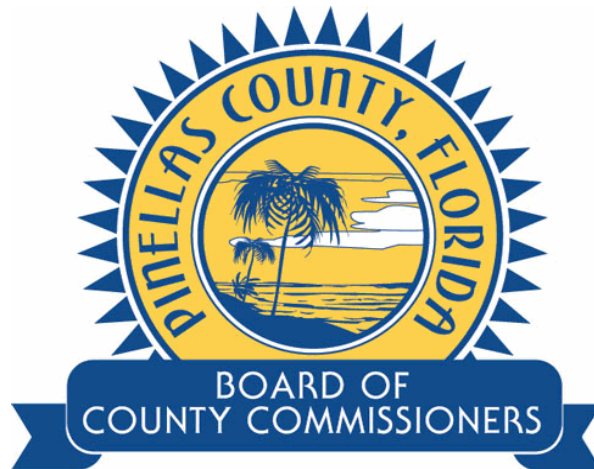


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Kathleen Peters, Chair
Brian Scott, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Charlie Justice
Chris Latvala
Janet C. Long

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

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Pastor Dr. James E. Fezell Jr., LIFT Ministries International, Largo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. [23-1909A](#) National Engineers Week Proclamation:
 - Anita Wang, Engineer 2, Public Work
 - Travis Gennell, Engineer in Training, Public Works
 - Guillermo “Billy” Bay, Project Coordinator, Utilities

2. [24-0188A](#) Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation:
 - Melinda Perry, Chief Operating Officer, Hope Villages of America

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

3. [23-1903A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

4. [23-2021A](#) Case No. CW 24-01 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.54 of an acre more or less, located at 210 Meadow Lark Lane in Clearwater.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 24-01, a proposal by the City of Clearwater to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.54 of an acre more or less, located at 210 Meadow Lark Lane in Clearwater.

- This case involves two parcels totaling 0.540-acres located on the west side of Meadow Lark Lane approximately 820 feet north of Gulf to Bay Boulevard.
- The properties are owned by First Baptist Church of Clearwater, Inc. and are currently vacant.
- The applicant is requesting the proposed amendment to use the site as a softball field for Calvary Christian High School.
- The parcels are within Pinellas County's jurisdiction, and the applicant has submitted a Petition for Annexation (ANX2023-06007) into the City of Clearwater. This separate application is being processed concurrently with this map amendment.
- As Calvary Christian High School's athletic facilities have expanded over time, properties have been annexed and incorporated into the main parcel, future land use and zoning amendments have been approved to ensure the overall property would have a consistent institutional designation.
- An amendment to the Countywide Plan Map is therefore required to bring consistency between the City's Future Land Use Map and the Countywide Plan Map.

5. [23-2022A](#) Case No. CW 24-02 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.19 of an acre more or less, located at 4685 Park Street in unincorporated Pinellas County.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 24-02, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.19 of an acre more or less, located at 4685 Park Street in unincorporated Pinellas County.

- The applicant is seeking a Countywide Plan Map amendment of an approximately 0.19-acre portion of a larger 1.58-acre parcel located at 4685 Park Street North in west Lealman.
- The site is currently vacant and was historically used as a towing yard.
- The applicant wishes to use the property for a recreational vehicle and boat storage use.
- The requested amendment to Retail and Services would permit a wide range of nonresidential and residential uses intended for areas that support and are compatible with intense commercial uses.
- The proposed land use change would establish one classification for the entire parent parcel.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

6. [23-2023A](#) Case No. CW 24-03 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Multimodal Corridor,
regarding 0.41 acre more or less, located at 200 66th Street North.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 24-03, a proposal by the City of St. Petersburg to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Office to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 0.41 acre more or less, located at 200 66th Street North.

- The current use of the property consists of an existing single-family home that was built in 1950.
- The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow for redevelopment of the property to support multifamily housing with the potential for retail or other permitted mixed uses.
- The applicant's intent to redevelop the 0.41-acre site to multifamily housing at a density that is not consistent with the current Office Countywide Plan Map designation which only allows a maximum of 15 units per acre.
- The intended use is consistent with the permitted uses and locational characteristics of the proposed Multimodal Corridor category.
- The subject property is located between the Central Avenue and Pasadena Avenue North Multimodal Corridor designation, both areas that has been deemed appropriate to be designated as a Multimodal Corridor, pursuant to the requirements of the Countywide Rules.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

7. [23-2024A](#) Case No. CW 23-03 - City of Madeira Beach
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services, Resort, Residential Medium, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center, regarding 27.0 acres more or less, in an area generally bounded by 133rd Avenue West to the west, John's Pass to the east, Boca Ciega Bay to the north, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 23-03, a proposal by the City of Madeira Beach to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Retail and Services, Resort, Residential Medium, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center, regarding 27.0 acres more or less, in an area generally bounded by 133rd Avenue West to the west, John's Pass to the east, Boca Ciega Bay to the north, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south, also known as the John's Pass Village area.

- Development standards in the John's Pass Village area have been inconsistent with the Countywide Rules for several years dating back to 2008.
- The proposed John's Pass Village Activity Center aims to correct these inconsistencies while also providing for an increment of new development potential in the John's Pass Village area.
- In 2020, the city began a community planning process to determine the best and most responsible approach to reconcile the inconsistencies created in 2008. After careful consideration of the character and scale of the existing development patterns, a decision was made to adopt the Activity Center category (with a Community Center subcategory per original proposal).
- The proposed amendment involves designating six different character districts within the Activity Center: Traditional Village, Commercial Core, Boardwalk, Low Intensity Mixed Use, John's Pass Resort and Transitional character districts.
- The Forward Pinellas staff report, and staff analysis (attached) recommended an alternative compromise to change the Activity Center subcategory from Community Center to Neighborhood Center because the proposed subcategory did not meet several of the criteria as outlined in the Countywide Plan.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each voted unanimously in September of 2023 to recommend approval of the alternative compromise.
- After requesting a time extension, the City of Madeira Beach elected to accept the alternative compromise.
- Action by the Countywide Planning Authority will adopt an ordinance which is reflective of the alternative compromise.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

8. [24-0068A](#) Petition of Justin Aftanis, Dawn Aftanis, Marcel E. Feilinger, and Stephen S. Feilinger to vacate the 10-foot drainage easement lying within Lot 28 (334 Lagoon Drive) and Lot 29 (338 Lagoon Drive), Block E, replat of Third Addition to Ozona Shores, Plat Book 53, Page 18, lying in Section 11-28-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial)

Recommendation: Approval of the petition to vacate the 10-foot-wide drainage easement located on the properties at 334 Lagoon Drive and 338 Lagoon Drive.

- Request is for the vacation of a 10-foot-wide drainage easement.
- The petitioners are requesting the vacation to allow for installation of a pool.
- The petitioners have agreed for the abandoned storm water pipe to become private property as part of the request.
- Staff recommends approval.
- If petition is granted, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to adopt the attached resolution pursuant to Florida State Statute 177.101.

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

9. [23-2051A](#) Resolution to expand the boundaries of the County seat of Pinellas County (first public hearing).

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution to expand the boundaries of the current County seat of Pinellas County, the City of Clearwater, and to set forth the geographic boundaries of the expansion area.

- Article VIII, Section 1(k) of the Florida Constitution provides that the County seat may not be moved except as provided by general law.
- General law provides, in Section 138.12, Florida Statutes, that “any county may expand the geographical area of the county seat of its county beyond the corporate limits of the municipality named as the county seat by adopting a resolution to that effect at any regular or special meeting of the board”.
- General law provides in Section 138.12, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners will hold not less than two public hearings on the proposal at intervals of not less than 10 or more than 20 days and after notice of the proposal and such meetings have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.
- A second public hearing will be held on March 5, 2024, at which time, staff recommends final adoption of the resolution.
- A study was commissioned and has been completed that assesses both the viability of maintaining the County’s aging structures, as well as the location for a new County campus, and has concluded that constructing a new campus is more economically feasible than rehabilitating current structures; further, a mid-County location would better serve the citizens of Pinellas County.
- Expanding the boundaries of the current County seat will not cause a fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 31

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. [24-0169A](#) Minutes of the regular meetings held December 12, 2023 and January 16, 2024.
11. [24-0170A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from December 31, 2023 through January 20, 2024.

Reports received for filing:

12. [24-0171A](#) Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Financial Statements, Year Ended September 30, 2023, with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2022.
13. [24-0172A](#) Pinellas County Property Appraiser Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
14. [24-0174A](#) Pinellas County Tax Collector Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
15. [24-0175A](#) Pinellas County Sheriff Financial Statements, September 30, 2023, with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2022.
16. [24-0176A](#) Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
17. [24-0177A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller - 2024 Inspector General's Annual Plan.
18. [24-0178A](#) Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-01, dated January 25, 2024 - Investigative Review of the District Cooling and Central Energy Plant Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement.
19. [24-0179A](#) Pinellas County Purchasing Receipt and File Quarterly Report, Reporting Period October 1 through December 31, 2023.
20. [24-0180A](#) Quarterly Donation Listing of \$1,000 or Greater for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

21. [24-0181A](#) Forward Pinellas Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendments of the Countywide Plan Map, to be held on February 14, 2024.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

22. [24-0072A](#) Award of bid to JF Acquisition LLC d/b/a JF Petroleum Group for the U.S. Highway 19 fuel site renovation.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to JF Acquisition LLC d/b/a JF Petroleum Group for the U.S. Highway 19 fuel site renovation.

- This contract is to remove the existing underground system of 60,000-gallon capacity which has reached its 30-year end of life cycle and replace it with an aboveground system with an 80,000-gallon capacity.
- Two bids were received with award recommendation to JF Acquisition LLC d/b/a JF Petroleum Group as the lowest responsive responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,083,377.84.
- All work will be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment is 5% for this contract.
- The funding for this award is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan, under Fueling System Retrofits project 002153A, funded in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, funded by the Penny for Pinellas. There is sufficient funding for the renovation and construction of the fueling site located at U.S. 19, however, additional funding will need to be identified and approved for the additional fueling sites.

Contract No. 23-1167-ITB-C, in the total not to exceed amount of \$3,083,377.84, with all work completed within 365 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

23. [24-0097A](#) Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of October 1, through December 31, 2023.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of October 1, through December 31, 2023.

- The \$197,500.00 in total settlements is sufficiently budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget in the Risk Financing Fund.

County Administrator

24. [23-1907A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending January 31, 2024.

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

Public Works

25. [23-2060A](#) Award of bid to Sea & Shoreline, LLC for the Weedon Island Preserve Salt Marsh Restoration - American Rescue Plan Act and other grant funded project.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Sea & Shoreline, LLC for the Weedon Island Preserve Salt Marsh Restoration (PID 000083A) - American Rescue Plan Act and other grant funded project.

- This contract will enhance and restore a 41-acre section of the northern portion of Weedon Island Preserve by removing manmade spoil mounds to improve water flow.
- One bid was submitted, with award recommendation to Sea & Shoreline, LLC as the only responsive responsible bidder. After negotiations, Sea & Shoreline, LLC lowered the bid by \$73,500.00 (2.5%) for a total contract not to exceed \$2,838,040.00.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment for this project is 8%.
- All work is to be completed within 400 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding for the agreement is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), under the Weedon Island Preserve Salt Marsh Restoration, CIP project # 000083A.

Contract No. 23-1129-ITB-C, in the amount of \$2,838,040.00, with all work completed within 400 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

26. [23-1794A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm, DRC Emergency Services, LLC for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.

- The purpose of this emergency services contract is to provide public health and safety at public beaches and waterways for the collection, removal, and disposal of deceased marine life produced by a red tide event.
- Two firms submitted proposals: award recommendation is to the top ranked firm for a duration of 60-months to provide for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.
- The contract has a term of five years with a not to exceed estimated value \$5,000,000.00; actual expenditures are contingent based upon services required in the event of a red tide event.
- Similar to the Federal Emergency Management Agency debris removal contracts, this contract will not be utilized unless there is a red tide event. Actual expenditure is contingent based upon services required during an emergency event. Funds will be provided through contingency reserves. All or part of the costs incurred may be offset with reimbursement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Departments will not issue purchase orders obligating the County without identifying that amount of funding within each fiscal year's existing budget.

Contract No. 23-0400-RFP(AJM): not to exceed contract value of \$5,000,000.00 for the duration of the 60-month contract; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Safety and Emergency Services

27. [23-1356A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. for 9-1-1 core services.

Recommendation:

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. (Intrado) for 9-1-1 core services.

- This contract provides for public emergency communications services via the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) network at the Public Safety Complex. NG9-1-1 enables the public to make voice and text emergency calls from any communications device via Internet Protocol-based networks as well as enhancing accessibility to those with hearing and sight problems.
- This contract provides 9-1-1 Communications Centers with Next Generation Core Services and Emergency Services IP Network services. It includes a robust Management Information System and optional Disaster Recovery solution.
- This contract is effective for a period of five years from issuance of notice to proceed, with a total not-to-exceed contract value of \$5,139,900.00. There is provision for one five-year extension.
- This contract replaces the current contract currently held by Intrado, with a decrease of \$410,100.00 or 7.38%.
- Five firms submitted proposals; Intrado was evaluated as the highest-ranked firm and is recommended for award by the Safety and Emergency Services, Regional 9-1-1 Department.
- Funding for this contract is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted budget within the Emergency Communications E911 System Special Revenue Fund. Funding for future years will be requested in future budgets.

Contract 23-0568-RFP in the total not to exceed amount of \$5,139,900.00, effective for five years; Authorize the Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

28. [23-1833A](#) Award of bid to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. for the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Exploratory Well Project.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. for the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Exploratory Well Project 004365A.

- The purpose of this agreement is to construct an injection well at the WRF that will provide disposal capacity for excess reclaimed water. The injection well provides the County with a disposal option for managing excess reclaimed water efficiently and effectively.
- Three bids were received with award recommendation to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. as the lowest responsive responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,954,550.00.
- All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment is 5% for this contract.
- Funding is budgeted under Dunn Exploratory Well Project 004365A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Contract No. 23-1141-ITB-C in the total not to exceed amount of \$2,954,550.00, for a duration of 365 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

29. [23-1805A](#) Award of bid to Chinchor Electric, Inc. for the construction of the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility electrical improvements.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Chinchor Electric, Inc. for the construction of the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) electrical improvements.

- This contract provides for facility-wide electrical system improvements and upgrades to the WRF that will increase reliability and bring the facility into conformance with Class I reliability guidelines while providing an improved electrical system for the future.
- Upgrades include the removal and replacement of the existing transformers, motor control centers, and generators, installation of new conduit and wiring, and building a new facility to store all the above equipment to protect them from climate damage.
- Two bids were received, with award recommendation to Chinchor Electric, Inc. as the lowest responsive responsible bidder in the amount of \$21,451,561.00.
- Chinchor Electric, Inc.'s submittal contains a Small Business Enterprise Program commitment of 7%.
- All work is to be completed within 1,100 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding is budgeted under William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Electrical Improvements Project 003409A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Contract No. 23-1117-ITB-C in the amount of \$21,451,561.00. All work must be completed within 1,100 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

30. [23-1762A](#) Award of bid to New Era Electric, Inc. for the construction of the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility electrical switchgear replacement.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to New Era Electric, Inc. for the construction of the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility (SCBAWRF) electrical switchgear replacement.

- This project serves as Phase 1 of a multi-year, multi-phase program to replace all the electrical switchgear and generator controls at SCBAWRF that have reached the end of their useful service life.
- The scope of Phase 1 work includes the replacement of the switchgear and electrical controls in Generator Building 2. The new switchgear will provide better reliability and increased safety to plant operations.
- Three bids were received with award recommendation to New Era Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,633,824.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- New Era Electric, Inc. is certified with Pinellas County as a Small Business Enterprise Program vendor.
- All work is to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding is now budgeted under South Cross Bayou Electrical Switchgear Replacement Project 004906A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Contract No. 23-1080-ITB-C in the amount of \$2,633,824.00. All work must be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. [24-0107A](#) 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

32. [24-0088A](#) Termination of agreement with Bay Promo LLC and award of bid to On Time Marketing Corp. for promotional and novelty items.

Recommendation: Termination of agreement with Bay Promo LLC and approval of the award of bid to On Time Marketing Corp. (On Time) for promotional and novelty items as and when needed.

- Convention and Visitors Bureau is requesting termination for convenience of the Agreement with Bay Promo, LLC due to performance issues and award bid On Time, as the second lowest responsive responsible bid.
- This contract is for promotional items and is primarily utilized by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to support tourism with lesser use by Communications, Utilities, Airport and Solid Waste Departments.
- This contract was originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners on August 15, 2023, in the total not to exceed amount of \$1,130,802.15, effective for thirty-six months. This replacement contract with On Time is \$134,440.52 more for total award amount as compared to the contract being terminated.
- The contract with On Time has a total not to exceed expenditure of \$1,265,242.67 (\$421,747.56 annually), effective for a period of thirty-six months with a provision for two additional twelve-month extensions.
- Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget for this contract.

Contract No. 23-0605-ITB in the total not to exceed amount of \$1,265,242.67 or annual not to exceed amount of \$421,747.56, effective for a period of thirty-six months; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

County Administrator

33. [24-0052A](#) East Lake Community Library Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) special projects funding request made by the East Lake Community Library (ELCL) for the purchase and installation of upgrades to lighting in public areas.

- This project will allow the ELCL to upgrade existing hanging light fixtures with approximately seventy flat panel LED ceiling lights in the main public area, the Children's Room, and the Teen Room of the library.
- The existing hanging light fixtures in the public areas of the original building are over twenty years old, require continuous replacement, and do not properly light areas of the collection.
- Replacement bulbs, ballasts, and the labor charges for electricians make these outdated fixtures expensive as well as inefficient.
- The project funding request is in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Any costs exceeding the maximum award will be paid for by the ELCL utilizing capital reserve funds.
- The request for funding in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 is a one-time expenditure of MSTU special projects funds. Funding is appropriated and available in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget.

Housing & Community Development

34. [23-1955A](#) Ranking of firms and agreements with twelve firms for requirements of Pinellas County Housing and Community Development support services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreements with twelve firms for requirements of Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) support services. The maximum expenditure associated with each firm is based on a five-year total per HCD estimates based on discipline:

- 1.) Alfred Benesch & Company \$350,000.00
- 2.) GAI Consultants, Inc. \$250,000.00
- 3.) HDR Engineering, Inc. \$250,000.00
- 4.) Inspire Placemaking Collective, Inc. \$350,000.00
- 5.) Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. \$450,000.00
- 6.) Lambert Advisory, LLC. \$250,000.00
- 7.) Pritchett Steinbeck Group, Inc. \$350,000.00
- 8.) Regional Economic Consulting Group, LLC. \$250,000.00
- 9.) SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC. \$350,000.00
- 10.) Toole Design Group, LLC. \$250,000.00
- 11.) Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. \$350,000.00
- 12.) Wade Trim, Inc. \$450,000.00

- These new agreements provide HCD, and other County departments, with as-needed consultant services for ten major disciplines as outlined in the staff report including but not limited to housing planning and analysis, multimodal planning, transportation planning and economic analysis.
- Sixteen submissions were received and evaluated, with the twelve highest ranked firms recommended for award.
- Contract with twelve firms for HCD function support services with a five-year estimated expenditure not to exceed \$3,900,000.00.
- These contracts are partially funded in the HCD Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the General Fund. Work authorized under these contracts will be based upon the availability of funding in the department's annual budget for each of the next five years.

Contract No. 23-0749-RFP for a five-year total contract value of \$3,900,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Human Services

35. [23-1968A](#) Funding recommendation by the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board for the Regional Opioid Abatement Leadership, Planning, and Coordination Solicitation.

Recommendation: Approval of the funding recommendation made by the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (OAFAB) for the Regional Opioid Abatement Leadership, Planning, and Coordination Solicitation, and delegation of authority to the County Administrator to sign the agreement and associated documentation with the recommended vendor.

- Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive grant solicitation process for an evaluation and gap analysis of the current state of the opioid epidemic and abatement programming in Pinellas County.
- The solicitation was opened on October 11, 2023, and four applications were received. The OAFAB completed rank and review of applications on December 5, 2023, and on January 26, 2024, following oral presentations Ernst & Young earned the highest score and was recommended as the vendor.
- The proposal from Ernst & Young, LLP was for an amount not to exceed \$478,000.00 that will be allocated through an agreement with the vendor in a separate item. Delegation of authority is being requested to expedite contracting and completion of gap analysis report.
- The recommended proposal will be funded entirely from Regional Opioid Abatement settlement funds. These funds are accounted for in their own special revenue fund, separate from the general fund. This is the first OAFAB funding recommendation.
- The Board of County Commissioners previously approved the OAFAB Priority List on June 13, 2023, item 23-0826A where Leadership, Planning, and Coordination were identified as a priority.

Public Works

36. [23-2019A](#) First amendment to the agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Professional Engineering Services Agreement.

Recommendation: Approval of the first amendment to the contract with WSP USA, Inc. for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Professional Engineering Services Agreement.

- The contract is for engineering services related to the widening of Forest Lakes Boulevard, from State Road (SR) 580 to SR 584 (Tampa Road).
- The original scope of services for this agreement was for the development of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) with the option to add the development of final design documents. The PER was completed in June 2023.
- The first amendment is for preparation of final design documents, plans, and specifications for the widening of Forest Lakes Boulevard from SR 580 to SR 584 (Tampa Road). This amendment increases the contract in the amount of \$1,098,983.91 for a revised not to exceed amount of \$1,557,947.62 and adds 1630 calendar days for design and post design services.
- The project is partially funded through the Florida Department of Transportation County Incentive grant program.
- The funding for this award is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan, under Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III - From Tampa Road to SR 580 (003914A), Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 -FY26, funded by the Local Option Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas), state grant (FDOT), and Multimodal Impact Fees.

Contract No. 21-0004-NC increase in the amount of \$1,098,983.91, for a revised not to exceed amount of \$1,557,947.62 for 1,630 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

37. [23-2030A](#) Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Dunedin Causeway Resiliency and Adaptation Plan.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Dunedin Causeway Resiliency and Adaptation Plan.

- FDEP provides grant funding in the amount of \$600,000.00 for the Dunedin Causeway Resiliency and Adaptation Plan.
- Funding is reimbursable to County once activities are completed.
- No County match is required.
- County will expend funds over a two-year period from Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - 2025.
- Board of County Commission Chairman to sign the agreement and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds reporting form.

FDEP Agreement No. 23PLN131; Agreement provides grant funding in the amount of \$600,000.00; Agreement term expires September 30, 2026.

38. [23-1998A](#) Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Pinellas County dune restoration project.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Pinellas County dune restoration project.

- Through this agreement, FDEP will fund up to \$15,100,000.00 of design and construction activities. This is 50% of the project estimate at the time these discussions began with FDEP (\$30,200,000.00 at that time). Grant funding amount includes a combination of federal and state funding.
- County match is \$15,100,000.00, funded by the Tourist Development Tax. This match is also 50% of the project estimate at the time these discussions began with FDEP (\$30,200,000.00 at that time).
- The Pinellas County dune restoration project is the post Idalia Emergency Shore Stabilization project, budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan and funded by the Tourist Development Tax. The FY24 Adopted budget was \$21,000,000.00.
- A budget amendment of \$16,000,000.00 was approved at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on the December 12, 2023 (Legistar File 23-1772A). This amendment shifted \$16,000,000.00 from Reserves-Future Years-Tourist Development-Beach Nourishment within the Capital Projects Fund 3001 to Post Idalia Emergency Shore Stabilization, CIP project 006241A, and resulted in an amended FY24 budget of \$37,000,000.00 for project 006241A (from \$21,000,000.00 to \$37,000,000.00). The current total project estimate is approximately \$37,000,000.00. This item replaces Legistar item 23-1861A and reflects a revised agreement and updated State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds requirements form.

PID 006241A; FDEP Grant No. 24PI1; Total estimate project cost is \$30,200,000.00 including \$15,100,000.00 in federal and state funding and \$15,100,000.00 County match; Agreement term ends December 31, 2026.

39. [24-0053A](#) Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for north County stormwater improvements.

Recommendation: Approval of the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for north County stormwater improvements.

- FDEP will fund up to \$9,500,000.00 for design and construction activities. No match required from the County.
- Projects are intended to improve both stormwater treatment and system capacity for project drainage basin areas before final discharges to St. Joseph Sound. Capacity improvements will protect and mitigate impacts to both public and private infrastructure investments from flooding damage.
- The \$9,500,000.00 grant provides for \$2,374,000.00 for preconstruction activities and \$7,126,000.00 for construction activities for:
 - Crystal Beach Drainage Improvements, PID 003896A
 - Palm Harbor Regional Stormwater Facility Improvements. PID 004243A
 - Bee Branch Erosion Control, Omaha to Outfall, PID 005587A
 - Sutherland Area Drainage Improvements, PID 005585A
 - Pinellas Trail Green Infrastructure, PID 005586A
- These projects are budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-FY29 Capital Improvement Plan and are funded by this State grant and the Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas). Because the State appropriation is budgeted in the FY24-FY29 Capital Improvement Program plan, no budget adjustment is necessary.

FDEP Grant No. LPA0365; Combined total of estimated project cost is \$22,091,000.00 including \$9,500,000.00 in funding from FDEP; No County match required; Agreement term ends October 31, 2028.

40. [23-1697A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC for engineering, construction and monitoring services for the Pinellas County Beach Nourishment Project.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC (APTIM) for engineering, construction and monitoring services for the Pinellas County Beach Nourishment Project.

- The contract is for engineering services to obtain permits, develop plans, specs and bid documents, construction phase, and post construction monitoring services for the Pinellas County Beach Nourishment Project.
- A Request for Qualifications to comply with the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055, was released on September 13, 2023; the negotiation and scoping process concluded on January 26, 2024.
- Award recommended to the sole firm, APTIM, in the negotiated amount of \$2,397,660.50.
- Three no-bids were received stating scheduling issues and lack of ability to complete project.
- One certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) subconsultant is included in the award to APTIM: Hyatt Survey Services, Inc. for total SBE fees in the amount of \$135,218.00, or approximately 6% commitment of the total award amount.
- This project includes four Capital Improvement Program projects that are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan: Sand Key Nourishment 2023 (001516A), Treasure Island Nourishment 2022 (002574A), Long Key-Upham 2024 Beach Nourishment (004487A), and Long Key-Pass a Grille Nourishment 2022 (002573A). Projects are funded by Tourist Development Tax and State grants.

Contract No. 23-1078-RFP-CCNA, in the total not to exceed amount of \$2,397,660.50 for 1277 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date; Agreement term may be extended through an amendment; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

41. [23-1980A](#) State funded County Incentive Grant Program Agreement and corresponding Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation for design activities of the Intelligent Transportation System/Advanced Traffic Management System on Duhme Road/113th Street from State Road 666/Tom Stuart Causeway to State Road 688/Ulmerton Road project.

Recommendation: Approval of the state funded County Incentive Grant Program Agreement and corresponding resolution (Exhibit D) with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for design activities of the Intelligent Transportation System/Advanced Traffic Management System on Duhme Road/113th Street from State Road (SR) 666/Tom Stuart Causeway to SR 688/Ulmerton Road project.

- Agreement is for FDOT financial assistance maximum participation of \$277,300.00. County is responsible for \$383,000.00. Total project cost estimate of \$660,300.00.
- Project will enhance flow of traffic by providing necessary surveillance of traffic conditions along the roadway, and provide motorists with information for alerts, incidents, and evacuations.
- Total project length is approximately 5.8 miles.
- The agreement term is through December 8, 2026.
- The funding for this grant agreement is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan, under ATMS 113th Street 004544A, which is funded by the 9th Cent Local Option Fuel Tax and State Grant, funded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-FY26.

FDOT FPN 448509 1 34 0; FDOT to fund \$277,300.00 and County to fund \$383,000.00; Agreement term ends December 8, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest and file per Florida Statute 163.01(11).

Utilities

42. [24-0117A](#) First amendment to exercise a term extension to the agreement with Condy Holdings LLC d/b/a Carus LLC for the proprietary corrosion control chemical blend used in the Pinellas County Utilities water system.

Recommendation:

Approval of the first amendment to exercise a term extension at the same pricing, terms, and conditions to the original agreement with Condy Holdings LLC d/b/a Carus LLC for the proprietary corrosion control chemical blend used in the Pinellas County Utilities water system.

- The contract is for the corrosion control chemicals used in the drinking water system to maintain compliance with the federally mandated Lead and Copper Rule.
- This first amendment exercises the first of three optional 12 -month extensions, per the original award, for a new revised end date of June 30, 2025.
- Because the chemical blend is proprietary, extending the current agreement under the same pricing is the recommended course of action.
- This contract was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on August 2, 2022, in the total contract not to exceed amount \$658,320.00 for a twenty-four month term.
- Expenses will be made from the Utilities' Operating Budget and funding will be derived from the Water Revenue and Operating Fund.
- PCU has sufficiently budgeted for this contract in the Fiscal Year 2024 Adopted Budget.

Contract No. 21-0694-N increase in the amount of \$465,000.00, for a revised total contract not to exceed \$1,123,320.00, effective through June 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

43. [23-1832A](#) First amendment to the agreements with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Computer Aid Inc., Image Technology Resources Corp d/b/a IT Resources, Serigor, Inc., SoftSages, LLC d/b/a SoftSages Technology, and US Tech Solutions, Inc. for information technology staff augmentation services.

Recommendation: Approval of the first amendment to the agreements with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Computer Aid Inc., Image Technology Resources Corp d/b/a IT Resources, Serigor, Inc., SoftSages, LLC d/b/a SoftSages Technology, and US Tech Solutions, Inc. for information technology staff augmentation services as required by the Business Technology Services (BTS) department.

- These agreements provide as-needed information technology staffing to maintain service levels to operating departments; rates are negotiated for each assignment.
- This amendment will ensure appropriate funding is in place to provide technical services for various BTS, Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and other Constitutional project initiatives as well as ongoing support staffing.
- These expenditures are accounted for in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and sources of funding include payroll lapse from vacant BTS full time equivalent position(s) and BCC strategic projects.
- Initial award was based on an estimated annual expenditure of \$1M or a total contract value of \$5M for anticipated BTS needs. BTS is forecasting approximately \$2.5M per year for a revised total contract value of \$12.5M based upon current BTS staffing needs and additional non-BTS departmental staffing requirements.

Contract No. 22-0120-P increase in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 for a revised total not to exceed expenditure of \$12,500,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

CareerSource Pinellas

44. [24-0084A](#) Second renewal to engagement agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and GrayRobinson, P.A. for legal counsel.

Recommendation: Approval of the second renewal to engagement agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and GrayRobinson, P.A.

- Renewal of the engagement agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and GrayRobinson, P.A. effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.
- The renewal was approved by the CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors on November 15, 2023.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

45. [23-1904A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

46. [23-1905A](#) County Administrator Reports:
- Annual Accomplishments Reports rollout and video

COUNTY COMMISSION

47. [24-0079A](#) 2024 Federal Legislative Program.

Recommendation: Approval of the 2024 Federal Legislative Program.

- The 2024 Federal Legislative Program outlines the Board's federal legislative priorities for the year, including:
 - National Flood Insurance Program
 - SUPPORT a long-term extension to the program that ensures financial sustainability, while not pricing out policy holders. This includes providing premium discounts for private and community-based mitigation efforts.
 - SUPPORT legislation that revises Risk Rating 2.0 to better support the connection between insurance, flood mapping, flood risk management and encourages mitigation.
 - Beach Nourishment
 - REQUEST the Army Corps of Engineers reevaluate its Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement policy, which requires 100% of beachfront property owner to provide perpetual public access, use, and construction easements for areas landward of the Erosion Control Line within the limits of the Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key nourishment projects.
 - Offshore Oil Drilling
 - SUPPORT legislation to permanently ban oil drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico within 125 miles of Florida. Legislation providing for a moratorium in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico expired in 2022, but the area remains protected through 2032 under a 2020 Presidential Executive Order.
 - American Rescue Plan Funding
 - SUPPORT legislation that provides additional flexibility and extends the dates by which State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be obligated and spent.
 - Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
 - SUPPORT strategies and funding for local governments that reduce or eliminate PFAS and hold parties responsible for introducing PFAS into waste streams.

48. [24-0051A](#) Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approval of one appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) Board of Directors.

- Per the PPLC Interlocal Agreement, three members of the PPLC Board of Directors shall be county senior management employees, representing Pinellas County, who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners upon the recommendation of the County Administrator.
- The County Administrator recommends appointing Veronica Ettel, Senior Budget Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget.
- Nancy McKibben, Assistant to the County Administrator, along with Jeffrey Gellermann, County Extension Director, are currently serving as the County's senior management appointees.
- This appointment has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

49. [23-2020A](#) Appointment to the Technical Management Committee.

Recommendation: Approval of the appointment of Mary Stephanie Watson to fill the vacant position of Robert Mills on the Technical Management Committee (TMC), as one of the two representatives for the County.

- On January 3, 2023, Robert Mills was promoted to director of the Office of Resiliency and Asset Management Department.
- Section 106.54 of the County Code requires the TMC be composed of 13 members, where the Board of County Commissioners has two appointments.
- This appointment has traditionally been a Solid Waste Department staff member. Stephanie Watson is currently the Hazardous Waste Management Manager within the Solid Waste Department.
- Stephanie Watson has been employed at Solid Waste since November 2015 and demonstrates a wide breadth of solid waste knowledge including waste diversion, reduction, and disposal. She has a thorough understanding of the department's outreach and support services and is the department's public information officer.

50. [23-1906A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Special Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to accommodations@pinellas.gov at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to comment regarding a specific agenda item should do so:

In person - by preregistering at <https://comment.pinellas.gov> or by filling out a comment card with the County staff person in the meeting room; or,

Virtually - in advance in accordance with the instructions in the notice of this meeting, or on the virtual platform or phone after preregistering.

Members of the public wishing to make comments on the virtual platform or by phone must preregister by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman or Clerk will call on each individual, one by one, to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes as may be modified by the Chairman. Comments or behavior that violate Pinellas County Commission Public Participation and Decorum Rules will be disconnected. Members of the public who cannot attend at the time an agenda item is before the Board may offer comments during the Citizens to Be Heard section near the beginning of the meeting. More information is available at <https://pinellas.gov/participating-in-a-BCC-meeting> or by calling (727) 464-4400.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedure used by the Board in conducting Public Hearings is to have a staff presentation followed by the applicant presenting the specific proposal. The Board will then hear comments from the proponents, the opponents and a staff summary. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to close and the Board will decide on the matter. Public Hearings before the Board are governed by the provisions of Section 134 -14 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code as may be modified by Pinellas County Emergency Order. That code provides that at the conclusion of each person's presentation, any speaker may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of staff.

Specifically:

1. At the conclusion of the presentations by the applicant and any proponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from the applicant and/or the proponents.
2. At the conclusion of the presentation by the opponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from any opponent.

The applicant's closing comments will address testimony subsequent to his or her presentation. Continuing rebuttal of other than directly preceding testimony will not be allowed. Because much testimony has already been submitted in writing, the following guidelines accommodate efficient presentations:

1. The applicant should present his or her entire case, including rebuttal, in no more than 20 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item may speak for up to three minutes each.
3. Persons wishing to attend virtually must preregister at <https://comment.pinellas.gov> by 5 p. m. the day before the meeting.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decided to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If a Board meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. has not concluded by noon, a recess will be taken from noon to 12:30 P.M., and the remainder of the meeting will continue at 12:30 P.M.

If a Board meeting beginning at 2:00 P.M. has not concluded by 5:30 P.M., a recess will be taken from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. The remainder of the afternoon agenda will resume at 6:00 P.M., followed by Public Hearings.