sheriff's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 General Fund Budget for unanticipated revenue related to Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking grant funding.  
Resolution No. 18-97 adopted appropriating \$97,330.00 in unanticipated grant revenue to continue funding for one Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking unit deputy; no local funding match required.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

##### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

##### County Administrator

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

Commissioner Gerard indicated that she would abstain from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law,



submitted a Memorandum of Voting Conflict form, which has been made a part of the record.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Gerard

### Public Works

- 24.** Award of bid to Morelli Landscaping, Inc. for the Tierra Verde State Road 679 South median landscape project.

Bid No. 178-0562-CP (PID No. 003490A) in the amount of \$1,089,500.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Justice discussed the partnership between the Florida Department of Transportation, the Tierra Verde Community Association, and Pinellas County staff regarding the project.

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

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

### Real Estate Management

- 27.** Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment and vehicles.

Authorization granted. Excluding any interested governmental entities, not-for-profit agencies, or Social Action Funding List designees, the remaining assets are to be liquidated through public auction by GovDeals.com, Tampa Machinery Auction, and Manheim under provisions of the existing contracts. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Burton agreed to provide information regarding the donation recipients and proceeds obtained from the sale of equipment and vehicles.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Airport

34. First Amendment to the Agreement with Avcon, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services, specific to Construction Administration Services, for the Airport Security System Improvement project at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

(Contract No. 167-0339-NC) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$136,032.00 for a revised total of \$377,986.50 and extending the term by 180 days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to queries by the members, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury discussed the limited availability of parking during project construction and noted that temporary lots have been implemented to help accommodate the higher demand for parking during the upcoming holiday season; and that the public is being encouraged to consider non-parking alternatives.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Economic Development

35. Resolution approving B7121437441 as a qualified applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.

Resolution No. 18-98 adopted approving Project B7121437441 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local County financial support (total local contribution amount, \$36,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

Mr. Burton indicated that the applicant is considering expanding its existing national headquarters located within Pinellas County; and that it anticipates hiring an additional 60 employees.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

36. Resolution approving B8061851294 as a qualified applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.

Resolution No. 18-99 adopted approving Project B8061851294 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local County financial support (total local contribution amount, \$33,000.00, 100 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

Mr. Burton indicated that the applicant is a logistics and distribution solutions provider that is considering expanding its existing operations in unincorporated Pinellas County; and that it anticipates hiring an additional 33 employees.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided historical background information regarding S.S. White Technologies, relating that the company has recently relocated from Piscataway, New Jersey to the City of Seminole; whereupon, he discussed the importance of the Qualified Tax Industry Tax Refund Program.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

### Human Services

- 37.** Funding Agreement with Pinellas County Urban League, Inc. for the Urban Youth Empowerment Program.

Agreement approved providing non-recurring funding in an amount not to exceed \$276,300.00 for services retroactive to October 1, 2018. The program is expected to serve 100 individuals during the fiscal year.

Following the vote, Chairman Welch thanked the members of the Board for supporting the item and commented on the importance of the program.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 38.** Funding Agreements with Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, Inc. for a diversion program and bridge housing.

Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$434,000.00, consisting of \$134,000.00 for the Diversion Program and \$300,000.00 for Bridge Housing.

Commissioner Seel thanked the members for their support and provided input regarding the programs.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

39. Grant Award from the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services for the 2018 STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention program on behalf of the Pinellas County School Board.

Grant Award approved for federal funding in the amount of \$488,366.00 for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2018. A required 25-percent local match of \$162,788.00 to be provided by the Pinellas County School Board, for total funding of \$651,154.00.

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

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

40. Second Amendment to the Funding Agreement with Neighborly Care Network, Inc. for food and nutrition services.

Amendment approved providing a non-recurring funding increase in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support meals and nutritional services, for a total of \$196,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019.

At the request of Mr. Burton, Human Services Director Daisy Rodriguez provided input, indicating that the additional funding is part of the \$200,000.00 decision package for senior meals approved by the Board for Fiscal Year 2019; and that staff is awaiting feedback from Area Agency on Aging regarding a proposed pilot project before recommending distribution of the remaining \$100,000.00.

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

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

#### Public Works

41. Road Transfer Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gulfport for the transfer of specific roadway segments and a drainage easement.

Interlocal Agreement and Assignment of Easement Agreement approved transferring roadway segments and easements as set forth in the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreements; Clerk authorized to record the agreements and the corresponding right-of-way maps.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji indicated that the County is working with municipalities to better define maintenance responsibilities in areas where jurisdictional boundaries are shared; that the agreement is part of the first phase of the project; and that the second phase will include other roads that require improvements to be made before they are taken over by a city. He noted that some

improvements will be funded as regular maintenance projects and others could be Penny for Pinellas projects.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 42.** Amendment No. 2 to the Emergency Grant Funding Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for red tide management for and within Pinellas County. (Companion to Item No. 43)

(PID No. 90004G1, FDEP Contract No. AB006) Amendment approved providing for an increase in funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, for a total revised funding amount of \$6,300,748.70, and extending the reimbursement period to March 31, 2019. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Environmental Management Director Kelli Levy provided an update on the County's efforts to mitigate the effects of red tide. Referring to aerial photographs, she reported that most of the County's coastline is now clear; that Fort De Soto Park beaches and Shell Key remain impacted; and that contractors working in the area yesterday removed 75 tons of dead fish. She noted that over 1,800 tons of marine-related debris have been removed from the county's shoreline.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Levy indicated that some of the material has been diverted to the Waste-to-Energy plant; and that the grant will allow the County to recover tipping fees for solid waste. She related that the beach communities have provided positive feedback regarding the County's efforts; and that residents and businesses along intercoastal waters continue to struggle with the impact; whereupon, she noted that little is known about the current growth of red tide offshore, and discussion ensued.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 43.** Ratification of the First Amendment and approval of the Second Amendment to the disaster debris collection and removal services agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for biological hazard services related to red tide remediation. (Companion to Item No. 42)

(Contract No. 156-0491-P) First Amendment ratified and Second Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$5,000,000.00, for a revised expenditure in the amount of \$6,300,748.70. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

**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 Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Safety and Emergency Services

44. Extension of the East Highpoint Fire Protection Services Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg.

Agreement approved extending the term for five years through September 30, 2023. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Long, Safety and Emergency Services Director Jim Fogarty indicated that the County is in discussions with its other service providers to renew or extend their contracts; that he expects to complete negotiations within the next several months; and that a referendum related to the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District is being considered for early next year.

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

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

45. Resolution to receive Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund monies for pre-hospital emergency medical services.

Resolution No. 18-100 approved certifying that monies received from the state will be used to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services. Grant revenue in the amount of \$137,282.00 will be awarded upon application, with no matching funds required. Chairman authorized to sign the grant application.

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

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

Utilities

46. FY 2018 Board Budget Amendment No. 3 to appropriate Pinellas County Utilities Water Renewal & Replacement Fund reserve for contingencies due to accelerated activities related to the relocation of utilities for the Gateway Expressway project.

Amendment approved realigning \$1,500,000.00 to the Construction Management cost center within Pinellas County Utilities.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**47.** County Administrator Miscellaneous.

Mr. Burton introduced new Emergency Management Director Catherine Perkins and provided information about her professional background. He noted that Interim Director David Halstead will be leaving on November 30; whereupon, Ms. Perkins responded to comments by the members.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

**48.** Authority to advertise a public hearing on a proposed ordinance amending the Property Assessed Clean Energy program.

Attorney White provided background information, noting that the County Commission has adopted a countywide ordinance providing for a commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program; and that the proposed ordinance would extend the program to residential properties; whereupon, she recommended that the Board authorize a public hearing on the matter.

Commissioner Gerard related that work on the proposed ordinance has taken several years to complete; and that it is acceptable to all parties.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Gerard moved that the hearing be held as part of the January 8 meeting. No one responded to the Chairman's request for a second; whereupon, he called for discussion.

Commissioner Seel stated that she has concerns regarding the assessment, noting that it does not account for one's ability to pay; that foreclosure is not allowed if the assessment remains unpaid; and that a tax lien would have first priority over a mortgage in a potential court judgment. She indicated that a property with an unpaid assessment could eventually be auctioned as a tax deed sale; and that anyone losing their property might perceive it as a wrongful taking by the County.

Chairman Welch indicated that the matter could be brought to an upcoming work session in place of scheduling a public hearing; and that a workshop might help to provide more clarity on how to move forward, and several members concurred.

Following discussion, Commissioner Gerard amended her motion.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that a work session be scheduled to discuss PACE and other alternative programs; and that the authority to advertise a public hearing be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**49. County Attorney Miscellaneous.**

Attorney White referred to her letter to the Chairman dated November 9, 2018, included in the agenda packet, noting that the matter pertains to litigation involving a former employee of the Property Appraiser's Office. She indicated that Property Appraiser Mike Twitty has been briefed and has executed a Conflict Waiver related to the matter; that the letter to the Chairman also serves as a Conflict Waiver and was previously signed by Chairman Welch acting on behalf of the County Commission; and that she is asking the Board to ratify the Chairman's action and approve the waiver.

Following the vote, Attorney White briefly discussed new additions to her staff, and in response to query by Commissioner Long, provided an update on the progress of renovations being completed in her department.

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

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

**AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS**Business Technology Services**50. Extension of the Agreement with Oracle America, Inc. for requirements of software licenses and maintenance support.**

(Contract No. 090-0173M) Twelve-month extension and an increase in the amount of \$2,167,025.85 approved (revised total expenditure, \$17,026,245.90); contract effective through January 29, 2020.

At the Chairman's request, BTS Information Technology Manager Gregory Carro provided a summary of the agreement. He related that the County has had a 20-year relationship with Oracle; that Oracle's software supports and integrates several of the County's systems; and that the County is working to facilitate a transition of its perpetual licenses to the Cloud.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Welch, Vice-Chairman Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gerard



Emergency Medical Services Authority

51. Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following reappointments for two-year terms ending in October 2020:

Dr. Roberto Bellini, an Emergency Physician representative.

Dr. Paula Pell, a Pinellas County Medical Association representative.

Dr. Joseph Namey, a Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society representative.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

52. County Administrator Reports:  
- Hurricane Michael Response Update

Mr. Burton commented on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and provided an update regarding the efforts of the County and its employees in response to the devastation in the Florida panhandle caused by Hurricane Michael; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services provided.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

53. Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re appropriation of legislated dissent

Andrea Brown, Palm Harbor, re Canine Estates

Brian Falls, Palm Harbor, re Canine Estates (submitted letters)

Richard Angelillis, Palm Harbor, re Canine Estates

Catherine Angelillis, Palm Harbor, re Canine Estates

Judith Gellady, Palm Harbor, re Canine Estates

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Burton provided background information regarding zoning compliance issues related to Canine Estates; whereupon, Development Review Services Director Blake Lyon responded to queries by the members and discussed the following:

- The current zoning requires residential use of the property, and investigations have determined there is no one residing on the premises.
- County staff has given the property owners until the end of the year to either bring the property into zoning compliance or apply for a conditional use permit, which would require a public hearing.

- The property owners purchased the property in 2012 and have previously filed an affidavit claiming that all animals on the site are their own licensed and registered pets.
- The owners received permits from the County to remove 16 diseased or dying trees on the property.
- The current code does not impose a limitation on the number of domestic pets allowed on a property.

During discussion, Commissioner Eggers asked that the staff prepare a summary of the upcoming code changes for the members. Commissioner Seel suggested that rather than giving the property owners until the end of the year to comply, the County should start assessing the allowable daily fine on the property while it remains out of compliance; and that the Board may wish to consider changes to the code in the future, such as imposing a numerical limit on domestic pets allowed at one location; whereupon, Chairman Welch thanked Mr. Lyon and the citizens in attendance, noting that the Board will stay abreast of the situation.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

### 54. Discussion of the 2019 State Legislative Program & Priorities.

Chairman Welch asked Mr. Burton to introduce the item and noted that Visit St. Pete/Clearwater President and CEO David Downing is available to address the Tourist Development Tax issue.

Mr. Burton indicated that staff has provided a list of proposed topics for consideration as legislative priorities; that the topics will be discussed during the joint meeting with the Legislative Delegation on December 4; and that the list of prioritized items would then be finalized after the first of the year.

Intergovernmental Liaison Brian Lowack stated that in prior years, the list contained dozens of priorities; that many of the priorities in the past garnered little interest in the legislature; and that this year's list has been tailored to include five specific priorities that will likely have bills filed in 2019, providing opportunities to advocate either for or against the legislation in favor of Pinellas County's interests. He noted that the members have expressed interest in other issues over the past year, which have been included on a separate page, as they may or may not see some movement in the legislature this year.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel regarding the Tourist Development Tax (TDT), Mr. Lowack stated that the tax was opened up last year for expanded uses; that it is not clear what expenses are eligible under the new rules; and that it would be beneficial to determine what is specifically allowed. Mr. Downing related that the Tourist Development

Council has had general discussion regarding expanded uses of the TDT; and that it has adopted a wait-and-see approach to the issue, similar to other organizations around the state, and discussion ensued.

During discussion, Commissioner Gerard noted that a separate issue on the list regarding Tampa Bay Water states that the County would oppose any legislation that would impact its membership; and that she feels it should also oppose legislation that might jeopardize the interlocal agreement as a whole, and Mr. Lowack concurred; whereupon, the members highlighted and discussed the following:

- Adding a priority to utilize state grant programs to help fund improvements to local parks (Commissioner Justice)
- Concerns about having the legislature re-open the TDT statute for changes (Commissioners Gerard and Peters)
- Retaining the requirement for Building Officials to reside within County limits in order to serve on the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Commissioner Peters)
- Changing the Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA) priority to read, "oppose efforts that would preempt local governments from *controlling and managing*" CRAs, in place of the current wording, "*controlling of managing*" (Commissioner Seel)
- Including a specific dollar amount within the appropriation request for Gulf Boulevard Undergrounding (Commissioner Seel), and including Tierra Verde in the project (Commissioner Gerard)
- Adding a priority to monitor the arts funding from the state level (Commissioner Seel)

Chairman Welch indicated that he has heard consensus to retain the Construction Licensing Board priority, noting the concern of Commissioner Peters, and the support of regional transportation as a priority. He suggested that the members remove the TDT issue from priorities and include it in the secondary list as an issue to monitor closely; and that the Board should discuss the matter moving into next year, and several members concurred. He stated that the priority issues regarding CRAs and for self-defense will also remain on the list.

Commissioner Eggers expressed his concerns regarding the priority issues, noting that beach nourishment, affordable housing, and other issues may be far more important than some of those listed, and Chairman Welch stated that the list is preliminary and only to be used for the December 4 meeting with the State Delegation; and that the list should be reordered to put more important priorities at the top; whereupon, several members thanked Messrs. Burton and Lowack for attending to the matter.

**Meeting Recessed: 12:31 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 1:08 P.M.**

*Following the recess, Chief Deputy Clerk Clareth Harris replaced Mr. Burke at the dais.*

- 55.** Appointment to WorkNet Pinellas dba CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Michael Logal and Amy Van Ness appointed following a ballot vote.

- 56.** Appointment to the Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc. (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Darryl Henderson appointed following a ballot vote.

- 57.** Appointments to the Unified Personnel Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Jeffery Kronschnabl and Kenneth B. Peluso appointed following a ballot vote.

- 58.** Selection of 2019 Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**A motion was made by Chairman Welch, seconded by Commissioner Long, that Vice-Chairman Seel be selected to serve as Chairman. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Long, that Commissioner Gerard be selected to serve as Vice-Chairman. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 59.** County Commission New Business Items:

- University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Letter (Commissioner Welch)
- I-275/SR 60 Interchange Letter of Support (Commissioner Long)

University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Letter

Chairman Welch related that a letter from Representative Charlie Crist was received stating his comments and concerns regarding the University of South Florida (USF) consolidation plan; and that Congressman Crist is asking the Board to support his positions. He noted that the letter speaks to retaining diversity, the marine science program, and the arts; and that the overall theme is a conversation about independence and USFSP continuing to connect with Pinellas County's needs and its communities.

Commissioner Justice stated that the letter is tempered appropriately and expresses the concerns of many people regarding the consolidation process. He indicated that the goal is to continue having programs and degrees at USFSP that reflect the needs of Pinellas County; and that providing local access to the University for county residents is important, and Commissioner Gerard concurred. He cautioned that the consolidation plan must be monitored closely so as not to allow USFSP to diminish from a university into a lesser instruction center, and to not dismantle 20 years of work by the community; whereupon, he moved, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the Board of County Commissioners support Congressman Crist's letter in any way the Chairman deems appropriate.

Commissioner Long suggested that the Chairman include a cover letter in order to convey the Board's desire to establish a working relationship with the new USF President, to be chosen in the near future, and other matters.

Mr. Lowack indicated that Congressman Crist's office is looking for the Board to be a signatory to his letter; and in response to query by Chairman Welch, that municipalities, community leaders, and residents will also be asked to include their signatures.

Responding to query by Commissioner Peters, Chairman Welch stated that the Congressman's letter will be included in the agenda packet for the December 4 meeting with the Legislative Delegation, along with the cover letter.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Long, that Congressman Crist's letter to USF be approved and signed by the Chairman. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### I-275/SR 60 Interchange Letter of Support

Commissioner Long noted that a draft letter of support to make the interchange the top transportation priority for the Tampa Bay region has been included in the agenda packet; that the letter is addressed to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 Secretary David Gwynn; and that it was drafted pursuant to his request of the governing agencies within the region. She explained that the goal is to better position the region to successfully receive state funding for regional transportation projects; whereupon, she asked the members to approve the letter, and Commissioner Eggers noted that Forward Pinellas also supports the position on behalf of the County and its partners.

Commissioner Eggers related that although the intersection is in Hillsborough County, it is critically important to the region, and discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the letter of support be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**60. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous.**

The members congratulated the newly elected Commissioners and Legislative Representatives and Senators, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; whereupon, they reported on the activities of their assigned boards and committees and related or discussed the following items.

Commissioner Justice

- Reported that the Gulf Consortium Plan has been approved and is available online; that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed it favorably; and that the EPA has identified the Tampa Bay Estuary Program as a model for the rest of the country to follow.
- The Historic Preservation Board has made a priority of installing historic markers throughout Pinellas County and will place two markers in the Tarpon Historic District in the near future.
- The Area Agency on Aging recently completed its audit with no findings to report, and has had ten years of exemplary reviews.
- Reported that several Forward Pinellas members completed a fact-finding trip to Indianapolis regarding the use of bus rapid transit in the area and provided information on the visit.
- Noted his attendance at the opening of the newly refurbished Fenway Hotel in Dunedin, and his appreciation for everyone who attended the Raymond H. Neri Community Park naming ceremony in Lealman, and other events.
- The annual Farm Share event in Lealman will be held on December 7.

Commissioner Long

- Played a short video regarding climate change, provided background information, and reported that the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition has had 25 regional governments sign its compact.
- The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) has adopted the 41-mile Feasibility Transit Plan, the design of which will take 18 to 24 months to complete, and has committed to embrace and learn about new and emerging technologies related to public transit.
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority held its Legislative Committee meeting yesterday and its Leadership class graduation two weeks earlier, and has approved an increase to its minimum wage for certain employees. She expressed condolences to the family of the man fatally struck while removing his bicycle from a PSTA bus.

- Requested that Mr. Burton provide a future update on the joint-use government center as discussed previously.
- Noted that the Tampa Bay Partnership State of the Region luncheon will be held December 12; that the Tony Janus Awards Banquet will be held on December 13; that a joint workshop on transportation funding will be held on January 18; and that the annual Law Enforcement and First Responders Dinner, founded by late Commissioner John Morroni, will be held on February 16.

#### Commissioner Gerard

- Indicated that CareerSource Pinellas has affirmed Jennifer Brackney as its new Chief Executive Officer; that it is waiting on a report from the Department of Labor to help define needed changes in the organization; and that it is forming a Bylaws Committee.
- Reported that the Youth Advisory Committee toured the Pinellas County Traffic Center this week.
- Represented the County Commission at a PACE Center for Girls in the Great American Teach-In last week.

#### Commissioner Peters

- Noted that the topic of mental health funding is not addressed on the list of legislative priorities, and encouraged the members to make it a priority. Chairman Welch suggested that Mr. Burton add it to the list for the meeting on December 4 and noted no objection from the members, and brief discussion ensued.

#### Commissioner Eggers

- Reported that Forward Pinellas received a presentation regarding Advantage Pinellas, a regional survey regarding local issues, and received reports on countywide trends and conditions. He noted that he has been named Forward Pinellas Interim Chairman in light of the former Chairman's resignation.
- Discussed local Veterans Day celebrations and other recent events associated with helping veterans, and related that Palm Harbor will hold its tree lighting ceremony on November 30.
- Noted that Tampa Bay Water is receiving feedback from former commissioners, employees, and many others regarding the interpretation of its memorandum of understanding and how it may apply to the City of Tampa's proposed reclaimed water project, and thanked staff for their efforts.

- Noted that development in Pasco County has created issues with wild hogs encroaching into north Pinellas.

Commissioner Seel

- The Juvenile Welfare Board is set to begin its search for a new Executive Director.
- Attended the Pinellas County Botanical Gardens' holiday lights ceremony and a Creative Pinellas fund-raiser.

Chairman Welch

- Thanked local and state government staffs working with the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program, which recently brought 125 high-paying jobs and capital investment to Pinellas County.
- The Tourist Development Council (TDC) welcomed three new members and will not meet in December in order for members to attend a tourism summit on December 12, and reported that he visited the London World Travel Market and met with Visit St. Pete/Clearwater partners in the United Kingdom.
- The Business Technology Services board received updates from its security panel and the Technical Steering Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:11 P.M.**

  
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Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

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