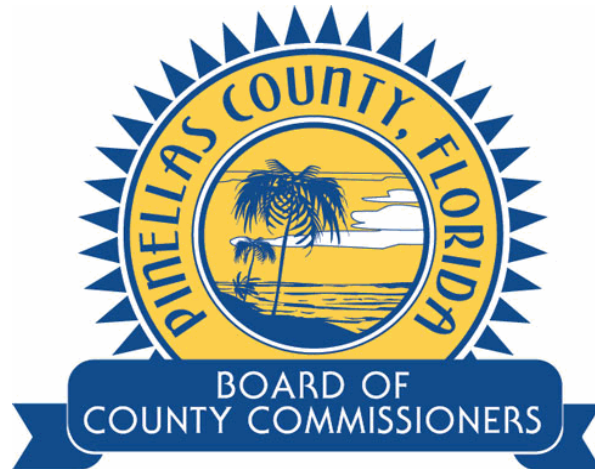


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 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****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [25-1148A](#) IT Professionals Day Proclamation:
 - Business Technology Services - Jeff Rohrs and Bryan Zumwalt
 - Clerk of the Court - Chris Short and Rakesh Patel
 - Court Technology - Brandon Kling
 - Property Appraiser - Jim Armstrong and Ivan Morley
 - Public Defender - Erik Ferguson
 - Sheriff - Bert Mills and Jamie Cunningham
 - Tax Collector -Jennifer Bryant and Nick Fatolitis
 - Supervisor of Elections - David Wise and Marc Gillette
2. [25-1251A](#) National Workforce Development Month Proclamation:
AmSkills
3. [25-1149A](#) Remembrance Day Proclamation:
East Lake Fire Rescue
 - Fire Chief Jason Gennaro
 - Chairman Kevin Kenney

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. [25-1144A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 9**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

5. [25-1271A](#) Minutes of the regular meetings held July 22 and August 5, 2025.
6. [25-1272A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from July 27 through August 9, 2025.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

7. [25-1165A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Envisionit Chicago, LLC for advertising and promotion (media planning, buying and brand strategy, creative and content).

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm Envisionit Chicago, LLC for advertising and promotion (media planning, buying and brand strategy, creative and content).

- This contract will provide advertising planning, media buying, and creative campaign development services for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, d/b/a Visit St. Pete/Clearwater.
- For the purpose of generating maximum interest, two competitive Requests For Proposals (RFP) were released; RFP 25-0506-RFP received nine proposals and RFP 25-0507-RFP received ten proposals that were shortlisted for presentations with an award recommendation to the top ranked firm, Envisionit Chicago, LLC, for both RFPs.
- The initial term is for sixty months with a not-to-exceed value of \$139,605,073.53, and there is a provision for one additional twenty-four-month term.
- The previous agreements were with BVK and Miles Partnership, respectively covering traditional (previous Not To Exceed (NTE) of \$72,325,000.00) and digital (previous NTE of \$31,628,200.00) advertising, for a combined previous NTE of \$103,953,200.00.
- The proposed additional \$35,651,873.00 NTE accounts for the annual budget increase of \$6M since the last agreement(s) as well as room for flexibility. The not-to-exceed price will only be incurred if funding is available.
- Funding for this contract is proportionally included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Adopted Budget and the FY26 Proposed Budget.

Contract No. 25-0506-RFP & 25-0507-RFP in the not to exceed contract value of \$139,605,073.53, effective for sixty months; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest

Human Services

8. [25-0749A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Inc. for the CARE Mobile Medical Unit.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm with Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Inc. (Nomad GCS) for a customized Mobile Medical Unit (MMU).

- The contract will provide for the purchase and customization of a 36-foot Freightliner M2-106 to support expanded field-based health services for homeless residents and client enrolled in the Pinellas County Healthcare for the Homeless Program.
- Twelve proposals were received with award recommendation to the top ranked firm, Nomad GCS.
- The contract has a not to exceed amount of \$541,444.83 through delivery of the MMU.
- The vehicle will be the third in the HCH mobile fleet, providing flexible space for a behavioral health-focused array of medical services.
- The customized vehicle will cost \$541,444.83 and the purchase is fully supported by a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Capital Assistance for Hurricane Response and Recovery Efforts Grant from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Funds for this grant are included in the FY26 Proposed Budget within the Human Services Department in the General Fund.

