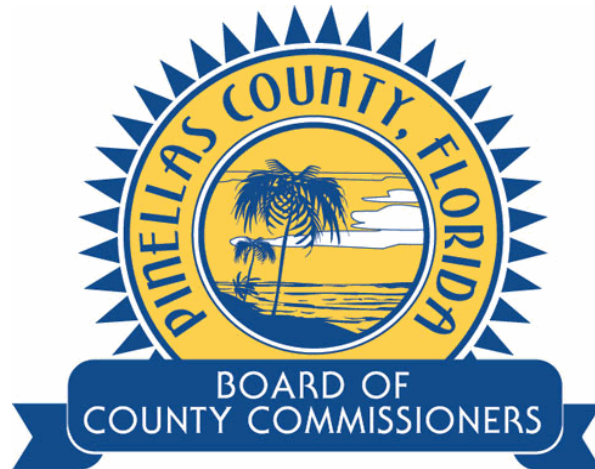


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

1. [25-1001A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 12**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

2. [25-1197A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from July 6 through July 26, 2025.

Reports received for filing:

3. [25-1198A](#) Report of Expenditures Incurred Under the Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26, Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 3.
4. [25-1199A](#) Quarterly Donation Listing of \$1,000 or Greater for the quarter ending June 30, 2025, Resolution No. 21-117/Donation Policy.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

5. [25-1200A](#) Affidavit of Publication of Legal Notice published in La Gaceta regarding Notice of Forfeiture of Unclaimed Money pursuant to Section 116.21, Florida Statutes (Circuit/County Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida).
6. [25-1201A](#) Juvenile Welfare Board FY25 Q3 Financials.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

7. [25-1088A](#) Declare surplus and authorize the sale of County-owned equipment and vehicles.

Recommendation: Declare surplus and authorize auction sale of equipment and vehicles on the attached lists. Approve distribution of the proceeds from the sale of vehicles and equipment sold to the funds from which the assets were purchased, typically the Fleet Vehicle Replacement or a specific enterprise fund.

- This action declares the listed items as surplus and authorizes their sale via auction to the highest bidder.
- The usefulness of the identified equipment and vehicles has been exhausted.
- Breakdown of assets for disposal as follows:
 - a.) 3 Utility Carts
 - b.) 20 Sedans/SUV's/Vans
 - c.) 13 Light Duty Trucks
 - d.) 1 Medium Duty Truck
 - e.) 2 Heavy Duty Trucks
 - f.) 2 Trailers
 - g.) 2 Mowers
 - h.) 3 Excavators
 - i.) 3 pieces miscellaneous equipment (compressor/floor cleaners)
 - j.) 3 Edgers w/Blowers
 - k.) 2 Trailer Arrow Boards

County Administrator

8. [25-1005A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending July 31, 2025.

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

Utilities

9. [25-0827A](#) Award of bid to Ace Septic Tank Service of Tampa Inc., Enviroserve Inc., Envirowaste Services Group Inc., Flotech Environmental LLC, Garner Environmental Services Inc., and T. Wayne Hill Trucking Inc. for emergency storm response tanker and pump truck services as needed or required.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Ace Septic Tank Service of Tampa Inc., Enviroserve Inc., Envirowaste Services Group Inc., Flotech Environmental LLC, Garner Environmental Services Inc. Republic Services Inc., and T. Wayne Hill Trucking Inc., for emergency storm response tanker and pump truck services.

Reject the bid from Republic Services on the basis of being non-responsive to the bid requirements.

- This contract provides emergency storm response pumping and tankering services during emergency/disaster events, as needed or required.
- The County received seven bid submittals with award recommendations to the six responsive and responsible contractors named above in the combined amount of \$7,726,272.50 for a thirty-six-month term.
- Not all vendors bid all items and a breakdown of amount per contractor is provided in the Fiscal Impact section of the staff report.
- Having on-call services with numerous contractors ensures redundancy in a disaster event. Due to the extent of damage from the hurricanes in 2024, some vendors were unable to respond. This extensive list of contractors will ensure responsiveness during disaster events.
- This request is budgeted for in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget of Pinellas County Utilities in the Water Revenue and Operating Fund and Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund. Additionally, funding is anticipated to be supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements during periods of emergencies. Funding for the second year of this agreement is included in the requested FY26 Budget submission. Funding for the third year will likely be requested in a future budget.

Contract 25-0200-ITB for a thirty-six-month combined total of \$7,726,272.50; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

10. [25-1059A](#) Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

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

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Sheriff's Office

11. [25-1089A](#) Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts - payments to the Sheriff for April 1 through June 30, 2025.

12. [25-1093A](#) Receipt and file report of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from April 1 to June 30, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

13. [25-1135A](#) Agreement with BKN Creative, LLC for marketing services as requested by Human Services.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreement with BKN Creative, LLC (BKN) for marketing services as requested by Human Services.

- This contract will provide additional marketing services to promote Care About Me (CAM) in a bold, robust manner over the next year to increase visibility and program utilization as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.
- In concert with the CAM service provider, BKN will manage out-of-home advertising, media purchases, and influencer marketing on behalf of the CAM program, continuously monitoring success while brainstorming fresh ideas to expand its reach.
- The proposed agreement provides for 100 hours of marketing development and support from BKN each month, for a total of \$210,000.00 for twelve months, with an advertising budget of an additional \$390,000.00 and has two twelve-month renewals.
- Funds for this agreement are included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget within the Human Service Department in the General Fund.

Contract No. 25-0812-N in the not to exceed amount of \$600,000.00 for twelve months; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

14. [25-0757A](#) Funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2026 Human Services Social Action Grant Program

Recommendation: Approval of funding recommendations by the Social Action Funding Advisory Board (SAFAB) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Social Action Grant Funding Agreements with 18 community agencies, and delegation of authority to the County Administrator to sign all associated agreements and documentation.

- Eighteen community agencies are recommended by the SAFAB for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the priority area of food/nutritional services; homeless prevention and supportive services; healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents; and supportive services for an aging population. A breakdown of awards is attached. The grant award will be for one-year project period.
- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive, online grant application which opened March 10, 2025, and 75 applications were received totaling \$7,334,623.15 in requested funding.
- On May 12, 2025, following review and ranking of the applications, the SAFAB voted to recommend awards to 18 projects. Awards range from \$43,200.00 to \$150,000.00.
- An amount not to exceed \$1,705,610.00 in funding is allocated in the Human Services FY26 anticipated budget. Each agreement includes a fiscal non-funding clause should any portion of the budget not be approved.

Parks and Conservation Resources

15. [25-0976A](#) Annual agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Recommendation: Approval of the annual agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for law enforcement services by the Environmental Lands Unit from October 1, 2025, through October 1, 2026.

- Contract provides for two assigned Environmental Land Unit (ELU) deputies to patrol County preserves and parks at a cost of \$397,430.00 per year including personnel, vehicle, operating and training expenses.
- ELU deputies are critical to deter poaching of wildlife and cultural artifacts from county environmental lands and assist park rangers upon reports of suspicious activities.
- This partnership with PCSO has existed since Fiscal Year (FY) 2001.
- Annual costs for the law enforcement services are appropriated in the PCSO budget within the General Fund.) The Utilities Department contributes 23.0% (\$91,408.90) for its portion of the Brooker Creek Preserve land.
- This expense is included in the FY26 Proposed Budget for the Sheriff's Office (General Fund) and the Utilities Department (Water Revenue and Operating Fund).

Public Works

16. [25-1120A](#) National Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program Grant Agreement for tree debris removal from various channels throughout unincorporated County.

Recommendation: Approval of the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) grant agreement for tree debris removal from various channels throughout unincorporated County.

- EWP is a federal emergency recovery program assisting communities recovering from natural disasters.
- Application to NRCS for EWP was submitted on November 14, 2024, as part of Legistar item No. 25-0829A.
- Funding is provided to assist with recovery from the impacts of Hurricane Milton to clear storm related debris from various channels throughout unincorporated County.
- Due to the nature of this request being related to an emergency event, this is not budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget for Public Works or the General Fund. Expenses will be reimbursed by the grant.

PID 90019B4 Task 14; Grant funding amount is \$5,968,649.50; No match is required; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

17. [25-1106A](#) Resolution providing authority for the use of golf carts within the Autumn Woods subdivision in Palm Harbor.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution to permit the use of golf carts on all community streets within the Autumn Woods subdivision in Palm Harbor.

- Autumn Woods Homeowners Association (HOA) requests to allow golf cart use on all community streets within subdivision.
- Petitions received from HOA include a majority (83%) vote in favor of golf cart use in the community.
- In accordance with Section 122-67 of County Code, consideration of speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic, golf carts may safely travel on and cross these additional roadways, so long as appropriate signage is posted.
- Section 316.212 of Florida Statutes requires a resolution of support from the Board of County Commissioners to expand the area for golf cart use in unincorporated Palm Harbor.
- Resolution, upon adoption, is effective September 1, 2025.

Consistent with Section 122-69 of the Code, Exhibit A - Map must be codified in Chapter 130 Appendix F of the Code.

18. [25-1108A](#) Resolution providing authority for the use of golf carts on all community streets within the Eniswood subdivision in unincorporated Palm Harbor.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution to permit the use of golf carts on all community streets within the Eniswood subdivision in unincorporated Palm Harbor.

- Eniswood Homeowners Association (HOA) requested to allow golf cart use on all community streets within the subdivision.
- Petition received from HOA included a majority (89%) vote in favor of golf cart use in the community.
- In accordance with Section 122-67 of County Code, consideration of speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic, golf carts may safely travel on and cross these additional roadways, so long as appropriate signage is posted.
- Section 316.212 of Florida Statutes requires a resolution of support from the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to expand the area for golf cart use in Unincorporated Palm Harbor.
- Resolution is effective September 1, 2025.

Consistent with Section 122-69 of the Code, Exhibit A - Map must be codified in Chapter 130 Appendix F of the Code.

19. [25-1079A](#) Resolution supporting the honorary designation of United States 92/State Route 600/Gandy Boulevard from Southwest Shore Boulevard in Hillsborough County to 4th Street North in Pinellas County is designated as Senator James A. Sebesta Memorial Highway.

Recommendation: Adoption of the resolution supporting the honorary designation of United States (U.S.) 92/State Route 600/Gandy Boulevard from Southwest Shore Boulevard in Hillsborough County to 4th Street North in Pinellas County is designated as Senator James A. Sebesta Memorial Highway.

- Legislation signed by Governor DeSantis on July 1, 2025.
- Adoption of the resolution supports honorary designation of U.S. 92/State Route 600/Gandy Boulevard between Southwest Shore Boulevard in Hillsborough County and 4th Street North in Pinellas County.
- Roadway segment to be designated as Senator James A. Sebesta Memorial Highway recognizing his service and dedication to the citizens of the United States.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

20. [25-1086A](#) Transfer of three vehicles from the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority to the Pinellas County Sheriff.

Recommendation: Approval of the transfer of three vehicles from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority to the Pinellas County Sheriff.

- Tactical paramedics have been embedded with the Sheriff's Special Weapons and Tactics Team since 1986.
- On May 19, 2025, the County Administrator approved a new Memorandum of Understanding for the overall program which includes transferring the three tactical EMS vehicles to the Pinellas County Sheriff by September 30, 2025.
- The purpose is to improve efficiency by aligning operations and maintenance under the Sheriff's Office.
- The vehicles being transferred are a 2023 Ford Transit, a 2016 Chevrolet Suburban, and a 2005 Ford Excursion.
- EMS is no longer required to maintain said vehicles. The Sheriff shall be responsible for the maintenance, fuel, and repair of vehicles.
- Proof of title transfer to be provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff.
- This recommended approach ensures the continued public safety use of the assets. This item has no negative fiscal impact on Safety and Emergency Services and this fund will likely see a reduction in operating, maintenance, and fuel costs of approximately \$4,800.00 per year. The EMS Fund will also no longer be contributing to the replacement on one vehicle through the Vehicle Replacement Program (VRP). Vehicle replacement funds that have been collected for the replacement of one vehicle and will be credited towards future EMS vehicle purchases. The department is expecting to see a reduction of approximately \$6,560.00 annually in VRP contributions.
- The EMS Authority authorizes and directs staff to complete the transfer of the titles and complete all County surplus procedures.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. [25-1175A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Steven E. Jordan; all heirs known and unknown - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate lien.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Steven E. Jordan; all heirs known and unknown.

22. [25-1177A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. United Wealth Builders, LLC - action for foreclosure of Special Magistrate liens.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation against Pinellas County v. United Wealth Builders, LLC.

23. [25-1002A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

24. [25-1003A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

25. [25-0753A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

26. [25-1085A](#) Petition of Apartments at Gateway II LLC to vacate the portion of 34th Street North Extension(County Road Number 265), Declared to be a public road in Board of County Commissioners minutes book 23, page 253, filed on April 12,1949, being 100 feet in width, lying within property owned by Apartments at Gateway II LLC, as recorded in official records book 17960, page 495, and within property owned by Apartments at Gateway II,LLC, as recorded in official records book 17960, page 512, all in sections 22,23,26, and 27-30-16, Pinellas County, Florida.
(Legislative)

Recommendation: Approval of the petition by Apartments at Gateway II LLC to vacate the portion of 34th Street North Extension (County Road Number 265).

- Request is for the vacation of portions of unimproved rights of way that run internal to the petitioner's property.
- This is in support of Epic at Gateway Apartments Phase II that has yet to be constructed.
- Epic at Gateway Phase I was constructed in 2014, the petitioned vacation area includes areas of Phase I that already have structures that have been built.
- Petitioned area lies within City of Pinellas Park jurisdiction.
- Staff recommends approval.
- If petition is granted, Board of County Commissioners is asked to adopt the attached resolution pursuant to Florida State Statute 336.09.

Authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to record the resolution in the public records of Pinellas County.

27. [25-0977A](#) Resolution adopting the Joe's Creek Industrial Park Master Plan.

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution adopting the Joe's Creek Industrial Park Master Plan (JCIPMP). Based upon evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, this item is recommended for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

This proposed resolution will enact the following changes:

- Adopt a Master Plan that can serve as a Special Area Plan, as described and required in the Pinellas Countywide Rules by Forward Pinellas, to allow the County to make future modifications to the Lealman area Target Employment Center (TEC).
- Establish findings and recommendations to guide future redevelopment and investment decision making in the subject TEC and greater Joe's Creek Industrial Park.
- Establish data, analysis, findings and recommendations to identify and guide future infrastructure improvements to advance the overall subject area.
- Adopt a Land Use Vision Map to help guide future potential Comprehensive Plan land use policy decisions and unincorporated Pinellas County Land Development Code regulation updates to facilitate redevelopment and business investment in the subject TEC.
- The proposed JCIPMP is a result of significant study and analysis along with stakeholder input and consultation with the Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).
- The Lealman CAC recommends approval.

28. [25-1087A](#) Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-3, related to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act.

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed ordinance amending Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-3, related to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act to increase the established fee on each civil traffic penalty to align with statutorily allowed level in support of local driver education programs operated by the Pinellas County School Board (PCSB).

- This ordinance amends Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122-3, related to the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act (Dori Slosberg) to increase the current locally collected fee of \$3.00 per civil traffic penalty to the maximum of \$5.00 per case as allowed within Florida Statute 318.1215.
- Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners implemented Dori Slosberg on February 7, 2006, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 06-14 to establish a \$3.00 penalty on each civil traffic case with funds directed to the PCSB to support driver education programs.
- On April 17, 2007, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-51 to facilitate ongoing dispersal of collected fees to the School Board.
- Program revenues from 2013 through 2024 totaled \$2,035,071.44 with an annual average during that period of \$169,589.29. The annual collections have been declining for several years with 2024 revenues at \$143,735.73.
- The PCSB has requested an adjustment of the fee from \$3.00 to the statutory maximum at \$5.00 to aid in addressing ongoing demand, capacity limits, educator retention, and cost increases for program delivery. In the current school year, 240 students have completed after school camps and approximately 970 students were enrolled in summer camps for driver education.
- This amendment has no direct impact on County budget appropriations. Funds are collected by the Clerk's Office and dispersed to the PCSB. Based upon the 2024 collection levels of \$143,735.73, this change would result in an approximate \$95,823.82 increase for program activities, or a total of \$239,559.55.

29. [25-1049A](#) Pinellas Park Planning Area Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and approve the Pinellas Park Planning Area Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park.

- Allows the City of Pinellas Park to include unincorporated properties within the proposed Planning Area in their comprehensive planning efforts.
- Ensures that the County and unincorporated property owners within the proposed Planning Area would be advised of the City's comprehensive planning activities.
- Ensures that unincorporated property owners within the proposed Planning Area can participate in administrative, legislative, quasi-judicial or judicial proceedings for the City's comprehensive plan amendments.
- Establishes the boundaries of the proposed Planning Area.
- A similar Planning Area Interlocal Agreement between the County and City was established in 2000 and extended in 2010. It expired in 2020.

ADJOURNMENT