

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF PINELLAS COUNTY EXPANDING THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS OF THE COUNTY SEAT BEYOND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER; SETTING FORTH THE LIMITS OF THE EXPANDED GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS OF THE COUNTY SEAT; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF SAID EXPANSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, due to the aging structures within which many County operations are currently housed and the inability to renovate those structures in a cost-effective manner, the County is desirous of designing and constructing a new County campus; and

WHEREAS, the County has developed since the time many of these aging structures were constructed in a way their location is no longer central to many Pinellas County citizens who need to access County services on site; and

WHEREAS, a study has been completed that assesses both the viability of maintaining these 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 and a mid-County location would better serve those citizens of Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the goals of the County in moving forward with a new County campus, the Board of County Commissioners is desirous of expanding the boundaries of the current County Seat, the City of Clearwater, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(k) of the Florida Constitution, which provides that the County Seat may not be moved except as provided by general law; and

WHEREAS, 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 and any regular or special meeting of the board"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has held 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; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein shall be deemed to extend the boundaries of the City of Clearwater or to annex to the City the territory that is added to the County Seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly assembled meeting held on this 5th day of March, 2024, that;

1. The findings and recitals set forth above are hereby adopted by the Board in support of this Resolution.
2. The boundaries of the County Seat are hereby expanded to include all territory, regardless of whether such territory is incorporated or unincorporated, all of the upland and submerged lands lying within the incorporated limits of the City of Clearwater as well as all other lands within the following sections and fractional sections of Pinellas County, Florida, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 29 South, Range 15 East; Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 29 South, Range 16 East; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 30 South, Range 15 East; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 30 South, Range 16 East; and Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, in Township 30 South, Range 17 East, all lying in Pinellas County, Florida.
3. This resolution shall take effect upon final hearing and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida.

Commissioner _____ Justice _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ Latvala _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Justice, Latvala, and Long.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: Peters.

PCAO 465150

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Donald S. Crowell
Office of the County Attorney