

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 – 2:01 P.M.
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Members Present: John Morroni, Chairman; Charlie Justice, Vice-Chairman; Janet C. Long; Kenneth T. Welch; Dave Eggers; Pat Gerard; and Karen Williams Seel.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Jenny Masinovsky and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION: Reverend Father Paris, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Clearwater.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Seel.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

1 Florida Native Plant Month Proclamation presented to Andy Taylor, Director of Development, Florida Native Plant Society.

2 Urban League Van Presentation to Watson Haynes, President and CEO, and Pattye Sawyer-Hampton, Director of Communications and External Affairs, Pinellas County Urban League.

3 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation and Fire Professionals of the Year awards presented to:

Stephanie Hannon, Pinellas County Regional 9-1-1 Center – Emergency Fire Dispatcher of the Year

Lieutenant Warren Cargill, Largo Fire Rescue – Fire Professional of the Year

Clearwater Fire Rescue – Special Operations Award of the Year

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Watergate to Waterboard.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Common Core; home going up for auction (submitted documents).

Mark Klutho, Largo, re stupidity, waste.

Greg Pound, Largo, re truth.

Tony Harris, Seminole, re police grievance form.

Hala Rivera, Holiday, re appreciation.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 4 THROUGH 17 – APPROVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS NOS. 7 AND 11, WHICH WERE CONSIDERED UNDER THE REGULAR AGENDA.

Motion - Commissioner Long
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 7 – 0

4 Minutes of regular meeting held August 18, 2015 approved.

5 Vouchers and bills paid:

Period August 2 through August 8, 2015

Payroll – None.

Accounts Payable

Checks – \$6,110,390.60

ACH Transfers – \$3,518,996.02

Wire Transfers – \$417,921.87

Period August 9 through August 15, 2015

Payroll

ACH – \$3,071,470.71

Checks – \$59,580.99

Third Party ACH – \$13,810.64

Third Party Checks – \$2,773.57

Accounts Payable

Checks – \$6,895,828.04

ACH Transfers – \$2,394,067.87

Wire Transfers – \$1,254,629.03

REPORTS RECEIVED FOR FILING:

6 Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING:

- # 7 See Regular Agenda.
- # 8 City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8731-15, 8734-15, 8737-15, and 8740-15 adopted August 6, 2015, annexing certain properties.
- # 9 City of St. Petersburg notice of public hearing held September 3, 2015, regarding proposed amendments to the Intown Redevelopment Plan and the Bayboro Harbor Community Redevelopment Plan.
- #10 DELEGATED ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RECEIVED FOR FILING

| | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Dollar Value</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 1. | Convention and Visitors Bureau | Trade show booth and registration for Religious Conference Management Association, Inc. Emerge 2016, including indemnification provisions | \$3,535.00 | 8.25.15 |
| 2. | Convention and Visitors Bureau | Production Agreement with Save Your Day Films for “Chasing the Sun” Travel TV Series | \$7,500.00 | 8.12.15 |
| 3. | Convention and Visitors Bureau | Termination of Agreement with Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., d/b/a Visit Tampa Bay for the Cooperative Marketing Program in Brazil | \$3,734.00 | 8.10.15 |
| 4. | Convention and Visitors Bureau | Letter of Agreement with Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation d/b/a Visit Florida for cooperative sales and public relations in China | \$10,000.00 | 8.10.15 |
| 5. | Convention and Visitors Bureau | Insertion Order with Northstar Travel Media, LLC for sponsorship of four Successful Meetings’ events, including indemnification provisions | \$40,375.00 | 7.28.15 |
| 6. | Emergency Management | First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the School Board for Emergency Shelter Projects at Belleair Elementary and Skycrest Elementary | \$31,047.00 | 7.22.15 |
| 7. | Engineering and Technical Support | Wetland Credit Purchase Agreement with EIP Credit Co., LLC for the C.R. 694 (Park Boulevard) at Park Street/Starkey Road Intersection Improvement Project | \$47,500.00 | 7.23.15 |
| 8. | Human Services | Notice of Grant Award with the Health Resources Services Administration for the Healthcare for the Homeless Program – Project Period Extension | \$193,752.00 grant revenue, no County match | 8.25.15 |

September 24, 2015

| | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Dollar Value</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 9. | Human Services | Funding Agreement with Suncoast Center, Inc. for Forensic Focused Outreach | \$155,570.00 | 8.25.15 |
| 10. | Human Services | Service Funding Agreement Renewal and Amendment 1 with Religious Community Services, Inc. for domestic violence shelter staffing | \$54,210.00 | 8.21.15 |
| 11. | Human Services | Service Funding Agreement Renewal and Amendment 1 with Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc. for domestic violence shelter staff | \$84,790.00 | 8.21.15 |
| 12. | Human Services | Funding Agreement with Operation PAR, Inc. for adult inpatient detoxification | \$195,000.00 | 8.21.15 |
| 13. | Human Services | Amendment No. 2 to the Contract with the State of Florida Department of Health for the Operation of the Pinellas County Health Department to adjust State Funding | N/A | 7.29.15 |
| 14. | Justice and Consumer Services | Service Funding Agreement with the Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. for Year Three (3) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Veterans Treatment Court | \$43,000.00 | 8.25.15 |
| 15. | Justice and Consumer Services | Service Funding Agreement with Wayne A. Grosnick & Associates, P.A. d/b/a Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Consultants for Year Three (3) of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Veterans Treatment Court | \$73,000.00 | 8.25.15 |
| 16. | Justice and Consumer Services | Service Funding Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Truancy Collaboration Grant Program | \$25,837.00 | 8.19.15 |
| 17. | Justice and Consumer Services | Single Audit Act Questionnaire with the State of Florida Office of Attorney General (OAG) for the Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County, Inc. (Crime Stoppers) Service Funding Agreement | N/A | 7.23.15 |
| 18. | Justice and Consumer Services | Service Funding Agreement with the State of Florida OAG for the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund | \$186,277.02 | 6.29.15 |
| 19. | Parks and Conservation Resources | Grant Agreement amendment with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the EPA Section 105 Grant, Air Pollution Control Program | \$1,680.00 grant reduction | 8.26.15 |

September 24, 2015

| | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Dollar Value</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|-----|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| 20. | Parks and Conservation Resources | Agreement with Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education Center for display of a prehistoric canoe in the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center | N/A | 8.24.15 |
| 21. | Parks and Conservation Resources | Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant Application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Wall Springs Park Coastal Additions development | \$200,000.00 requested funds; \$200,000.00 County match | 8.11.15 |
| 22. | Parks and Conservation Resources | Grant Agreement No. S0822 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Title V Air Pollution Control Services | \$71,820.85 grant revenue | 8.10.15 |
| 23. | Planning | Release of Lien (3) | Liens have been paid in full | 8.26.15 |
| 24. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (5) | Liens have been paid in full | 8.26.15 |
| 25. | Planning | First Amendment to the Specific Performance Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast Florida, Inc. for term extension | \$27,500.00 | 8.19.15 |
| 26. | Planning | Programmatic Agreement with the Veterans Health Administration and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for future routine management activities to the W.C. Bill Young VA Medical Center, Bay Pines | N/A | 8.19.15 |
| 27. | Planning | Integrated Disbursement and Information System Online Access Request for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reporting system | N/A | 8.2.15 |
| 28. | Planning | Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreements with Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program for the renovation of existing housing units | \$40,000.00 | 7.29.15 |
| 29. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (1) | Liens have been paid in full | 7.17.15 |
| 30. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (2) | Liens have been paid in full | 7.16.15 |

September 24, 2015

| | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Dollar Value</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|-----|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| 31. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (2) | Liens have been paid in full | 7.14.15 |
| 32. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (2) | Liens have been paid in full | 7.7.15 |
| 33. | Planning | Satisfaction of Mortgage (1) | Liens have been paid in full | 6.30.15 |
| 34. | Public Works | Release of Cash Surety with Harbor Key Townhomes, LLC for work within Main Street right-of-way in Safety Harbor | N/A | 8.25.15 |
| 35. | Public Works | Temporary Alcohol Waiver with the Downtown Palm Harbor Merchants Association, Inc. for the Rocktoberfest Fall Festival | N/A | 8.25.15 |
| 36. | Public Works | Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2017 Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund | \$50,000.00 per year | 8.12.15 |
| 37. | Public Works | Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the County to remain a state approved Mosquito Control District | N/A | 7.29.15 |
| 38. | Public Works | Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with TBEP and other local agencies for the implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan | \$73,714.00 | 4.28.15 |
| 39. | Real Estate Management | Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinellas Planning Council for Fleet Maintenance, Service and Fuel | \$6,000.00 revenue over three (3) year term | 8.19.15 |
| 40. | Real Estate Management | License Agreement with Community Vaccine Clinics, LLC for mobile animal services | N/A | 8.18.15 |
| 41. | Real Estate Management | Easement with Duke Energy of Florida, Inc. for installation of facilities at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport | N/A | 8.18.15 |

September 24, 2015

| | <u>Department</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Dollar Value</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> |
|-----|---|--|--|----------------------|
| 42. | Real Estate Management/ Parks and Conservation Resources | License Agreement with Deputy Steven Wolcott for residence at War Veterans Memorial Park | \$4,020.00 year one; \$4,200.00 year two; and \$4,440.00 year three revenue | 7.28.15 |
| 43. | Real Estate Management/ Parks and Conservation Resources | License Agreement with Deputy Martin Guzman for residence at Sand Key Park | \$4,020.00 year one; \$4,200.00 year two; and \$4,440.00 year three revenue | 7.28.15 |
| 44. | Real Estate Management | Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Force Easement Agreement with Publix Super Markets, Inc. for the temporary and permanent access to Publix-owned property for the construction of a sanitary sewer force main | N/A | 6.17.15 |
| 45. | Utilities | Release of Liens (1) | All liens have been paid in full | 7.28.15 |
| 46. | Utilities | Notice of Liens (2) | N/A | 7.20.15 |
| 47. | Utilities | Release of Liens (23) | All liens have been paid in full | 7.17.15 |
| 48. | Utilities | Notice of Liens (14) | N/A | 7.13.15 |
| 49. | Utilities | Release of Liens (33) | All liens have been paid in full | 7.9.15 |
| 50. | Utilities | Notice of Liens (11) | N/A | 7.6.15 |

#11 See Regular Agenda.

#12 Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc., for Sidewalk Improvements – County Road 1/Keene Road from State Road 580 to Curlew Road (Bid No. 145-0330-CP; Project No. 001028A) approved for an estimated total expenditure in

the amount of \$1,170,015.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; all work is expected to be fully completed within 270 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

- #13 Award of bid to David Nelson Construction Company for Roadway Improvements – Park Street/Starkey Road from 84th Lane North to 82nd Avenue North (Bid No. 145-0310-CP; Project No. 001039A) approved for an estimated total expenditure in the amount of \$13,063,835.40 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; all work is expected to be fully completed within 730 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.
- #14 Declaration of miscellaneous County-owned equipment as surplus approved, and authorization granted for sale of scrap material, disposal of junked material, and removal of stolen, unaccounted, cannibalized, traded-in, and donated items from County Fixed Asset Inventory.
- #15 Declaration of a County-owned vehicle (Asset Tag No. 87380) as surplus and authorization for sale of same to the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office for a lump sum of \$5,199.00 approved; distribution of proceeds of the sale from Governmental Funds to the Fleet Internal Service Fund to offset the replacement cost of future vehicles, approved.
- #16 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC d/b/a Bayflite, a Helicopter Ambulance Service provider, to reflect a change in corporate name; Chairman authorized to sign the certificate.
- #17 Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Christopher Bennett versus City of Clearwater and versus Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners – Circuit Civil Case No. 15-001256-CI-20 – Allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- # 7 Housing Finance Authority (HFA) of Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund and Housing Trust Fund Operating Budgets, as approved by the HFA Board of Directors.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, HFA Executive Director Kathryn Driver indicated that the budget was presented to the HFA Board of Directors in August; that it

will be amended once the official notice of additional funding is received; and that the balance in the Housing Trust Fund is \$220,150.

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Second | - | Commissioner Gerard |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

- #11 Award of bid in the amount of \$12,682,984.50 to Lane Construction Corporation, for Fiscal Year 2015-2018 Countywide Pavement Preservation (Bid No. 145-0400-CP; Project No. 001892A) approved on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; all work is expected to be fully completed within 900 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Engineering Kevin Becotte indicated that the County spends roughly seven million dollars per year on paving; that the contract with Lane Construction Corporation is strictly for paving arterial and collector roads throughout the county, including those in many of the cities and some local roads in the unincorporated areas; and that any required Americans with Disabilities Act improvements are made prior to paving, by another contractor; whereupon, he confirmed that a regularly updated paving schedule is available online, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Eggers |
| Second | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

- #18 Ranking of firms and negotiated agreements for engineering consulting services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (Contract No. 134-0479-CN), approved with the following eight top ranked firms:

1. RS&H, Inc.
2. Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
3. Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
4. URS Corporation Southern
5. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
6. American Infrastructure Development, Inc.
7. Prime Engineering, Inc.
8. AVCON, Inc.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$750,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$6,000,000.00; the County Administrator has

delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign the agreements and the Clerk to attest.

Motion - Commissioner Long
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 7 – 0

- #19 Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri for law enforcement services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$673,920.24, approved. Chairman authorized to execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Gerard

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury related that deputies serving at the Airport receive training on specific requirements under the Airport Security Plan; that their responsibilities span all aspects of the Airport; and that they go above and beyond in assisting passengers, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers regarding measures in minimizing noise over Safety Harbor, Mr. Jewsbury indicated that the Federal Aviation Administration navigational system is being reinstated; that a new procedure will be implemented that should provide further support; and that the airlines understand the concerns of the community and are adhering to the noise abatement procedures. Commissioner Eggers invited residents to attend the Noise Abatement Task Force meetings or contact Mr. Jewsbury regarding noise issues, and thanked him for the efforts in minimizing the noise, as well as for all the work that goes into the Airport's hosting of the monthly Honor Flights.

Vote - 7 – 0

- #20 Ranking of firms and negotiated agreements with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. and Operation PAR, Inc., for homeless street outreach teams (Contract No. 145-0256-P) approved for a term of 60 months beginning October 1, 2015; expenditure for Operation PAR, Inc. not to exceed \$326,320.00, expenditure for Directions for Mental Health, Inc. not to exceed \$829,578.00, total estimated expenditure not to exceed \$1,155,898.00; Chairman authorized to sign the agreements and the Clerk to attest.

Referring to the agreement with Directions for Mental Health, Inc., Mr. Woodard noted scrivener's errors in the contract amount, stating that a revised agreement will be forthcoming; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Welch, he confirmed that the funding source, Human Services Homeless Prevention Initiative, is within the General Fund.

Chairman Morroni recognized agency representatives in attendance, thanking them for their partnership with the County and noting the improved communication between the organizations.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Long, Human Services Director Lourdes Benedict provided information about a system design workshop held with the National Alliance to End Homelessness and a recent meeting with providers regarding the Housing First initiative, noting that representatives from the National Alliance will be present at the next Homeless Leadership Board meeting, and Commissioner Long provided input.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Benedict indicated that outreach teams are the primary source for moving the homeless to shelters, and April Lott, Directions for Mental Health, explained that the four teams, St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Lealman, and Clearwater/Tarpon Springs, coordinate placement into shelters by using 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares for screening and evaluation; that placement alternatives include Safe Harbor, Pinellas Hope, hotels, and transportation to relatives; and that the organization is working towards a better structure for coordinated intake and assessment.

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Long |
| Second | - | Commissioner Gerard |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

- #21 Ranking of firms and negotiated agreements with Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), and Westcare Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc. (Westcare), for homeless shelter beds and services (Contract No. 145-0255-P) approved for a term of 60 months beginning October 1, 2015; expenditure for HEP not to exceed \$764,529.00, expenditure for Westcare not to exceed \$1,154,568.00, total estimated expenditure not to exceed \$1,919,097.00; Chairman authorized to sign the agreements and the Clerk to attest.

| | | |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Second | - | Commissioner Long |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

- #22 Recommendation of the Substance Abuse Advisory Board for distribution of \$259,908.00 in Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2016 approved, providing for distribution among ten projects, as outlined in the attachment to the Agenda Memorandum dated September 24, 2015.

Commissioner Gerard indicated that she would abstain from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law, submitted a Memorandum of Voting Conflict form, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.

| | | |
|--------|---|--|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Second | - | Commissioner Justice |
| Vote | - | 6 – 0 (Commissioner Gerard abstaining) |

- #23 Authorization granted to submit the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast (RESTORE) Act Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan to the U.S. Treasury.

Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item, relating that the draft Multiyear Implementation Plan completed a 45-day public review and comment period on August 20; that the comments received were mostly supportive of the four projects that the members had reviewed about two months ago totaling roughly \$1.5 million; and that the next step is submittal of the plan and projects to the U.S. Treasury for approval.

Kelli H. Levy, Natural Resources Division Manager, Public Works, briefly discussed the various elements of the RESTORE Act and presented information relating to the Direct Component and the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. She discussed development of the Multiyear Implementation Plan, ranking of projects, grant submittal process, public comment and review, and RESTORE Act and County requirements, and related that even though the Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund was selected as one of the original projects, it cannot be funded due to U.S. Treasury rules; whereupon, she briefly discussed the other projects.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long and Chairman Morroni, Ms. Levy related that former Pinellas County Commissioner Susan Latvala sits on the Gulf Consortium as a voting member representing the Board of County Commissioners (BCC); that Environmental Services Manager Andrew Squires is her alternate; and that the majority of the Consortium Board members are elected officials; whereupon, Commissioner Long suggested that Commissioner Latvala be invited to an upcoming BCC meeting so that she

can provide an update regarding Consortium activities, and Mr. Woodard related that he would extend the invitation.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Levy discussed the possible rationale regarding why a local environmental consultant does not support the two marine science projects proposed by the University of South Florida, relating that it is likely due to a misunderstanding with respect to the overarching goals of the projects; whereupon, Jason Law, Ocean Circulation Group Operations Manager, USF, provided information regarding a buoy deployed near Palentine Shoals and a channel marker located near Pass-A-Grille Beach.

Thereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Levy related that she has no information regarding the status of a pending Gulf Consortium lawsuit.

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Second | - | Commissioner Gerard |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

#24 Revised Pinellas County Surface Water Utility Adjustments and Mitigation Credits Policy applying to the Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Roll approved.

Mr. Woodard discussed the item, indicating that it includes authorization for the County Administrator to make specified administrative or procedural changes going forward.

Responding to the Chairman’s call for citizens wishing to be heard, Robert Pergolizzi, Seminole, and John Landon, P.E., Palm Harbor, presented their comments and concerns, including the following:

- Churches should receive an exemption from the surface water assessment since those organizations are exempt from property taxes; church parking lots are vacant most of the time and shed fewer pollutants than commercial lots.
- Individuals, businesses, and religious institutions should be extended an automatic 50-percent credit if they have an approved Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) permit and can provide documentation of a favorable inspection; an inspection conducted by Pinellas County subsequent to one performed by SWFWMD is redundant.
- The task force associated with the surface water assessment was mainly comprised of government officials, favored the approach of maximizing taxes collected, and

offered minimal relief to those taxpayers who already had constructed government-required retention ponds.

- Obtaining mitigation credits is expensive and time-consuming; Pinellas County is offering credits of \$182,000 against \$20 million in income; an incentive between \$1.0 and \$2.0 million would be more appropriate in order to encourage people to maintain retention ponds.

In response to queries by Chairman Morroni, Mr. Woodard stated that the dollar amount of an assessment is related to the impervious square footage associated with a parcel; and that even though churches are exempt from property taxes, they are not exempt from assessments and fees; whereupon, he related that the credit procedures being proposed for the members' consideration should streamline and simplify the application process; and that staff will also review other opportunities, including the potential for evaluating uses that currently have an approved SWFWMD permit, and discussion ensued.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch regarding the possibility of using the SWFWMD permit as a proxy, Mr. Woodard discussed the timeframe for reviewing and potentially integrating the idea, relating that if the members choose to delegate procedural changes to the County Administrator, the item would return to him for action, but that if the changes require a review of policy, the item would return before the Board; whereupon, he discussed the rationale for the item coming before the members today, explaining that even though it applies to the Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Roll, the application period starts October 1, 2015.

Mr. Woodard reported that prior to the implementation of the surface water assessment two years ago, the program had been supported by General Fund dollars. Commissioner Eggers opined that churches and other religious institutions should be exempt from the assessment, relating that they are now paying a fee they were not paying before; whereupon, Commissioner Long discussed the importance of surface water assessment dollars and the funding of projects that protect local infrastructure and the environment from major damage, and suggested that before religious institutions are entirely exempted, it would be prudent to review the decrease in their property insurance premiums due to Pinellas County receiving an improved community rating through the National Flood Insurance Program.

Mr. Woodard discussed the three factors that need to be considered prior to exempting organizations or making changes to the rate structure, including issues relating to legality, equity, and revenue stream impacts; whereupon, he provided further information relating

to the community rating system, reporting that the unincorporated area has improved its score, moving from a seven to a five, which will save unincorporated area residents about \$5.5 million overall in their flood insurance premiums next year.

Responding to the concerns of Messrs. Pergolizzi and Landon, Kelli H. Levy, Natural Resources Division Manager, Public Works, briefly discussed the composition of the task force, indicating that it was mainly comprised of representatives from the private sector, and presented detailed information regarding the credit policy and application submittal process, relating that Pinellas County provides the most opportunity for obtaining credits relative to other local jurisdictions; whereupon, she discussed the vital importance of County staff conducting retention pond inspections, stating that SWFWMD does not have sufficient resources to perform the task, and discussion ensued.

Chairman Morroni suggested that staff continue to seek public input, and agreed with Mr. Landon that \$182,000 against \$20 million in income is a nominal amount of credit; whereupon, responding to queries by the members, Mr. Woodard provided further information regarding timeframes, relating that the present item applies to Fiscal Year 2017; and that the members will be able to review the item for Fiscal Year 2018 prior to June of next year.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Woodard, with input by Ms. Levy, related that the credit application period for the Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Roll begins October 1, 2015; that credit applications are being accepted through April 2016; that the plan is for all the applications to be processed in time for the preliminary roll so that the applicants are aware of their assessments, including any credits; and that the information will transfer over to the final roll in September.

| | | |
|--------|---|--|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Long |
| Second | - | Commissioner Gerard |
| Vote | - | 6 – 1 (Commissioner Eggers dissenting) |

- #25 Non-competitive agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the maintenance and support of Motorola’s Astro P25 Radio Communications System (Contract No. 145-0399-M) approved for an estimated total expenditure not to exceed \$15,368,712.00; six-year contract contains provision for two 36-month term extensions and has the potential for price adjustment per the Consumer Price Index for the contract year commencing 2023; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 7 – 0

#26 Other administrative matters – None.

#27 Settlement approved in the case of Michele T. Jones, as Parent and Natural Guardian for Neil T. Valk, a Minor versus Pinellas County, Florida – Circuit Civil Case No. 13-009972-CI-15, in accordance with the confidential memorandum from County Attorney James L. Bennett dated September 24, 2015.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 7 – 0

#28 County Attorney miscellaneous – None.

#29 Staff authorized to cancel negotiations with Timmons Group, Inc. for implementation of an Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) system (Contract No. 134-0001-P); staff authorized to proceed with the purchase of the Cityworks EAM Software Solution directly from the manufacturer, Azteca Systems, Inc. and to procure the implementation services separately utilizing existing government or cooperative contracts.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard provided background information regarding the item, indicating that the proposed purchase of the EAM software and separate procurement of implementation services would be similar to a non-competitive contract, but leveraging one that has already been competitively negotiated; whereupon, EAM Program Sponsor Jim Fletcher discussed the negotiation process between County staff and Timmons over the past nine months, relating that the negotiation process ultimately met with limited success; and that staff eventually lost confidence in the ability of Timmons to perform as requested.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Fletcher indicated that staff time is the only expense incurred so far; that holding face-to-face negotiations earlier in the process may shorten the timeframe when negotiating future contracts; and that if the item is approved today, a contract for implementation services could potentially be ready for execution within three months; whereupon, he explained that Enterprise Asset Management relates to the appropriate outlay of dollars to extend the performance and lifecycle of Pinellas County assets; and that while the EAM project will transition the organization to a new technology, it will be a game changer as to how business transpires moving forward.

Commissioner Seel expressed her concerns regarding additional costs, and in response to her queries, Mr. Fletcher, with input by Purchasing Director Joseph Lauro, related that Timmons was the highest-ranked vendor; that costs were only a small component of the evaluation criteria; and that while the cost of the actual software will remain the same, the implementation costs have increased considerably. Mr. Woodard indicated that adequate funds are available in the tentative Fiscal Year 2016 budget to support the effort, and provided information regarding Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018; whereupon, he related that EAM is replacing systems that are presently in place, discussed factors relating to functionality and avoided costs, and pointed out that software negotiations can be very difficult, especially when they are related to implementation services.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 5 – 2 (Commissioners Seel and Eggers dissenting)

- #30 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District (Fiscal Year 2016 expenditure, \$1,229,305.59; estimated Fiscal Year 2017 expenditure, \$1,249,589.13); Chairman authorized to execute the amendment.

Chairman Morrioni thanked Craig A. Hare, Director, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Administration, for his collaborative approach in working with the mayors and local community members on the amendment.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Gerard
Vote - 7 – 0

- #31 Ranking of firms and negotiated agreement with Standard Insurance Company for disability benefits and Family and Medical Leave Act Administrative Services (Contract No. 134-0477-P) approved in an amount not to exceed \$1,728,344.25. Agreement is for a term of 27 months commencing on October 1, 2015 with one 24-month extension to be exercised only if terms and conditions remain the same and the County Administrator grants approval. Chairman is authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest all agreement documents as outlined in the agenda memorandum dated September 24, 2015.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Gerard
Vote - 7 – 0

#32 County Administrator reports – None.

#33 Reappointment of Commissioner Janet Long to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board for a three-year term to commence October 1, 2015, approved.

| | | |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Motion | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Second | - | Commissioner Eggers |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

#34 County Administrator Annual Performance Review

Chairman Morroni indicated that the annual performance review results for County Administrator Mark Woodard are included in the agenda package; whereupon, the members thanked Mr. Woodard for his hard work and accomplishments during his first year as County Administrator and provided constructive criticism for the upcoming year.

Mr. Woodard expressed appreciation to the members for their encouragement and support, and acknowledged staff’s commitment and dedication in making him successful; whereupon, following brief discussion, Commissioner Long moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that Mr. Woodard receive a three-percent increase in salary. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously (7 – 0).

#35 County Commission Miscellaneous:

a. Commissioner Long discussed a new initiative of the Homeless Leadership Board (HLB).

related that the new executive director of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has been identified.

requested that staff research how to make Pinellas County the first Purple (dementia-friendly) County.

b. Commissioner Eggers thanked the Palm Harbor Fire Commission for 9/11 memorial service.

congratulated the school system on the opening of East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering.

discussed upcoming FDOT meeting with the community re possible roundabout in Palm Harbor.

related that he is looking forward to touring the jail facility tomorrow.

requested that staff compile a list of County-implemented human services programs for distribution to municipal and community leaders for taxpayers' awareness.

c. Commissioner Welch inquired re update of HLB's 10-year plan and HUD funding, and Commissioner Long provided input.

d. Commissioner Seel proposed broadening Commissioner Long's idea of a dementia-friendly county to an aging-friendly county.

e. Commissioner Justice thanked Matt Jordan and Charles Carden for tour of Tampa Bay Water facilities.

discussed recent legislation re posting of signs informing human trafficking victims of a helpline; moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch and carried, that the County Attorney's Office prepare a draft ordinance (7 - 0).

f. Chairman Morrone requested that Commissioner Justice explore Commissioner Seel's aging-friendly county proposal with the Area Agency on Aging.

* * * *

At this time, 4:39 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 6:01 P.M. with all members present.

* * * *

#36 Second Public hearing was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 final millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County; resolutions adopted approving final millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department (Nos. 15-96 and 15-97); resolutions adopted approving final millage rates and budgets for Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Tierra Verde Fire Protection District, and South Pasadena Fire Protection District (Nos. 15-98 and 15-99); and Resolution No. 15-100 adopted approving the total final Fiscal Year 2016 County Budget.

Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk, reported that no correspondence has been received regarding the final millages and budgets.

At this time, Chairman Morroni reviewed the sequence of events for tonight's proceedings, relating that even though Florida Statutes provide that a taxing authority may adopt tax levies and budgets of all its dependent special taxing districts and municipal service taxing units by a single unanimous vote, members of the general public can request that the Board discuss and adopt any of those items separately; whereupon, in response to his queries, no citizen requested that any item be separately reviewed.

Chairman Morroni related that Kevin Hayes, Deputy for Appraisals, Property Appraiser's Office, is available to respond to anyone having questions or concerns about the assessed value of their property; and that Kelli H. Levy, Natural Resources Division Manager, Public Works, is available to answer questions regarding the Surface Water Service Assessment that appears on the Truth in Millage Notice.

Thereupon, Chairman Morroni opened the second public hearing on the final millage rates and budgets proposed for Fiscal Year 2016. Ms. Harris related that the public hearing is required by Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes; that notice has been provided by advertisement in the September 21, 2015 edition of the *Tampa Bay Times*; and that affidavits stating proof of publication are to be received for filing.

September 24, 2015

Chairman Morroni announced that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will proceed with the public hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies.

Mr. Woodard related that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets, over the rolled-back rate, based on the maximum rates on the TRIM Notice, to fund the Fiscal Year 2016 Final Budget is a 4.55-percent increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate; and that the primary purposes for increases in ad valorem tax revenues are due to the following:

- In the General Fund including Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund, Emergency Medical Services Fund, and the Pinellas Planning Council, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors.
- In the Public Library Cooperative MSTU, the Palm Harbor MSTU, the Feather Sound MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, the East Lake Recreation Services MSTU, and the Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.

Thereupon, Chairman Morroni announced that the Board of County Commissioners will continue the hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies, as previously referenced, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

In response to Chairman Morroni's call for public comment, Mark Klutho, Largo, presented his comments and concerns.

Noting that no other citizens wished to be heard, Chairman Morroni closed the public comment portion of the hearing and asked whether the members wished to recommend any changes to the proposed millage rates or budgets. Hearing none, he announced that resolutions will now be considered to set the final millage rates and budgets; whereupon, Mr. Woodard announced each of the resolutions separately, which have been filed and made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 15-96 adopting the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2016 for Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

Motion - Commissioner Long
Second - Commissioner Gerard
Vote - 7 – 0

Resolution No. 15-97 adopting the final budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 for Pinellas County General Fund and Health Department adopted.

Motion - Commissioner Gerard
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 7 – 0

Resolution No. 15-98 adopting the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2016 for Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area MSTU, Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Tierra Verde Fire Protection District, and South Pasadena Fire Protection District adopted.

Motion - Commissioner Eggers
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 7 – 0

Resolution No. 15-99 adopting the final budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 for Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area MSTU, Public Library Cooperative MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, Belleair Bluffs Fire Protection District, Clearwater Fire Protection District, Dunedin Fire Protection District, Gandy Fire Protection District, Largo Fire Protection District, Pinellas Park Fire Protection District, Safety Harbor Fire Protection District, Tarpon Springs Fire Protection District, Seminole Fire Protection District, High Point Fire Protection District, Tierra Verde Fire Protection District, and South Pasadena Fire Protection District adopted.

Motion - Commissioner Seel
Second - Commissioner Long
Vote - 7 – 0

September 24, 2015

Resolution No. 15-100 adopting the total final Fiscal Year 2016 County Budget adopted.

- Motion - Commissioner Long
- Second - Commissioner Gerard
- Vote - 7 – 0

At this time, Chairman Morrone closed the public hearing on the final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2016.

#37 Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk