

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Special Meeting**

**Public Safety Complex, 10750 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, Room 1180B,  
First Floor**

### **Board of County Commissioners**

*Karen Williams Seel, Chair*

*Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*Charlie Justice*

*Janet C. Long*

*Kathleen Peters*

*Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL - 9:00 A.M.**

**Present:** 5 - Vice-Chair Pat Gerard, Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, and Kenneth T. Welch

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Karen Williams Seel, and Kathleen Peters

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney, other interested individuals; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Vice-Chair Gerard called the meeting to order and noted for the record that Chair Seel was joining the meeting via telephone. Attorney White related that given the State's open meetings law, Chair Seel would not be counted towards the quorum or voting; whereupon, Chair Seel thanked everyone for their hard work and preparation.

**1. Hurricane Dorian Update**

Mr. Burton indicated that the meeting was called for the purposes of discussing the status of Hurricane Dorian and County preparations and for the Board to consider adopting a resolution declaring a State of Local Emergency, delegating him the authority to make decisions and approve expenditures as necessary for public safety. He noted that the projected path of the storm is to the north and east; however, the effects on Pinellas County could still be severe.

Emergency Management Director Catherine Perkins related that Emergency Services is planning for all scenarios with regard to the storm and its impact on Pinellas County. She discussed possible outcomes and emphasized the need for citizens to prepare for evacuation and possible power outages.

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri indicated that Pinellas County Law Enforcement is prepared and working collaboratively with the County Administrator and Emergency Services, and stated that he supports the State of Local Emergency declaration.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Eggers and Vice-Chair Gerard, Ms. Perkins noted that plans are in place to activate 39,000 shelter spaces for local residents and incoming evacuees, if necessary; that the Citizen Information Line is open; and that information can be accessed online at [pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://pinellascounty.org/emergency).

No one responded to Vice-Chair Gerard's call for citizens wishing to be heard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that Resolution No. 19-61 be adopted declaring a State of Local Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Seel, and Commissioner Peters

**ADJOURNMENT - 9:14 A.M.**

Karen Seel  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By Monica D. Leary  
Deputy Clerk

