

Pinellas County

*12520 Ulmerton Road
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Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Pinellas County Cooperative Extension

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

*Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chair Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair Charlie Justice, Commissioner Rene Flowers, Commissioner Pat Gerard, Commissioner Janet C. Long, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Karen Williams Seal

Others Present: Barry A. Burton County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Manager, Board Records; and Teresa Ribble, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Deviating from the agenda, Chair Eggers requested that Mr. Burton provide an update regarding COVID-19. He noted the Board's decision to return to the Courthouse Assembly Room for regular meetings beginning on August 10 and requested information regarding action needed if the Board decides to continue meeting in the Magnolia Room.

Mr. Burton and Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict provided information and responded to queries by the members regarding the recent increase in COVID-19 positivity rates and the rapid spread of the Delta variant, resultant strain on the county's healthcare system, and the differences in symptoms based upon vaccinated versus unvaccinated individuals; whereupon, they encouraged citizens to become vaccinated.

Mr. Burton related that Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe and Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson will attend the August 10 meeting to provide further updates.

Mr. Burton and Attorney White, with input by Ms. Carpenter, provided information and guidance regarding the Board's ability, including proper and timely noticing for public hearings, to continue holding regular meetings in the Magnolia Room due to the resurgence of COVID-19 cases and the ability to be socially distanced, and discussion ensued.

Later in the meeting, Chair Eggers confirmed that the public hearings scheduled for the August 10 regular meeting will be postponed until August 24 so that proper advertising regarding meeting location can be completed.

1. Transportation Trust Fund

Report and discussion regarding Transportation Trust Fund uses, revenue sources and expenses, future deficits and impacts to service levels, and the impacts of expanding the Local Option Fuel Tax (LOFT), and related matters.

Staff Presenter: Abigail Lloyd, Financial Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

Document displayed: *Transportation Trust Fund: Additional 5-cent Local Option Fuel Tax*

Meeting Recessed: 12:26 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 1:03 P.M.

2. Establish maximum millage rates for certification to the Property Appraiser

Report and discussion regarding proposed millage reductions to the General Fund, Health Department, and unincorporated fire districts, as well as BCC department staffing histories and changes for Fiscal Year 2022 and related matters.

Staff Presenter: Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Document displayed: *Maximum Millage Rates Feedback regarding FY22 Proposed Budget*

3. Small Business Enterprise (SBE):
- Program Update
- Requirements for SBE Program and Update

Report and discussion regarding SBE's core values, development of a partnership collaborative, third quarter update, and next steps for the program. A video was presented which highlighted local projects utilizing small businesses.

Staff Presenter: Cynthia Johnson, Director, Economic Development, Office of Small Business and Supplier Diversity
Document displayed: *Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Update*

4. Assembly Room Technology

Report and discussion regarding an overview and comparison of two options for a request-to-speak solution, along with staff recommendations.

Staff Presenter: Barbra Hernandez, Director of Communications
Document displayed: *Options for a Request-to-Speak Solution*

5. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the proposed agenda for the August 10 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 1:28 P.M.