

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 19-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN PINELLAS COUNTY AND GULFCOAST LEGAL SERVICES, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.38, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.38, Florida Statutes provides that a county may lease or convey real or personal property owned by the County to a corporation or other not for profit organization which may be organized for the purposes of promoting community interest and welfare upon application by such a corporation or organization; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.38 of the Florida Statutes allows the Board of County Commissioners to set a price, whether nominal or otherwise for such lease or conveyance, if the Board determines the Real Property is required for such use and not required for County purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County owns and operates a building located at 501 First Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, has applied to the County for a Lease Agreement for the use of the building to be used solely for office space for the purpose of providing pro-bono legal services as requested by the Sixth Judicial Circuit to better serve public clientele; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that supporting agencies that provide pro-bono legal services as requested by the Pinellas County Court system to better serve public clientele, thereby promoting community interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is satisfied that the real property referred to in this Resolution is not currently needed for other County purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida:

SECTION 1: The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the Lease Agreement thereto, allowing Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc., to use the space

referenced in this resolution for office space in support of providing pro-bono legal services as requested by the Pinellas County Court system to better serve public clientele. The term of the Lease Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc., shall be for a period of one year commencing on September 1, 2020, and subject to additional automatic one-year renewals, upon written request from tenant, thereafter unless terminated as provided in the Lease Agreement. The rent shall be \$7.64 per square foot, with an annual increase of 3% per year.

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 10 day of December, 2019, Commissioner Gerard offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Chelsea Hardy
Office of the County Attorney