Contract No. 25-0170-RFP in the not to exceed amount of \$541,444.83 for through delivery (approximately 12 months); Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

9. [25-0355A](#) Joint Project Agreement with the City of Madeira Beach for relocation and replacement of County Utilities conflicting with the City's proposed roadway and drainage system improvements along 129th Avenue, 131st Avenue, and Pelican Lane.

Recommendation: Approval of the Joint Project Agreement with the City of Madeira Beach for relocation and replacement of County Utilities conflicting with the City's proposed roadway and drainage system improvements along 129th Avenue, 131st Avenue, and Pelican Lane.

- Existing watermain, including appurtenances, must be replaced or realigned to accommodate the proposed project improvements.
- The County shall reimburse the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,936,000.00.
- Utilizing the City's contractor is a cost-effective method to limit disruption to area residents resulting in project efficiencies for all stakeholders.
- All work will be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding for this agreement is budgeted under 129th and 131st Avenue East Utility.
- Relocation, City of Madeira Beach Project 005073A, included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), funded by the Water Renewal and Replacement Fund and the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund, in the amount of \$1,370,000.00, which is less than the agreement amount. The Proposed FY26-FY31 CIP includes a total project allocation of \$1,940,000.00. In the event that future fiscal year funding is not available for this project, the County maintains the authority to terminate this agreement.

Estimated cost to the County is \$1,936,000.00; Work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

10. [25-1068A](#) Funding recommendations and agreements with nonprofit entities for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund.

Recommendation: Approval of funding recommendations from the Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) and execution of four agreements with nonprofit entities for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund (Trust Fund).

- On June 25, 2025, the SAAB approved the recommendation of four projects for funding. The Trust Fund will provide \$33,898.00 to support nonprofit organizations that provide alcohol and/or drug use treatment prevention programs located within Pinellas County.
- Trust Fund provides funding to licensed substance use service providers for non-recurring expenditures such as equipment, special projects, training, renovations, and formalized prevention activities. Annual funding for the Trust Fund is provided through assessment and court fees for alcohol and drug-related charges.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 has been identified in the Human Services proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund; no match is required.
- The four agreements for approval are:
 - Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. Technology Update (\$6,000.00).
 - Operation PAR, Inc. Largo Campus Accessibility (\$7,898.00).
 - Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc. d/b/a ELEOS: Medical Equipment (\$10,000.00).
 - Boley Centers, Inc. Koenig Center Caboose Renovation (\$10,000.00).

11. [25-1142A](#) Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board bylaws.

Recommendation: Approval of the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) bylaws.

- The bylaws were approved by the OAFAB on July 8, 2025. Upon ratification of the bylaws by the Board of County Commissioners (Board), all amendments to the bylaws must be approved by the Board.
- The Board previously approved the following items related to the OAFAB: Interlocal Agreement establishing OAFAB under item 21-1282A, Appointment of County member to OAFAB under item 22-0875A, 2023 OAFAB Priority List under item 23-0826A, 2024 OAFAB Priority List under item 24-0836A and 2025 OAFAB Priority List under item 25-0630A.
- Under the Florida Plan, and in collaboration with the City of Clearwater, City of Pinellas Park, City of St. Petersburg, and Florida Department of Health Pinellas, the County entered an interlocal agreement establishing the OAFAB. The OAFAB is required to meet regularly, establish bylaws for governance, review opioid-related data, set priorities for regional settlement funding and after competitive solicitations administered by Pinellas County Human Services, making funding recommendations to the Board.
- There is no fiscal impact.

Public Works

12. [25-1249A](#) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Point of Contact form modification with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Countywide Mast Arm Hardening - Utility Projective Measures Project.

Recommendation: Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Point of Contact (POC) form modification with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Countywide Mast Arm Hardening, Utility Projective Measures Project.

- Grant modification consists of staff name change to POC form. The former POC has left the County, and a new POC is necessary.
- County Attorney recommends Board of County Commissioners Chairman sign revised POC form to be consistent.
- No fiscal impact associated with this action.

PID No. 004183A; FDEM Contract No. 4337-303-R.

13. [25-1250A](#) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Point of Contact form modification with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV Funding for the replacement of span-wire-supported traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals.

Recommendation: Approval of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Point of Contact (POC) form modification with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV for the replacement of span-wire- supported traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals.

- Grant modification consists of staff name change to POC form. The former POC has left the County, and a new POC is necessary.
- The previous POC form was signed by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) Chairman. County Attorney recommends the Board Chairman to sign revised POC form.
- There is no fiscal impact.

PID No. 005750A; FDEM Contract No. 4486-125-R.

14. [25-1183A](#) Local Agency Emergency Repair Agreement and Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation for emergency repair of Dunedin Causeway unpaved roadways surface and walkways due to Hurricane Helene.

Recommendation:

Approval of the Local Agency Emergency Repair Agreement (LAERA) and adoption of the Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for emergency repair of the Dunedin Causeway unpaved roadways surface and walkways due to Hurricane Helene.

- LAERA for emergency repair services associated with Causeway Boulevard and City of Dunedin, Dunedin Causeway Beach main bridge and tide relief bridge.
- \$58,767.00 will be reimbursed with no match required by the County.
- Bridge repair work is complete.
- FDOT will reimburse County with amount refunded to the General Fund.
- Funding for this project is available via the General Fund Reserve - in particular project 90018C1 for Hurricane Helene related road and bridge repairs.
- This repair has been completed and will be reimbursed at a 100% federal cost share with no County match required.

FDOT Financial Project ID 456525-1-G8-01 and 2HL-15-020; County to be reimbursed by FDOT in the amount \$58,767.00; Agreement term expires September 30, 2025; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

15. [25-0946A](#) Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the Juvenile Welfare Board for Information Technology Services from Business Technology Services.

Recommendation: Approval of the Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) for Information Technology (IT) services from Business Technology Services (BTS).

- Recommend continuing BTS service to JWB from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2030, with annual performance reviews and opportunities to adjust service levels and fees for future years.
- The agreement reflects an 8.1% increase over the prior agreement, accounting for increased service levels and costs.
- Renewal will result in a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budgeted revenue stream of \$319,970.30 to the Business Technology Services Fund.
- Semiannual service fees will be paid to BTS in March and October of each fiscal year.
- The revenue source was included in the FY26 Budget Request and will offset the cost of IT services provided to JWB by BTS.
- Additional services requested by JWB will be invoiced separately for reimbursement of expenses incurred.
- Revenue for this agreement is included in the FY26 Operating Budget for BTS in the Business Technology Services Fund.
- FY26 and future revenue will be dependent on the passing of the annual Operating Budget.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Housing Finance Authority

16. [25-1238A](#) Resolution approving the issuance of Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance Single-Family Mortgage Loans through a joint program with other Housing Finance Authorities in various counties.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving the continuation of the issuance of Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Bonds) by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County (HFA) in a principal amount not to exceed \$250.0M to finance the Single-Family Mortgage Loans through a joint program with the HFAs of Pasco County and Polk County and other interested counties including the County over a period of up to three years.

- Authorization for the HFA to continue to issue Bonds to finance Loans through a joint program with the HFAs of interested counties.
- On August 7, 2025, the HFA approved the issuance of Bonds, in a principal amount not to exceed \$250.0M, in one or more series, in calendar years 2025 through 2028.
- The Bonds will be used to provide homebuyer mortgage financing for low-moderate-or middle-income qualified persons or families through a joint program with HFAs in Pasco and Polk and other interested counties including the County via interlocal agreements.
- The HFA issues bonds on behalf of Pasco and Polk Counties through Interlocal Agreements to gain economy of scale cost reductions benefiting all three counties. By combining into a multi-county program the Pinellas HFA is able to manage and market the program and Pasco and Polk are able to offer below market rate mortgages to homebuyers.
- The Bonds are to be issued over a period of one to three years, in an amount to meet the demands of the first-time home buyer community, the mortgage lenders and prevailing market conditions, to alleviate the shortage of affordable housing.
- The HFA holds a public hearing every three years and seeks Board of County Commissioners approval for a three-year period for the single-family mortgage program.
- No Pinellas County funds are required. This item has no fiscal impact on the County.

17. [25-1172A](#) Resolution approving Pinellas County as an area of operation for the Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County, Florida (Authority) with respect to the financing by the Authority of the acquisition and rehabilitation of a multi-family housing development located in Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving Pinellas County as an area of operation for the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Hillsborough County, Florida with respect to the financing by the Authority of the acquisition and rehabilitation of a multi-family housing development located in Pinellas County.

- The HFA of Pinellas County does not currently have bond allocation capacity to fund the Riverside Apartments acquisition and rehabilitation project located at 1589 Starlight Cove, Tarpon Springs.
- The HFA of Hillsborough County has surplus bond capacity available that will expire on December 31, 2025 if not committed to a project and has agreed to use the private activity allocation to issue tax-exempt bonds for Riverside.
- The property includes 304 units. Affordability requirements will set aside 85% of the units for households with incomes at or below 60% of area median income.
- The Board of County Commissioners previously approved the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act hearing for Riverside on January 17, 2023, through Resolution 23-5.
- No County General Funds are required. This item has no fiscal impact on the County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. [25-1145A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. [25-1146A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

20. [25-0697A](#) Appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve six appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole for a term of four years beginning on October 1, 2025.

- Positions available for appointment/reappointment are:
 - Mechanical contractor or Class A Air Conditioning contractor
 - Roofing or Sheet Metal contractor
 - Swimming Pool contractor, Specialty Structure contractor, or Veneer Specialty contractor
 - Consumer Representative, not affiliated with the construction industry
 - Fire Official
 - South County Building Official
- Names of applicants can be viewed on attached ballot.
- The Clerk will disseminate the ballots to the commissioners.

21. [25-1057A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business:

a.) Resolution for Joint Meeting to be held between the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco Counties.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 22.** [25-1045A](#) Resolution for the Surface Water Assessment within the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Following a public hearing, adopt the resolution for the Surface Water Assessment within the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County.

- Resolution overrides previous Rate Resolution No. 17-63 which set a maximum annual increase of 3% for Surface Water Assessment not to exceed \$128.66 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).
- Resolution proposes a 7% rate increase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and up to 5% annually thereafter, not to exceed \$179.11 (projected rate FY32).
- Annual Surface Water Service Assessment rate would be \$133.65 per ERU in FY26. County would receive \$22,900,000.00 from the Surface Water Assessment in FY26.
- The Surface Water Rate Study was presented to the Board of County Commissioners in February 2024 and again in April 2025 in anticipation of planned assessment increases.
- Notice by mail to assessed property owners, public hearing and notice of public hearing required.
- Companion item Legistar 25-010C for Surface Water Roll Certification for FY26 (Attachment C).
- Funding for this resolution is included in the FY26 budget of the Public Works Surface Water Utility Fund.

23. [25-0999A](#) Resolutions adopting tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 (first public hearing).

Recommendation: Following a public hearing, adopt the resolutions approving the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

- On July 22, 2025, the County Administrator delivered the FY26 Proposed Budget to the Board of County Commissioners (Board).
 - The schedule of changes proposed will be presented to the Board.
- The maximum ad valorem millage rates were then certified to the Property Appraiser on July 23, 2025, for inclusion in the Truth in Millage Notices.
- These notices, which were mailed to all county property taxpayers on August 18, 2025, also contained the notice of the time and place of this public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT