

Pinellas County

*Pinellas County Cooperative Extension
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

*Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 9:33 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair Charlie Justice, Rene Flowers, Pat Gerard, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, and Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Manager, Board Records; and Teresa Ribble, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Pastor Clem Bell, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Dunedin.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation:
 - Pastor Clem Bell, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Dunedin
 - Julie Bujalski, Mayor, City of Dunedin
 - Dr. Theresa Smalling, Human Resources Director, City of Dunedin
 - Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools

Chair Eggers read a proclamation recognizing January 18, 2021 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and noted the devotion of Dr. King to advancing equality and the work that the City of Dunedin has done to continue his legacy. He invited Pastor Bell to the podium and presented him with a plaque. Pastor Bell thanked the Commissioners and offered additional comments, and Mayor Bujalski, Dr. Smalling, and Dr. Grego (pre-recorded video) provided input.

2. I am Pinellas! Employee Recognition Award:
 - Emergency Management

Chair Eggers and Mr. Burton recognized the Emergency Management team for their dedication and work during the past year and invited Emergency Management Director Catherine Perkins to the podium; whereupon, she thanked her team for everything that they have done to support the community. Later in the meeting, a video was shown that highlighted their efforts.

3. Partner Presentation:
 - Shawn Kitchell, President & CEO, Madico, Inc.

Mr. Kitchell conducted a PowerPoint presentation that featured how the company assisted the County during the pandemic, and Chair Eggers thanked him for the efforts of his team and the economic contributions to the County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

4. Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-73 to add a provision that ensures that the County's annual contribution to the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment Area Trust Fund does not exceed that of the City of Largo in any given year.

Ordinance No. 21-01 adopted approving the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

5. Resolution requesting a Countywide Plan Map amendment for unincorporated parcels within the City of Largo Tri-City Special Area Plan.

Resolution No. 21-1 adopted approving the amendment, changing the designation of the subject parcels to Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor. No correspondence has been received.

Following queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Seel, Interim Planning Division Manager Evan Johnson related that the purpose of the Special Area Plan is to allow the area to become more transit-supportive; that the amendment will negate the need to amend the Countywide Plan following a voluntary annexation; and that discussions have been held with the landowners.

Upon call by the Chair for public comment, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

6. Resolution designating the former Baypointe Golf Course as a Brownfield site (second public hearing).

Resolution No. 21-2 adopted authorizing the County to enter into a future Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; identifying the County Administrator as responsible for Brownfield Site Rehabilitation; and authorizing the Public Works Director to sign and file certain reports, plans, and other administrative documents associated with the designation. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

7. Public Comment.

- Aden Barnes, Largo
- Nancy Obarski, Indian Rocks Beach
- Kali Alonso, Clearwater
- David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted document)
- Greg Pound, Largo
- David Waddell, Clearwater
- David Happe, Tarpon Springs
- Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach
- Shannon Brooks, Clearwater

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 19

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

8. Vouchers and bills paid from November 15 through December 19, 2020.

Period: November 15 through November 21, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$13,942,959.42

Payroll - None

Period: November 22 through November 28, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$29,421,607.27

Payroll - \$4,675,615.32

Period: November 29 through December 5, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$67,180,201.92

Payroll - None

Period: December 6 through December 12, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$23,292,034.63

Payroll - \$4,121,721.90

Period: December 13 through December 19, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$27,075,215.56

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

9. Pinellas Park Water Management District Public Facilities Report Update, pursuant to Florida Statute 189.08(2)(a).

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9399-20, 9402-20, and 9405-20 adopted November 5, 2020, annexing certain properties.
11. City of Dunedin notices of public hearings to be held February 18, 2021, regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 21-03, 21-06, and 21-09, annexing certain properties.
12. City of Oldsmar Ordinances Nos. 2020-12 through 2020-17 adopted November 17, 2020, annexing certain properties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

13. Award of bid to Interconn Resources LLC for requirements of natural gas; a Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative contract.

Bid No. 21-0063-B for an average annual amount of \$1,258,793.62 for a 60-month total of \$6,293,968.08 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Airport

14. Ranking of firms and agreements for requirements of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport professional engineering services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 190-0486-CN approved with an upset limit for each of the following firms in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and a five-year contract total of \$6,000,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

- AVCON, Inc.
- Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Mead & Hunt, Inc.
- Michael Baker International, Inc.
- RS&H, Inc.

Public Works

- 15.** Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Ibis Stormwater Pond Retrofit.

SWFWMD Agreement No. 21CF0003361 (County PID No. 003745A) approved for a total contract amount of \$290,000.00 (County responsibility, \$145,000.00). Agreement is effective October 1, 2020, through March 31, 2023. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

- 16.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Singhofen & Associates Inc. for engineering, planning and environmental services for the Roosevelt Creek Watershed Management Plan.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 190-0042-NC (PID No. 004238A) approved in the amount of \$713,545.00 (County responsibility, \$206,888.50). The plan is expected to be completed within 1,460 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

- 17.** Award of bid to Allied Roofing, Inc. for the South Cross Bayou Roof Replacement project.

Contract No. 190-0429-CP (PID No. 004489A) in the amount of \$410,360.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received; all work will be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest. Bid from Advanced Roofing, Inc. rejected on the basis of being non-responsive for not meeting the requirements of the bid document.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 18.** Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.
- 19.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Jeffrey Sachs, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005453-CI-11 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS**20. Local State of Emergency.**

At the request of Mr. Burton, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided information regarding increases in COVID-19 data trends, including case counts, deaths, percent positivity, and occupancy of hospital beds. He noted that increases in utilization of both regular and ICU beds have produced staffing issues for some hospitals, particularly with the specialized nurses required for an ICU; whereupon, Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson indicated that the average age of cases is shifting slightly downward; that mutations of the virus are deemed to be more contagious; and that preventive efforts should continue.

Mr. Burton reported that the County has contracted with a company that will manage the vaccination process; that a minimum of two vaccination sites will be established; and that there is little knowledge of the quantity of vaccines to be received. He indicated that vaccines are being received and administered through other healthcare providers within the county; and that those providers are contacting their patients to offer the vaccine; whereupon, he noted that CVS and Walgreens have contracted with the State to provide on-site vaccinations at long-term care facilities.

Dr. Choe provided information regarding the number of vaccines administered to date and collaborative efforts with Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority to offer transportation-disadvantaged citizens access to vaccination sites.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Justice, Dr. Choe related that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are providing an approximate 95 percent efficacy following the required two doses; that Pinellas County is receiving only the Pfizer vaccine at this time; and that small gatherings and the frequenting of restaurants and bars create a higher risk for contracting the virus; whereupon, Dr. Jameson indicated that emergency medical technicians and paramedics are trained to administer both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

Mr. Burton noted that differences in surrounding counties' vaccine distribution processes may stem from the quantity of vaccines received and the utilization of various distribution channels.

Responding to query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that a test run of the vaccination process will be conducted; and that the final process will be announced following

confirmation that the technology is working properly and upon finalization of logistics with the fire and emergency medical services personnel.

In response to queries by Commissioner Peters, Dr. Choe related that he is not aware of Pinellas County vaccinating citizens coming from other states or from Canada; and Mr. Burton indicated that he will report on the criteria formulated for ending the Local State of Emergency at a future meeting.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the work being done by Dr. Jameson and the Emergency Management team.

Responding to Chair Eggers' call for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
Karen Mullins, Dunedin
Norma Wood, St. Petersburg
David Waddell, Clearwater

Responding to queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Gerard, Dr. Choe indicated that the State's first vaccination phase includes individuals 65 years of age and older, long-term care residents and staff, healthcare workers, and first responders; that the second phase will include individuals under 65 years of age with a chronic condition; and that the phases were established through an Executive Order issued by the Governor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Resolution No. 21-3 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on January 22, 2021.

Management and Budget

At the request of Mr. Burton, Chair Eggers deviated from the agenda and indicated that Item No. 22 would be addressed at this time.

- 22.** Resolutions authorizing the aggregate issuance of not to exceed \$50,500,000.00 Sewer Revenue Refunding Notes, Series 2021A and 2021B to refund the outstanding Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003.

Resolutions Nos. 21-4 and 21-5 adopted authorizing the Board to issue not to exceed \$45,000,000.00 Taxable Sewer Revenue Refunding Note, Series 2021A, and not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 tax-exempt Sewer Revenue Refunding Note, Series 2021B, resulting in a net present value savings of approximately \$4,873,200.00 over the life of the notes. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to query by Chair Eggers, Office of Management and Budget Financial Analyst James Abernathy related that in cooperation with the County's financial advisor, Public Resources Advisory Group, an opportunity was identified to refund two sewer bonds at a lower rate than what the County is currently paying; and that the expected savings over the life of the loans will strengthen the financial standing of the fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Meeting recessed: 12:06 P.M.

Meeting reconvened: 12:36 P.M.

Administrative Services

21. Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate and contribute County funds toward the purchase of the Gladys E. Douglas property in partnership with the City of Dunedin in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million in County funding, and authorizing the County Administrator to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for the effectuation thereof, including but not limited to grant and funding agreements, the latter of which is subject to Board ratification; and ratification of the County Administrator's approval of a grant application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Communities Trust Program for the acquisition of the Gladys E. Douglas property.

Resolution No. 21-6 adopted granting the specified authorizations to the County Administrator and ratifying his December 15, 2020 approval of a grant request of \$2.4 million in funding from the Florida Communities Trust Program. Clerk authorized to record the resolution.

Mr. Burton reported that the subject property's appraised value was set at approximately \$5.5 million by two independent firms; that the owners estimate the property is worth \$10 million due to its potential for future development; and that public funding for the purchase of the property cannot exceed the appraised value. He noted that \$2 million will be funded by the City of Dunedin, which the County will match; that an attempt to raise private donations from within the community is ongoing and will increase the final purchase offer; and that the County expects it might receive \$1.5 million of its initial \$2.4 million request through the State's Florida Forever land acquisition program.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Mr. Burton indicated that the County would have to pay the \$1.5 million if the grant is not awarded, but the grant application can be resubmitted each year and the County could receive the funds in a subsequent year. Commissioner Flowers noted her appreciation of the Pinellas Community Foundation, County staff, and all those involved in the effort to acquire and preserve the property.

Responding to the Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals stated their concerns:

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
David Waddell, Clearwater

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Planning

- 23.** Affordable housing development by Southport Community Development, Inc. on approximately 5.67 acres of land owned by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County as Trustee of the Lealman Land Trust. (Companion to Item No. 24)

(RFN No. 190-0084-RN) Ranking of proposals approved and authorization granted to the County Administrator to direct the Housing Finance Authority to finalize negotiations and enter into a ground lease agreement and other related documents for the development of affordable housing on approximately 5.67 acres in the area commonly known as Lealman Heights. Annual ground lease payment amount is based on a current value of \$1,290,000.00; initial annual payment of \$13,030.30 is for the first seven years, escalating at a rate not to exceed two percent annually thereafter. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021.

Community Development Manager Bruce Bussey provided background information regarding the project, stating that the request for proposals was issued in January 2020; and that four responses were received. He related that a review committee had ranked and selected the top responses for negotiations, resulting in the proposals found in Items Nos. 23 and 24 of today's agenda.

Referring to documents in the agenda packet, Mr. Bussey indicated that 11 units on the site remain in good condition and will be preserved and not demolished; that Southport Community Development (SCD) has agreed to assume property management of those units; and that with Board approval, negotiations will move forward on a lease agreement with SCD; whereupon, he noted that SCD Vice President of Development Brianne Heffner was available to answer any questions.

Responding to queries by Chair Eggers, Mr. Bussey indicated that all of the units included in the project are intended for 60 percent of area median income (AMI) or less; and that depending on financing, units may need to be adjusted to 80 percent of AMI or less, and brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

24. Affordable housing development by Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. on approximately 1.53 acres of land owned by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County as Trustee of the Lealman Land Trust. (Companion to Item No. 23)

(RFN No. 190-0084-RN) Ranking of proposals approved and authorization granted to the County Administrator to direct the Housing Finance Authority to finalize negotiations and enter into a ground lease agreement and other related documents for the development of affordable housing on approximately 1.53 acres in the area commonly known as Lealman Heights. Terms of the ground lease are \$240,000.00 to be paid in the amount of \$2,424.00 annually for 99 years. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021.

Mr. Burton indicated that the proposal is to develop 12 single-family homes restricted to 120 percent of area median income or less.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

25. Recommendation to fund four Penny for Pinellas Affordable Housing program applications.

Recommendation conditionally approved based on the successful completion of due diligence pursuant to the County's standard affordable housing development program guidelines. Authority granted to the County Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts and other similar agreements, and to direct the Housing Finance Authority to acquire properties utilizing affordable housing land acquisition funding relating to the following projects:

1. Skyway Lofts by Blue Sky Communities (\$700,000.00 plus closing costs)
2. The Shores by Richman Group (\$750,000.00 plus closing costs)
3. New Northeast by Stock Development (\$4,000,000.00 plus closing costs)
4. Washington Avenue Apartments by Southport (\$5,620,000.00 plus closing costs)

Fourteen additional applications received did not meet all category threshold scores for various reasons, including readiness to proceed. Additional project funding recommendations may be brought to the Board within the next 90 days.

Mr. Burton provided background information indicating that the Board has set aside 4.15 percent of Penny for Pinellas IV funds for affordable housing; that the first round of applications is now complete; and that work has already begun for successive rounds.

Southport Financial Services Senior Vice President Peter Leach discussed the Washington Avenue Apartments project, noting that 18 of the 171 units would be set aside

for 80 percent of area median income (AMI); and that increasing the number of units set aside to 36 would result in a substantial loss of revenue. He indicated that 75 percent of the two-bedroom units are roommate units; and that two lower-income tenants may sometimes qualify together for units restricted at a higher AMI.

Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency (CCRA) Director Amanda Thompson related that state funding for affordable housing projects is very limited; that the City of Clearwater and the CCRA have approved funding in the amount of \$5.1 million relating to the Southport project; and that the mixed-income housing project is a good fit for the community.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Community Development Manager Bruce Bussey indicated that the Skyway Lofts project started in late 2018 and is currently under construction; that the project will set aside 100 percent of the units for tenants at 80 percent of AMI or under; and that funding from the County's land acquisition program will ensure the land remains a County asset indefinitely for affordable housing, and Mr. Burton provided input.

Mr. Bussey related that the New Northeast project could likely move forward on its own with 100 percent of the units at market rate; that the developer has worked with the County to provide 59 units at 80 percent of AMI or less in exchange for the proposed funding; and that it is uncommon for a developer of market-rate units to reach out for the purpose of designating units for affordable housing.

Upon Chair Eggers' call for persons wishing to speak, the following individuals stated their concerns:

Kathryn Rawson, St. Petersburg
Shawn Wilson, Tampa
Pat Fling, St. Petersburg
Bob Meehan, Clearwater
Bill Hull, St. Petersburg
Tony Cauterucci, St. Petersburg
Alvina Laurence, St. Petersburg

Discussion ensued regarding strategies to utilize mixed-income projects to ensure that the availability of affordable housing increases throughout the county. Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte stated that 100 percent of the funding for the projects will come from affordable housing monies set aside from Penny for Pinellas funds; and that the community can track the details of these projects and others that are recommended and approved on the County website.

Responding to query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Almonte discussed the use of Penny for Pinellas IV funds that are earmarked for affordable housing and economic development. Attorney White indicated that there are statutory restrictions that govern the expenditure of Penny

funds; that funds set aside for affordable housing may only be used for land acquisition; and that economic development funds are allowed a wider range of uses, such as for capital expenditures in support of workforce housing, and discussion ensued regarding how projects are evaluated for merit.

In response to query by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Almonte stated that the County will work with the applicants who did not qualify in hopes that they will make the necessary adjustments within the 90-day period; and that they would have the opportunity to reapply in future cycles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Parks and Conservation Resources

- 26.** Update to the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for salary and fringe benefit expenses.

Update approved superseding the 2005 version and eliminating the need for a separate reaffirmation letter each year. Quarterly expenditures total \$94,059.60 for an annual expenditure of \$376,238.41.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Public Works

- 27.** Change Order No. 3 with Keystone Excavators, Inc. for the North County Satellite project.

(Contract No. 189-0071-CP; PID No. 000759A) Change Order approved increasing the contract by \$197,349.40 for a revised total amount of \$3,249,638.44 and extending the term 180 calendar days for a revised expiration date of February 7, 2021. Florida Department of Transportation to reimburse the County \$108,179.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

28. Road Transfer Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for the transfer and acceptance of specific roadway segments and easements.

Agreement approved granting a right-of-way easement to the City on County-owned property along 70th Avenue North and transferring operation and maintenance responsibilities of various road segments to the City (22.14 centerline miles) and County (5.75 miles) as detailed in Exhibit A. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Safety and Emergency Services

29. Amended and restated agreement with Carousel Industries of North America, Inc. for the maintenance and repair services of 9-1-1 equipment.

(Contract No. 156-0302-M) Agreement approved in the amount of \$4,228,029.41 for 36 months, for an estimated average annual amount of \$1,409,343.14. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

30. Amended and restated agreement with Charter Communications Operating, LLC f/k/a Bright House Networks, as requested by the Business Technology Services Department, for requirements of Metro-Ethernet/Wide Area Network services.

(Contract No. 089-0339-P) Agreement approved replacing the current annual auto-renewal term with a five-year term and increasing the contract by \$4,140,000.00 for a revised total expenditure of \$9,078,900.00; estimated average annual expenditure remains at the current approved amount of \$828,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. County Attorney Reports:
- Redistricting Update

Attorney White referred to her memorandum dated November 18, 2020, indicating that a County Redistricting Board must be established within 30 days of receiving federal census data, expected to be released by April 1. She indicated that once constituted, the Board is required to present its proposal(s) to the Commission no later than 150 days after its first meeting; and that the Commission must take action within 60 days of receipt of the proposal; whereupon, she noted that a press release seeking applications has been prepared; that applications will be due by February 4; and that the members will select their appointees as part of their March meeting.

Chair Eggers indicated that there is consensus among the members to require the appointees to be residents of Pinellas County and registered voters. Attorney White stated that each Commissioner would be free to select a qualified applicant at their discretion, and discussion ensued.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

32. County Administrator Reports.

Mr. Burton indicated that a request was received for naming a public building; and that he will brief each Commissioner individually regarding the current naming policy; whereupon, he noted that the Board's Strategic Planning session will be held on January 21 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park.

COUNTY COMMISSION

33. Appointment to the Local Planning Agency (Individual appointment by Commissioner Eggers).

Rodney Collman appointed to serve the balance of a four-year term ending on November 8, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

34. Reappointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District (Individual appointment by Commissioner Flowers).

Michel Ludwig reappointed to serve a one-year term ending on December 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

35. Reappointment to the Parks & Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Individual appointment by Commissioner Flowers).

Daniel M. Savercool reappointed to serve a one-year term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

36. Appointment to the Pinellas County Historical Commission (Individual appointment by Commissioner Flowers).

Terri Lipsey Scott appointed to serve a four-year term ending on November 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

37. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and Other New Business.

The members provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Justice

- Area Agency on Aging
- Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund grant program

Commissioner Seel

- Transportation Division Manager Kenneth Jacobs

Chair Eggers

- Wellness presentations
- Metropolitan Planning Organization and other workshops
- Extending the grace period regarding public participation in BCC meetings

In response to query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton confirmed that paramedics who volunteer to work overtime will be paid accordingly.

Commissioner Long

- Resiliency Program Coordinator Hank Hodde
- Opioid litigation
- Staff survey of County-owned buildings (Mr. Burton provided input)

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Attorney White provided an update regarding the County’s participation in certain opioid litigation, relating that many distributors have filed for bankruptcy in anticipation of settling claims totaling over \$20 billion; and that many trials have been postponed during the pandemic; whereupon, she stated that her office continues to work with local governments and the Attorney General to monitor developments in the trials.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:46 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk