

# **Pinellas County**

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



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Finance Division Chief Deputy Director; and Katie Poviones, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

Deviating from the agenda, Chair Scott requested a motion to add a proclamation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the proclamation be added to the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Later in the meeting, Chair Scott read a proclamation recognizing January 20, 2025, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; whereupon, Pastor Bell provided brief comments.

**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**31. County Administrator Reports**Post-Hurricane Recovery Updates

Deviating from the order of the agenda, Mr. Burton indicated that the County remains under a State of Local Emergency; and that staff will provide updates regarding multiple recovery operations; whereupon, he briefly discussed various sources of hurricane relief funding awarded to the County, noting that recovery remains the top priority.

Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins provided an update regarding the number of people who have applied for individual assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), noting that while the registration period has ended, there is a 30-day grace period during which individuals may still apply for assistance; whereupon, she discussed various resources which have been provided to residents, including FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program and the status of several ongoing and anticipated programs and resources.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Perkins provided information regarding Elevate Florida, the number of applications received for individual assistance through FEMA, requirements related to site meetings, and placement of travel trailers; whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Scott, Community Development Planning Division Manager Bruce Bussey briefly discussed the anticipated timeframe for applicants to receive funds from the Pinellas County Income Eligible Hurricane Home Repair Program.

Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard provided an update related to debris management, noting that debris collection from the public right-of-way has been completed in all zones; that challenges remain regarding debris removal from private property locations; and that the locations are currently under FEMA review; whereupon, she discussed sand renourishment efforts and County parks that remain closed.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, and with input from Mr. Burton, Ms. Silverboard provided clarifying information related to beach access along Gulf Boulevard and communications regarding construction and demolition debris. With input from Mr. Burton, Ms. Silverboard provided additional information regarding ongoing issues with debris management in private mobile home parks, including necessary approvals from FEMA and private ownership, resources for residents seeking assistance concerning pending requests, and the potential for action through Code Enforcement.

#### Substantial Damage Assessments and Permitting Updates

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Building and Development Review Services (BDRS) Director Kevin McAndrew provided an overview of the substantial damage assessment (SDA) process, noting that staff is working to ensure compliance with both the Florida Building Code and FEMA requirements; and that the process is primarily in the reassessment stage at this time; whereupon, he briefly discussed the components of the substantial damage determination letter, emphasizing efforts by staff to contact residents and provide educational information.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Peters, Mr. McAndrew pointed out that the substantial damage determination letter highlights the reassessment option and provided details related to temporary residency and the safe home inspection process; whereupon, with input by Mr. Burton, Mr. McAndrew responded to queries by Commissioner Latvala and discussed various topics, including the number and status of reassessment requests received, resources to assist with the completion of reassessment applications, and compliance with the Florida Building Code and FEMA guidelines.

Mr. McAndrew, with input by Mr. Burton, provided information regarding FEMA's Substantial Damage Estimator Tool, reviewed available options related to substantially damaged and non-substantially damaged structures, and noted that the reassessment process remains as staff's highest priority; whereupon, he discussed optional and required documents related to completing a reassessment application and indicated that a process has been established for contractors and homeowners to communicate directly with BDRS via phone or email.

Responding to queries and comments by Commissioners Eggers and Flowers, Mr. McAndrew provided information related to structures which have not yet received substantial damage determination letters and details regarding the properties which will be issued a letter, the ability to proceed with permitting, and private actual cash value (ACV) appraisals; whereupon, Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty discussed the role of the Property Appraiser's Office related to the SDA process and provided additional details regarding private ACV appraisals.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Flowers, Eggers, and Scherer, Messrs. McAndrew and Twitty discussed numerous topics, including the following:

- Inspection requirements related to reassessment
- Substantial improvement
- Lookback period and its relation to substantial damage
- Insurance and additional assessments
- Substantial damage determination letters
- County Floodplain Ordinance

During discussion, Mr. Twitty emphasized that the deadline to apply for the partial property tax refund is March 1.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Peters, Eggers, and Scott, and with input by Mr. Burton, Mr. McAndrew provided information regarding several topics, including permitting prior to receiving a substantial damage determination letter, possibility for elimination of the lookback period, and transmission of data from the state-furnished vendor, Tidal Basin, to municipalities.

Mr. McAndrew provided details regarding the reassessment workflow process and highlighted resources and current data related to the SDA process; whereupon, he briefly discussed permitting related to condominiums and townhouses.

#### Tri-County BCC meeting

Later in the meeting, Mr. Burton indicated that the Tri-County Board of County Commissioners meeting will be held on January 17 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

- Scott Daniels, Clearwater
- JoAnn Tuinier, Crystal Beach
- Darryl Henderson, Clearwater (submitted documents)
- David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)
- Ron Walker, Largo
- Charles White, Clearwater
- Chris Steiner, Clearwater
- Greg Pound, Largo
- Constance Aguero, St. Petersburg

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2. Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 42, related to County Adult Uses to Align with Recent Statutory Changes.

Ordinance No. 25-1 adopted approving the amendments. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Vice-Chair Eggers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

3. Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 42, related to the County Human Trafficking Ordinance to Align with Recent Statutory Changes.

Ordinance No. 25-2 adopted approving the amendments. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 14 (Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

- 4. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 19, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

- 5. Vouchers and bills paid from November 17 through December 14, 2024.

Period November 17 - November 23, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$18,745,048.69

Payroll - \$5,592,808.88

Period November 24 - November 30, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$29,734,561.81

Payroll - None

Period December 1 - December 7, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$64,451,107.75

Payroll - \$4,972,115.50

Period December 8 - December 14, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$25,598,769.67

Payroll - None

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Reports received for filing:

- 10. Annual Investment Report for the period ended September 30, 2024.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

11. City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2024-16 adopted on December 16, 2024, annexing certain property.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**
  
12. City of Seminole Notice of Ordinance Enactment and Public Hearings regarding proposed Ordinance Nos. 20-2024, 21-2024, and 22-2024, voluntarily annexing certain properties.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Human Services

13. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Statewide Criminal Analysis Laboratory System Grant.  
Agreement approved in the approximate amount of \$225,000.00. No County match required.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### Public Works

14. Grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for a Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program award.  
Agreement approved in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029 (County match, \$625,000.00; total project cost, \$3,125,000.00).  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Reports received for filing:

- 6. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-22 dated November 22, 2024 - Audit of the Pinellas County Purchasing Card Administration.

Referencing Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9, Commissioner Eggers commended staff from the Division of Inspector General's office for their work on behalf of the residents.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that Item Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:**                   7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

- 7. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-23 dated November 27, 2024 - Inspector General's Follow-Up Investigation of the Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition Upgrade.

**The item was approved.**

- 8. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-26 dated December 3, 2024 - Unannounced Audit of the Planning Division Petty Cash Fund.

**The item was approved.**

- 9. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-29 dated December 3, 2024 - Unannounced Audit of the Emergency Management Department Petty Cash Fund.

**The item was approved.**



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

- 15. Third Amendment to the Purchase Authorization with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical, lighting, data communications, and security products and services.

(Contract No. 178-0181-PB) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$1,464,000.00 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,494,000.00, with an estimated average annual expenditure of \$454,000.00. Contract effective through January 31, 2029.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Airport

- 16. Ranking of firms and agreement with Manhattan Construction Company for Construction Manager at Risk services pertaining to the Passenger Terminal Improvements.

(Contract 24-0333-RFP-CMAR) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$374,895.00, effective for 2,000 days from the date of notice to proceed.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Peters

Construction and Property Management

- 17. Declare a County-owned parcel as surplus and grant authorization for its sale to Caribbean Isles Owners, LLC.

Resolution No. 25-3 adopted declaring a County-owned parcel as surplus within the boundaries of the Caribbean Isle Mobile Home Park and granting authorization to sell the parcel to Caribbean Isles Owners, LLC.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Peters

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Housing & Community Development

18. Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Azalea Gateway by Azalea Gateway, LLC.

Recommendation approved for funding in the amount of \$5,250,000.00 for the first phase of construction, consisting of 340 multi-family affordable apartment units located in St. Petersburg. Total estimated project cost is \$109,828,489.00. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the amount approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Staff will complete additional due diligence activities, as outlined in the Staff Report.

Referencing Item Nos. 18 and 19, Mr. Burton provided clarifying information related to the projects' eligibility for tax exemption based upon taxing jurisdictions.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

19. Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Skytown Apartments.

Recommendation approved for funding in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 for the first phase of construction, consisting of 401 multi-family apartment units in St. Petersburg. Total estimated project cost is \$120,389,082.83. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the amount approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Staff will complete additional due diligence activities, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Mr. Burton, with input from Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte, responded to a query by Commissioner Eggers and provided clarifying information regarding the commitment of Penny for Pinellas funds.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Human Services

20. Renewal of the Letter of Signature Authority and Certificate of Participation for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide

Letter documenting signature authority to the County Administrator and delegation of authority to the Board of County Commissioners Chairman to sign Certificate of Participation, approved.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Safety and Emergency Services

- 21.** Eighth Amendment to the agreement with Carousel Industries of North America, LLC for maintenance and repair of 9-1-1 equipment  
(Contract No. 156-0302-M) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$3,944,964.05, for a revised total not to exceed \$9,458,519.28 and extending the contract for 12 months through February 11, 2026.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton provided brief comments regarding the reason for the extension.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

- 22.** Amendment No. 9 to the Master Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for geographic information systems software.

(Contract No. 112-0313-N) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$7,500,000.00, for a revised total of \$17,470,800.00, with an annual expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 and extending the contract for an additional five years through April 23, 2030.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

- 23.** Fourth Amendment to the purchase authorization agreement with CDW Government LLC for information technology solutions and services.

(Contract No. 21-0201-PB) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$350,000.00, for a revised total not to exceed \$3,250,000.00.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Housing Finance Authority

24. Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project Flats on 4th Apartments.

Resolution No. 25-4 adopted allowing the Housing Finance Authority to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000.00, for the benefit of Archway Flats on 4th, LLLP, a Florida limited liability limited partnership, or its affiliate, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

25. Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project Skye Isle Apartments.

Resolution No. 25-5 adopted allowing the Housing Finance Authority to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$36,730,000.00, for the benefit of Preservation 518, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership, or its affiliate, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

26. Resolution approving the TEFRA hearing for Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to refinance a multifamily residential rental housing project Seminole Square Apartments.

Resolution No. 25-6 adopted allowing the Housing Finance Authority to authorize a public hearing in connection to the refinancing of a multifamily residential rental housing project, through the issuance of its multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,700,000.00, for the benefit of Seminole Square Partners, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, or its affiliate, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

**27. Public Official Bonds for Public Officers.**

Public Official Bonds approved for Clerk of the Circuit Court Kenneth P. Burke, Property Appraiser Michael T. Twitty, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, and Tax Collector Adam Ross, in accordance with Chapter 137, Florida Statutes. Public Official Bond also ratified for the Supervisor of Elections.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Scherer, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

**28. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Mary Holmes; County Court Case No. 24-009350-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.**

Initiation of litigation ratified.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

**29. Proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. F&H Electrical Contractors, Inc.; Circuit Civil Case No. 23-007610-CI.**

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated January 14, 2025.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

**30. County Attorney Reports**Informational overview of Charter Amendments passed in November 2024

Attorney White provided an overview of recently passed Charter Amendments related to term limits, Charter citizen initiatives, provisions pertaining to hiring and terminating the County Attorney, public notice requirements for constitutional amendments, and a cleanup amendment.

Additionally, Attorney White announced that Managing Assistant County Attorney Christy Pemberton will be recognized before the Florida Supreme Court for her pro bono work in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

**32. County Commission New Business:**

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

Commissioner Nowicki made a motion to nominate the following Board appointments:

- Richard T. Dumont to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board
- Brad McCoy to the Council for People with Disabilities
- Baylie Dressman to the Historical Commission
- William "Bill" Mitchell, Sr. to the Feather Sound Community Services District
- Andrew Hunsicker to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Erika Picard to the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency
- Gregory Cahanin to the Historic Preservation Board

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

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

Commissioner Nowicki

- Recognition of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ken Burke for hosting the Constitutional Officers' swearing in ceremony
- Continuum of Care
- Upcoming Kids Tag Art ceremony hosted by the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office

Commissioner Flowers

- Upcoming 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards Breakfast
- Upcoming MLK Dream Big Parade and Banquet
- Emancipation Proclamation service hosted by the NAACP
- Suncoast Tiger Bay Club meeting
- Celebration of Greater Mount Zion AME Church's 100th anniversary
- Upcoming Women Warriors event
- Upcoming Bay Area Apartment Association event
- Upcoming Florida Association of Counties Tech Summit
- 2025 National Association of Counties Legislative Conference
- Upcoming meeting with Dunedin Chamber of Commerce President Julie Ward Bujalski
- Forward Pinellas Board

Commissioner Eggers

- Appreciation to Pastor Clem Bell for his leadership in the community
- Forward Pinellas Board
- Upcoming Tampa Bay Water and Tri-County Board of County Commissioners meetings
- John Morroni Law Enforcement and First Responder Appreciation Dinner scheduled for March 1
- Wishing everyone a Happy New Year
- Appreciation to Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte and Building and Development Review Services Director Kevin McAndrew for their work

Commissioner Eggers requested a motion for permission to send a letter regarding a \$1,500.00 request from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in support of the John Morroni Law Enforcement and First Responder Appreciation Dinner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, to approve Commissioner Eggers' request. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Commissioner Scherer

Commissioner Scherer indicated that he provided the members with a letter that details his thoughts related to floodplain rules and Chapter 158, Floodplain Management, of the Pinellas County Land Development Code; and that he would like for the Board to allow him to work with the County Attorney's Office (CAO) to compile a list of potential changes; whereupon, he provided information regarding the potential changes.

Discussion ensued wherein Commissioner Nowicki made a motion to allow Commissioner Scherer to work with the CAO; whereupon, Chair Scott indicated that a motion is not needed; and that there is a consensus to allow Commissioner Scherer to work with the CAO before the topic is brought to the Board for a discussion.

Commissioner Latvala

- Constitutional Officers' swearing in ceremony
- Youth Advisory Committee's tour of Supervisor of Elections' Office
- Drug Free America Foundation Annual Gala
- Congratulations to Senator Darryl Rouson for receiving the Drug Free America Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award
- Juvenile Welfare Board

Commissioner Peters

- Rotary International meeting
- Gulf Beaches Republican club meeting
- Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board

Chair Scott requested a motion to approve the following reappointments:

- Commissioner Eggers as the Chair of the Value Adjustment Board
- Commissioner Flowers to the School Transportation Safety Committee
- Commissioner Latvala to the Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium Board

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Eggers, that the reappointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Skyway Bridge Lighting Resolution

Resolution No. 25-7 approved, supporting the annual request for the lighting of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge for previously approved organizations and causes, as listed on the resolution.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer

Chair Scott

- St. Petersburg City Council swearing in ceremonies
- Gulf Beaches Republican club meeting
- Presentation of hurricane hero challenge coin to Feeding Tampa Bay
- Tourist Development Council
- Upcoming Kiwanis Club of Pinellas Park luncheon
- First canine/commissioner photo shoot
- Conversation with Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna regarding beach renourishment funding approval

**ADJOURNMENT - 1:01 P.M.**

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Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk