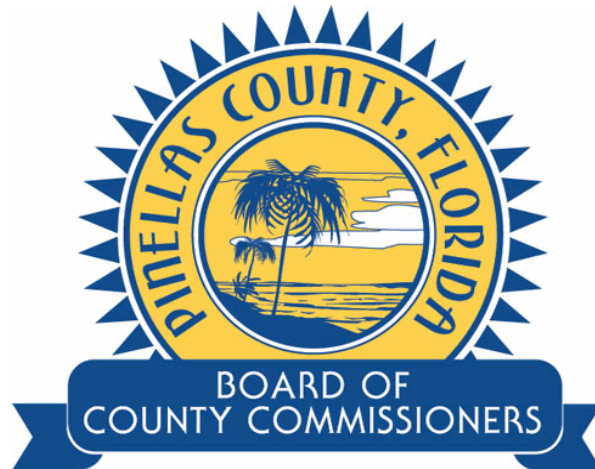


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
9:30 A.M.

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

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

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [26-0466A](#) 2026 Emergency Medical Services Professional of the Year Awards:
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Ivan Melendez, Firefighter EMT, Pinellas Park Fire Department
Paramedic
- William “Bill” Edling, Firefighter/Paramedic, Largo Fire Rescue
Emergency Medical Dispatcher
- Isaac Stephens, Communications Training Coordinator, Sunstar
Paramedics

Pinellas Federal Credit Union
- Yariel Pineiro, Director of Lending
2. [26-0467A](#) Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation:
- Chief William “Trip” Barrs, President, Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association
3. [26-0401A](#) 2025 Chad Reed Emergency Manager of the Year Award:
- Cathie Perkins, Director, Emergency Management

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. [26-0465A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

5. [26-0579A](#) Case No. CW 26-05 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Activity Center, Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, Retail & Services, Office, Employment, Public/Semi-Public, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center, regarding 540 acres more or less, generally located along Clearwater-Largo Road between Belleair Road and Rosery Road, including portions of Alternate U.S. Highway 19 and surrounding properties.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 26-05, a proposal by the City of Largo to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Activity Center, Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, Retail & Services, Office, Employment, Public/Semi-Public, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center, regarding 540 acres more or less, generally located along Clearwater-Largo Road between Belleair Road and Rosery Road, including portions of Alternate U.S. Highway 19 and surrounding properties.

- The amendment expands and consolidates the existing Clearwater-Largo Road Activity Center and establishes a unified framework to guide redevelopment within the corridor.
- The amendment includes two primary components: (1) the expansion of the existing Activity Center boundary to incorporate approximately 284 additional acres, and (2) updates to the City's local land use framework through revised character districts and development standards within the Clearwater-Largo Road Community Redevelopment District.
- The proposed mixed-use corridors, residential, and flex employment character districts establish a new range of densities, intensities, and development bonus program for this area.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

6. [26-0580A](#) Case No. CW 26-06 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Activity Center to Activity Center, regarding 316 acres more or less, generally located in the vicinity of West Bay Drive and Alternate U.S. Highway 19.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 26-06, a proposal by the City of Largo to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Activity Center to Activity Center, regarding 316 acres more or less, generally located in the vicinity of West Bay Drive and Alternate U.S. Highway 19.

- The City of Largo proposes to amend the planning framework governing the West Bay Drive Activity Center while retaining the existing Activity Center designation on the Countywide Plan Map. The amendment introduces a revised local land use structure, including the establishment of character districts and updated density and intensity standards intended to support redevelopment and a more cohesive mixed-use environment.
- At the countywide level, this amendment does not change the Activity Center designation or exceed the maximum thresholds established for a Major Center (150 units per acre and 5.0 floor area ratio on an areawide basis). However, the proposal redistributes and increases allowable density and intensity within portions of the Activity Center. Because this represents a substantive change to the structure and function of the Activity Center, the amendment is reviewed as a Tier II amendment pursuant to the Countywide Rules.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 7 through 15

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 7. [26-0648A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held March 24, 2026.
- 8. [26-0649A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from March 29 through April 4, 2026.

Reports received for filing:

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 9. [26-0650A](#) City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9875-26, adopted March 5, 2026,
annexing certain properties.
- 10. [26-0651A](#) City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2026-02, adopted April 6, 2026,
annexing certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Management and Budget

11. [26-0355A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Commercial Risk Management, Inc., for Workers' Compensation Third-Party Administration services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Commercial Risk Management, Inc., for Workers' Compensation Third-Party Administration (TPA) services.

- This contract provides Workers' Compensation TPA services for participants of the County Risk Management Program and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.
- Per County Code 2-142, all Constitutional Officers of the County, except the Clerk of the Circuit Court, participate in the workers' compensation program and make payments to the Risk Finance Fund.
- Five responsive proposals were received, with Commercial Risk Management, Inc., selected as the highest-ranked firm and recommended for award by Risk Management and the Sheriff's Office.
- The agreement has a term of thirty-six months with provisions for two additional twelve-month-term extensions. The initial thirty-six-month term is for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,348,788.00, with an average annual expenditure amount of \$449,596.00.
- Utilizing TPA delivers a broader spectrum of knowledge and industry best practices, provides potential long-term savings due to the TPA's process for settling/handling claims, including prescription discounts/managed care; provides depth of resources when claim volume vacillates, and removes the potential for conflict of interest with employees handling employees' claims.
- Funding for this service is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The new agreement is estimated to cost \$50,000.00 more per year than the existing contract. Appropriations for subsequent years will be contingent on future budgets.

Contract No. 26-0137-RFP has an estimated average annual expenditure of \$449,596.00 for a thirty-six-month contract value of \$1,348,788.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Public Works

12. [26-0603A](#) Award of bid to Cone & Graham, Inc. for Madonna Boulevard over Pine Key Cutoff Bridge #154700 (REBID).

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Cone & Graham, Inc. for Madonna Boulevard over Pine Key Cutoff Bridge #154700 (REBID).

- The proposed Madonna Boulevard over Pine Key Cutoff Bridge #154700 contract consists of the replacement for this bridge. The project includes reconstruction of the roadway approaches, sidewalk, and relocation of the potable water main and reclaimed water main.
- Three bids were submitted. The low bid of \$14,240,778.64 received from Cone & Graham, Inc. is 3.31% below the engineer's estimate of \$14,728,939.68.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment for this project is 10%.
- All work to be completed within 810 consecutive calendar days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.
- Funding for this project is budgeted under the Madonna Blvd over Pine Key Cutoff Bridge #154700 003678A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Penny for Pinellas and Multimodal Impact Fees, and the Madonna Blvd Bridge Over Pine Key Water Main Utility Relocation 003678B, funded by the Sewer Renewal & Replacement and Water Renewal & Replacement funds.

Contract No. 25-0946-ITB-C, in the amount of \$14,240,778.64, with all work to be completed in 810 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

13. [26-0313A](#) First Amendment to the Joint Project Agreement with the City of Largo for additional utility work on the Whitney Road at Wolford Road Intersection Improvement Project from Sapphire Lane to Hidden Springs Place.

Recommendation: Approval of the First Amendment to the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with the City of Largo (City) for additional utility work on the Whitney Road at Wolford Road Improvement Project from Sapphire Lane to Hidden Springs Place.

- First Amendment in amount of \$204,226.14 necessary due to unforeseen conflicts encountered while performing utility work on subject property.
- As this is a County project, First Amendment increase to be paid by City to County.
- JPA approved by Board of County Commissioners for \$267,446.55 on July 30, 2024.
- Funding for this project is budgeted under the Whitney Road and Wolford Road intersection and Roadway Improvements Project 002109A, funded by the Penny for Pinellas, the American Rescue Plan Act, and Multimodal Impact Fees, as well as funded by the Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water Relocation Projects Program Project 000831A, funded by the Sewer Renewal & Replacement fund, included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

PID No. 002109A; First Amendment increases the JPA total by \$204,226.14; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

14. [26-0593A](#) Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior for the Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center Water Resource Investigations.

Recommendation: Approval of a one-year Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Department of Interior for the Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center Water Resource Investigations.

- USGS has constructed and installed data gathering stations at various locations throughout Pinellas County to collect continuous monitoring data, including flood stages, discharge, and rainfall.
- Data is utilized to meet County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, stormwater permit water quality requirements, watershed planning and stormwater modeling, and flood forecasting.
- USGS will manage and perform field and analytical work for a total cost of \$267,300.00 for the one-year period of May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027.
- County will contribute \$195,574.00 and the USGS will contribute \$71,726.00.
- Funding for this authorization is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Public Work within the General Fund and Surface Water Utility Fund. Funding for future years is dependent on approval in the annual County Operating Budget.

Agreement No. 26MCJFA0030; Total project cost is \$267,300.00 for the period May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027. County will contribute \$195,574.00 and the USGS will contribute \$71,726.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

15. [26-0255A](#) Ranking of firms and agreements with five firms for the requirements of Horizontal Projects Fiscal Years 2026-2031 - Utilities Professional Engineering Services.

Recommendation: Approval of ranking of firms and agreements with five firms for the requirements of Horizontal Projects Fiscal Years 2026-2031 - Utilities Professional Engineering Services.

- This contract will provide Utilities with continuing professional engineering services on an assignment-by-assignment, work order basis.
- Twenty-two submittals were received with award recommendation to the top five firms in the total amount of \$3,750,000.00 (\$750,000.00 per firm) for a five-year term; the recommended firms in order of ranking are: Ardurra Group, Inc., Halff Associates, Inc., V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc., CHA Consulting, Inc., Kimley-Horne and Associates, Inc.
- All recommended firms have committed to utilizing certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms for engagements resulting from this contract. When the County utilizes a firm the requesting department will ensure SBEs are used.
- This contract is used on an as-needed basis with no obligation to spend the full amount of the contract or to spend in any given year, with obligations occurring upon issuance of work order assignments (purchase orders). Funding is determined by the individual work order assignment sourced to the agreement, and actual expenditures are contingent upon work completed.

Contract No. 26-0033-RFQ-CCNAC in the amount of \$750,000.00 per vendor for a five-year total not to exceed contract amount of \$3,750,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

16. [26-0527A](#) Revised Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the modification of traffic control cabinets to mitigate storm impacts.

Recommendation: Approval of the revised Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the modification of traffic control cabinets to mitigate storm impacts.

- Grant is made available due to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Debby (FEMA 4806-DR-FL).
- The application revision is requested to increase funding for 31 traffic signal control cabinets located on major evacuation routes and mast arms at 5 intersections.
- Revises grant funding to \$9,592,229 with a local match of \$3,197,433 for a project total of \$12,789,662. The federal share and local match are increased.
- No signature needed.
- Funding for this application will come from the Public Works County Transportation Trust Fund operating budget, as well as from the Capital Improvement Plan, budgeted under the Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation Solutions (ATMS/ITS) Regional Improvements Project 001032A funded by the Local Option Fuel Tax.

PID 001032A; Project costs are approximately \$12,789,662, with requested grant amount \$9,592,229. Local match includes Local Option Fuel Tax from the ATMS/ITS Regional Improvements Project and the Public Works County Transportation Trust Fund operating budget.

Utilities

17. [25-0287A](#) Resolution declaring one County-owned parcel of land on Lake Dan in Hillsborough County as surplus and authorizing the execution of a Real Property Donation Agreement to convey the parcel to Hillsborough County.

Recommendation: Approval of a resolution to declare a County-owned parcel of land in Hillsborough County as surplus, approving and authorizing the Board Chairman to execute a Real Property Donation Agreement and County Deed to convey the parcel to Hillsborough County, and authorizing County staff to handle the closing.

- Hillsborough County Parcel ID: U-06-27-17-001-000000-00000.3 (approximately 1.18 acre), located near Huckavalle Road, Odessa, Hillsborough County, Florida.
- Parcel is vacant land abutting Lake Dan.
- This request will reduce Pinellas County Utilities' (PCU) obligation to pay property taxes to Hillsborough County for an annual estimated savings of \$1,283.30. The taxes are budgeted for in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget of PCU in the Water Revenue and Operating Fund, however, this reduction was not. This will create a lapse in FY26 for PCU.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. [26-0633A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. D.B.E. Management, LLC., d/b/a D.B.E. Management, Inc. - damages arising from the Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation against D.B.E. Management, LLC., d/b/a D.B.E. Management, Inc.

19. [26-0575A](#) Proposed settlement in the case of Deann Taylor v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 25-002941-CI.

Recommendation: Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Deann Taylor v. Pinellas County.

20. [26-0464A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. [26-0463A](#) County Administrator Reports:
- Direction on Downtown Redevelopment

COUNTY COMMISSION

22. [26-0462A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations,
administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business:
- Resolution for Joint Meeting to be held between the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco Counties.

ADJOURNMENT