

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Follow-up Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:04 P.M.

INVOCATION by Commissioner Flowers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Nowicki

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. 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. National Workforce Development Month Proclamation:
AmSkills
3. Remembrance Day Proclamation:
East Lake Fire Rescue
 - Fire Chief Jason Gennaro
 - Chairman Kevin Kenney

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)
Hillary Simpson, Seminole (submitted documents)
Angie, Pinellas County
Greg Pound, Largo

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 9 (Item Nos. 7 and 8 addressed under Regular Agenda)**APPROVED**

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meetings held July 22 and August 5, 2025.

APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. Vouchers and bills paid from July 27 through August 9, 2025.

APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Utilities

9. 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.

APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

7. Ranking of firms and agreement with Envisionit Chicago, LLC for advertising and promotion (media planning, buying and brand strategy, creative and content).

APPROVEDHuman Services

8. Ranking of firms and agreement with Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Inc. for the CARE Mobile Medical Unit.

APPROVED

10. Funding recommendations and agreements with nonprofit entities for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund.

APPROVED

11. Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board bylaws.

APPROVED

Public Works

12. 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.

APPROVED

13. 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.

APPROVED

14. 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.

APPROVED

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

15. Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the Juvenile Welfare Board for Information Technology Services from Business Technology Services.

APPROVED

Housing Finance Authority

16. 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.

APPROVED

17. 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.

APPROVED

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. County Attorney Reports - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. County Administrator Reports
- Hiring of Tristan Sommer to fill Intergovernmental Liaison position
 - Consensus regarding the County's State lobbying contract

COUNTY COMMISSION

20. Appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Steven James II and James Millican reappointed and Brian Kron, Craig A. Boyle, John Soucy, and Michael Williams appointed for a term of four years beginning on October 1, 2025, following a ballot vote.

21. 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.

The Commissioners reported on the activities of their assigned boards and committees and discussed various topics.

Resolution to allow for a Tri-County Board of County Commission meeting with Hillsborough and Pasco Counties.

APPROVED

Meeting Recessed: 4:28 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

22. Resolution for the Surface Water Assessment within the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County.

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 11 REGULAR BCC MEETING

23. Resolutions adopting tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 (first public hearing).

Motion to amend the tentative budget, as discussed at the August 28, 2025, work session and as recommended by the County Administrator, to include the following:

- Planned drawdown from the Health Benefits Fund
- Discontinuation of funding for Creative Pinellas
- One-time funding for the Enterprise Resource Planning system
- Formulaic budgetary change for the Tax Collector

APPROVED

Motion to approve a 50% rollback and a millage rate of 4.5049

FAILEDGeneral Fund and Health Department Fund Tentative Millage Rates**APPROVED**General Fund and Health Department Fund Tentative Budgets**APPROVED**Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs Tentative Millage Rates

Since a unanimous vote regarding the tentative millage rates for the Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs was not received, the Board proceeded to address the tentative millage rates and budgets for each Dependent Special District and MSTU separately.

Emergency Medical Services Authority Tentative Millage Rate**APPROVED**Emergency Medical Services Authority Tentative Budget**APPROVED**Pinellas Planning Council Tentative Millage Rate**APPROVED**

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APPROVED

Unincorporated Area MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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Public Library Services District MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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Palm Harbor Community Services District MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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Feather Sound Community Services District MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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East Lake Library Services District MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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East Lake Recreation Services District MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

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East Lake Recreation Services District MSTU Tentative Budget

APPROVED

Greater Seminole Recreation Area MSTU Tentative Millage Rate

APPROVED

Greater Seminole Recreation Area MSTU Tentative Budget

APPROVED

Belleair Bluffs Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Belleair Bluffs Fire District Tentative Budget

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Clearwater Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Clearwater Fire District Tentative Budget

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Dunedin Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Dunedin Fire District Tentative Budget

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Gandy Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Gandy Fire District Tentative Budget

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High Point Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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High Point Fire District Tentative Budget

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Largo Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Largo Fire District Tentative Budget

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Pinellas Park Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Pinellas Park Fire District Tentative Budget

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Safety Harbor Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Safety Harbor Fire District Tentative Budget

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Seminole Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Seminole Fire District Tentative Budget

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South Pasadena Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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South Pasadena Fire District Tentative Budget

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Tarpon Springs Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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Tarpon Springs Fire District Tentative Budget

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Tierra Verde Fire District Tentative Millage Rate

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ADJOURNMENT - 10:21 P.M.