

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

**2:00 PM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Charlie Justice, Chairman  
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman  
Dave Eggers  
Pat Gerard  
John Morroni  
Karen Williams Seel  
Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL**

2:04 P.M.

**Present:** 7 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, John Morroni, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

**Others Present:** James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Lynn Abbott and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION by Reverend Georgene Conner with St. Alban's Church in St. Pete Beach**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**1. Presentations and Awards:**

Doing Things Employee Recognition - Robert Alexander, Public Works

Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Partner Presentation:

Juvenile Welfare Board - Dr. Marcie Biddleman, Executive Director

**Doing Things Employee Recognition - Robert Alexander, Public Works**

**Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation Presented to:**

Steve Krok, Real Estate Management

Deneta Jones, Public Works

Rosa Garcia, Purchasing

Lidell Golden, Jr., Utilities

James "Wade" Skinner, Public Works

Chairman Justice expressed gratitude for the tireless assistance provided by the Board of County Commissioners' Executive Aides.

**Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Presented to:**

Dr. Marcie Biddleman, JWB

Lourdes Benedict, Pinellas County Human Services

Brian Bostick, Eckerd Community Alternatives

Dr. Ulyee Choe, Florida Department of Health, Pinellas County  
Robert Dare, Suncoast Center  
Celeste Fernandez, DCF Suncoast Region  
Scott Goyer, Suncoast YMCA  
David Jezek, Greater St. Petersburg YMCA  
Art O'Hara, R'Club  
Kelly Outlaw, Mease Countryside Hospital  
William Pellan, District 6 Medical Examiner's Office  
Mary Jo Plews, Pinellas County Healthy Start Coalition  
Alizza Punzalan-Randle, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

**Partner Presentation:**

**Juvenile Welfare Board - Dr. Marcie Biddleman, Executive Director**

Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) Executive Director Marcie Biddleman provided historical information and announced that the JWB will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year. She discussed the current initiatives, including preventing child deaths, eradicating childhood hunger, ensuring grade-level reading, and providing mentoring and tutoring services, and provided an overview of JWB programs. She discussed the Administrative Forum and highlighted its change in leadership and work with the homeless, population health, poverty, and behavioral health, noting that the state has asked for assistance in implementing a system redesign of the behavioral health system.

Dr. Biddleman reported that JWB staff volunteers with the Adopt-A-Block program and works with the Asian Neighborhood Family Center and the Police Athletic League in Lealman, noting that there are eight family centers up and running throughout the county. She discussed the Family Services Initiative, noting that it is one of the best collaborative efforts with 65 partners; and that there are up to 40 members in attendance at its weekly meetings.

Dr. Biddleman indicated that the success of the programs is a result of the coordinated efforts of many collaborative partners, including Raymond James, Central Florida Behavioral Hospital, Personal Enrichment Mental Health Services, Pinellas County, and 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, noting that 20,000 calls were answered and 43,000 referrals were made. She discussed a meeting with Department of Emergency Management Director Sally Bishop and indicated that the County has asked the JWB to reengage its leadership with the disaster recovery program; whereupon, the members expressed their appreciation for Dr. Biddleman's passion and the great progress fostered under her leadership.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

**2. Public comment.**

Mary Ann Renfrow, Tierra Verde, re thank you from Tierra Verde Community Association  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re founded on moral and religious departure  
Greg Pound, Largo, re truth

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re middle school excellence

Bill Pyle, St. Pete Beach, re support for County funding for St. Pete Beach - sewers, parking, library and CRA

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 18 (Items 12 and 13 addressed under Regular Agenda, and Item 14 withdrawn)**

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

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 29, 2016.

Reports received for filing:

4. Annual Investment Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015.
5. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2016-05 dated March 17, 2016 - Audit of Code Enforcement Division Operations and Internal Controls.
6. Dock Fee Report for the month of March 2016.
7. Quarterly Report of Routine Dock and Dredge/Fill Permits issued from January 1 to March 31, 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 8793-16, 8796-16, 8799-16, 8802-16, 8811-16, 8814-16, 8821-16, and 8825-16 adopted January 21, February 4, and March 3, 2016, annexing certain properties.
9. Notification by Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes, Inc. of its 2016 Board of Directors.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.
11. Receipt and file of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending March 31, 2016.

#### Utilities

14. Award of bid to T B Landmark Construction, Inc. for the subaqueous force main crossing replacement project in Madeira Beach.  
This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

15. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Logan Gebby v. Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 16-001159-CI-8.

#### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Housing Finance Authority

16. 2015 Pinellas Community Housing Trust Fund Program Annual Report.

#### Sheriff's Office

17. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund from January 1 to March 31, 2016.
18. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts from January 1 to March 31, 2016.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### Public Works

12. Award of bid to Highway Safety Devices, Inc. for Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System improvements on Park Boulevard (State Road 694)

from Gulf Boulevard (State Road 699) to Grand Boulevard.

Bid No. 156-0148-CP approved in the amount of \$3,231,688.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Eggers requested an update on the system; whereupon, referring to a map, Traffic Engineering Section Manager Thomas E. Washburn pointed out the location of the project and reported that 21 signals, 16 closed-circuit television cameras, and six dynamic message sign structures will be added to the system, connecting with construction currently taking place on U.S. Highway 19 and 66th Street.

Mr. Washburn indicated that the retiming of the system on U.S. Highway 19 from State Road 60 to the county line has just been completed; that the next retiming project will be located on McMullen Booth Road/East Lake Road (County Road 611) from Gulf to Bay Boulevard to Trinity Boulevard; that the data collection process has started; and that the project should commence later in the year.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

13. Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. for the Duke Energy Trail extension project - Segment B2, Phase 1.

Bid No. 156-0188-CP approved in the amount of \$1,236,988.75 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to a request by Commissioner Seel, Traffic Engineering Section Manager Thomas E. Washburn referred to a map and an aerial photograph, pointed out the location of the project, and provided a brief status update regarding the trail extension project.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morroni

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

19. Fourth amendment to the agreement with Miles Media Group, LLLP for technology marketing requirements for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Amendment to Contract No. 112-0250-P approved increasing the contract amount by \$350,000.00 through September 30, 2016, for a total revised estimated expenditure in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Mr. Woodard reported that the \$350,000.00 will provide additional support to manage and maintain the Convention and Visitors Bureau's 11 websites, which are used globally to market the destination; and that the increase will also fund the final design and implementation costs for the CVB's German, Spanish, and Portuguese websites.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

Planning

20. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Release of Leasehold Use Agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of Tampa Bay, Inc. for the project known as Family Village in downtown St. Petersburg.

Resolution No. 16-26 adopted authorizing execution of the release and all related documents.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Morrioni

21. Resolution to declare 67 parcels of vacant County-owned land in the areas of Dansville and Greater Ridgecrest as surplus and authorize the sale and conveyance of the parcels.

Resolution No. 16-27 adopted. The estimated total revenue to Pinellas County for the 67 parcels at approximately \$2.00 per square foot is \$1,294,428.96. Authorization granted for the County Administrator to execute the legal instruments necessary for the conveyances; authorization granted for the Chairman to execute the County deeds and for the Clerk to record the County deeds and resolution in the public records.

Mr. Woodard related that the initiative will leverage partnerships with private developers and the organization Habitat for Humanity; that it will increase the availability of workforce housing in the Dansville and Greater Ridgecrest communities; and that six properties will be conveyed to Habitat for Humanity, nine will be put on the market through an Invitation to Bid, and a decision on the remaining 52 will be made at a future date and ultimately voted on by the Board.

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Planning Department Director Renea Vincent referred to a color-coded map and pointed out the location of the vacant parcels, indicating that she will email a full markup of the map to the members, and Commissioners Seel and Eggers provided input.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Vice-Chairman Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**22.** County Administrator miscellaneous.

Mr. Woodard welcomed and introduced Randi Kim and Barbra Hernandez as the newly-hired Directors of Utilities and Marketing and Communications, respectively.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

**23.** Authority for the County Attorney to initiate litigation on behalf of Amanda Hebden in the claim of Amanda Hebden v. Ronald Anderson - HUD Case No. 04-15-0716-8; PC Case No. 15-035.

Attorney Bennett related that the litigation will be handled under the County's contract with Gulfcoast Legal Services.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

**24.** Dismissal of lawsuits challenging the Department of Juvenile Justice's Final Orders and Rules in Pinellas County v. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Division of Administrative Hearings and First District Court of Appeals cases.

Authority granted to voluntarily dismiss the following cases: Pinellas County v. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Case Nos. 15-0629, 15-0631, and 15-0632 (1st DCA); Division of Administrative Hearings, Case Nos. 14-3958 and 14-2801RP; and execute a release and waiver for existing and future claims relating to juvenile detention



cases.

Attorney Bennett related that the County Attorney's Office is seeking dismissal of all of its litigation in the DJJ cases and is seeking authority for the Chairman to sign all necessary releases related thereto.

Attorney Bennett thanked County Attorney and County Administrator staff for their hard work during the nine years of litigation, and Chairman Justice recognized Pinellas County staff, Florida Association of Counties staff, Senator Jack Latvala, and the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation for their efforts in bringing the matter to resolution.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

25. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

#### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

##### Human Rights

26. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on May 10, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 94, Article III of the County Code relating to an Affirmative Action Plan.

Mr. Woodard related that the item was removed from the agenda at the request of the Affirmative Action Committee Chairman; and that his office will work with Paul Valenti, Office of Human Rights, to potentially bring the item back at a future meeting.

##### Supervisor of Elections

27. Proposed precinct lines.

New Pinellas County Precinct Lines approved, in compliance with Florida Statute 101.001.

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah B. Clark provided background information regarding the Special Redistricting process, relating that it was not scheduled or anticipated; and that staff has been working to ensure a smooth transition for the voting public; whereupon, she presented general and statistical information, relating that only about 8,000 voters will be impacted by the precinct boundary changes.

Supervisor Clark presented information regarding the record turnout for the March 15

Presidential Preference Primary, indicating that this year's later primary allowed additional time for citizens to register or change their political party affiliations. She related that her office will proceed with updating the voter registration database after the Board approves the precinct lines; that the mailing of Voter Information Cards to registered voters will take place during June; and that she encourages all voters to review the information on their voter cards to ensure it is correct.

In response to queries by the members, Supervisor Clark related that she will provide them with a list of precincts and a before-and-after map regarding precinct changes; whereupon, Commissioners Eggers and Welch complimented and thanked Supervisor Clark and her staff for their professionalism and for her leadership statewide on election issues.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long, Supervisor Clark indicated that because the redistricting process was not anticipated, she was unable to plan for it in her budget; and that the County Commission had approved a \$407,000.00 budget amendment at its March 29 meeting to pay for activities associated with the mailing.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Supervisor Clark reported that the Electronic Poll Books have eliminated many of the manual activities formerly performed by her staff and reduced the time to check in voters at the polls, and discussed other efficiencies.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

### 28. County Administrator reports: Housing Finance Authority update.

Following opening comments by Mr. Woodard, Housing Finance Authority (HFA) Executive Director Kathryn Driver provided a handout to the members titled *Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Program Update, HFA of Pinellas County, April 26, 2016*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and provided an update regarding the Community Housing Trust Fund and Affordable Housing Land Assembly Trust Fund programs.

Ms. Driver discussed the Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bond program, indicating that a total of 261 households were served in Pinellas, Pasco, and Polk Counties during 2015; and that by leveraging a combination of HFA General Funds and Housing Trust Funds, approximately \$2.4 million in down payment and closing cost assistance was provided to those homebuyers; whereupon, she related that two bond issues took place in 2015; and that a new bond issue will take place in April 2016.

Ms. Driver discussed the Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. She related

that a bond issue took place in September 2015 for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Boca Ciega Townhomes; that the complex is located in the City of St. Petersburg on 37th Street South; and that 100 percent of the 109 units have been set aside for households at or below 60 percent of the area median income. During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Driver related that Boca Ciega Townhomes has a Section 8 contract that was extended as part of the acquisition and rehabilitation of the complex; and that she will confirm that the extension runs through 2024; whereupon, she indicated that the HFA will be issuing bonds in late 2016 for Sumter Gardens Apartments on behalf of Sumter County, Florida.

Ms. Driver presented information regarding the Sadowski Housing Coalition, relating that the HFA supports the Coalition and the Sadowski Education Effort with an annual \$10,000.00 contribution of its general funds; and that former Florida Senator Ken Pruitt and his P5 Group help to educate legislators about affordable housing; whereupon, she reported that approximately \$5.9 million of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds will be awarded to Pinellas County and the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, and St. Petersburg in 2016/2017; that Pinellas County will receive approximately \$3.1 million; and that the three cities will divide the remainder, and brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Driver provided information pertaining to the Housing Trust Fund, indicating that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) provided total program funding of approximately \$19.4 million dollars; that the HFA administers the Housing Trust Fund through an interlocal agreement with the BCC; that an ordinance was enacted in 2009 to amend the Housing Trust Fund Program so that funds come directly to the HFA; and that the HFA will continue to coordinate with local governments to prioritize and directly fund projects throughout Pinellas County; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Driver related that while the original \$19.4 million was pre-allocated, anything going forward will be based on need; and that her office works closely with local governments to determine community need and where people can work together.

Commissioner Long suggested that letters of appreciation be sent to acknowledge those involved in helping Pinellas County receive an increase in SHIP funds, and Commissioner Morroni agreed; whereupon, responding to queries by the members, Ms. Driver related that the main governmental liaisons are Mark Hendrickson, Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities and Jaimie Ross, Florida Housing Coalition.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long, Pinellas County Intergovernmental Liaison Mary Scott Hardwick related that the item is part of the Legislative Agenda that the members adopt each year; that the Legislative Delegation and the Florida Association of Counties are working to ensure there is adequate funding for affordable housing; and that the allocation increased not only for Pinellas County, but for the overall program as well.

In response to queries by Commissioners Seel and Welch, Ms. Driver reported that the HFA received the Multifamily Excellence Award for the Pinellas Heights Senior Apartments during the recent National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies

(NALHFA) conference in Dallas; and that Pinellas County provided over \$1.2 million of Housing Trust Funds for the financing of those apartments, making it a great public/private partnership; whereupon, she related that the Pinellas Heights Senior Apartments comprise 153 units of affordable senior housing for residents aged 62 and above; that rents are income based and range from \$36.00 to \$489.00 per month; that the complex is fully complete and available for viewing; and that it is located on Ulmerton Road next door to the Housing Authority.

Ms. Driver presented the following information regarding the Land Assembly Fund:

- July 2015 - HFA released Notice of Funding Availability/Request for Applications for New Construction/Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Multifamily Development pursuant to July 9, 2015 County memorandum; seven applications were received; most contingent on receiving funding from Florida Housing Finance Corporation's competitive SAIL and ELI cycle.
- August 2015 - County released Request for Letters of Interest for Purchase of Land for Affordable Housing; one Letter of Interest was received from D&D Missionary Homes, known as Lealman Heights.
- February 2016 - County released second Request for Letters of Interest for Purchase of Land for Affordable Housing; three letters of interest were received from interested parties in the Lealman Heights area.
- Six transactions have been funded to date: Garden Trail Apartments, Palms of Pinellas Apartments, the Lealman Heights property, and three scattered sites within Lealman Heights.
- Approximately \$6.8 million of Land Assembly Funds have been used to date.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Driver provided further information regarding the dollars allocated to the Land Assembly Fund, relating that the \$6.8 million was not part of the initial \$19.4 million allocation; whereupon, she presented general, statistical, and financial information regarding the six recently-funded properties, indicating that the scattered sites are within the geographic footprint of Lealman Heights.

Ms. Driver presented further information regarding the Lealman Heights project and presented a breakdown of the units currently occupied and those available for rent, reporting that 14 units are in various stages of rehabilitation, will be ready for occupancy by the end of April, and are being marketed via newspapers and other methods; and that interested parties can contact the Housing Authority or her office; whereupon, she discussed the Garden Trail Apartments project, indicating that it had been a case study at the NALHFA Conference in Dallas for the panel titled *Marrying Housing Credits with Local, State, and Federal Resources*, and Mr. Woodard noted that \$1 million in County funding leveraged \$17 million and helped the project come to fruition.

Ms. Driver presented information regarding The Preserves at Clam Bayou, indicating that it is a 25-unit multifamily new construction project located at 34th Avenue South, east of Clam Bayou Park; that 8 and 17 units have been set aside for households with incomes under 40 percent and 60 percent of the average median income, respectively; that 80 percent of the units will be set aside for households affected by mental health disabilities; that an application has been submitted by Boley Centers, Inc.; that an additional \$840,790.00 subsidy has been provided by the City of St. Petersburg; and that the developer is providing an \$80,000.00 contribution.

Commissioner Seel questioned whether Pinellas County has been working with the Juvenile Welfare Board or the Family Services Initiative to try to relocate families presently living in motels to the new multifamily properties, and expressed her strong interest in addressing the problem; whereupon, Ms. Driver related that while she is unsure if the Housing Authority has reached out, she is aware that Human Services has been working to place some of the families in those units. In response to further queries by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Driver reported that most of the properties are being managed by the Pinellas County Housing Authority under the name Pinellas Property Management Company; and that the Garden Trail Apartments have their own property management company.

Commissioner Welch provided information regarding the number of housing units that have been subsidized by Pinellas County and how those units will remain affordable for decades. He related that he strongly supports Commissioner Seel's comments about getting families out of motels and into proper housing and cited an example of one St. Petersburg motel that has become de facto housing for poor families. In response to his queries, Ms. Driver reported that she has not heard from developers regarding the construction of housing for families who presently reside in motels, but that her office is happy to partner and determine ways to leverage dollars to facilitate such transactions, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gerard related that she supports looking at partnerships between the County and the cities in order to pool resources, and discussed the thousands of Pinellas County families living in substandard housing.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

### 29. County Commission miscellaneous.

#### Commissioner Seel

Thanked Juvenile Welfare Board Executive Director Dr. Marcie Biddleman for her presentation earlier in the meeting.

Suggested that the members coordinate their attendance at public events in order that all important events are attended by a Commissioner, and Commissioner Justice related that he would look into creating a calendar for that purpose. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Welch indicated that Microsoft Office 365 may have calendaring

functionality; and that some cities utilize their websites to inform the public of meetings where government officials will be in attendance, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.

Commissioner Eggers

Reported that on May 2, County Staff will be speaking with residents of the Tarpon Woods' community regarding flooding preparedness.

Related that he will host a Town Hall Meeting in the Palm Harbor Library on May 9 at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner Welch

Inquired about the numerous emails that have been received regarding Pasco County water, and Chairman Justice indicated that he has provided a thorough response and will forward copies of it to the members, and Commissioner Gerard provided input.

Commissioner Gerard

Suggested that in order to apprise the Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) organization of the County's efforts regarding affordable housing, they should be provided the report titled *Program Update, Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, April 26, 2016*.

Announced that the Bayside Health Clinic ribbon cutting took place yesterday, followed by the clinic opening for business.

Reported that the Largo Transit Center ribbon cutting will take place on April 28 at 1:00 P.M.

Indicated that Mr. Woodard has agreed to have staff conduct a presentation regarding mosquito control in order to address the concerns of county residents.

Commissioner Morroni

Related that he had attended a meeting of the Gulf Consortium last Thursday.

Commissioner Long

Provided an update regarding recent and upcoming activities of the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission, and related that she will keep the members apprised of final decisions as they are made.

Attended the *Future of the Region Awards*, an annual event conducted by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, noting those who had received awards.

Discussed a local business that now utilizes solar panels, relating that the company has significantly lowered its electricity costs.

Chairman Justice

Attended the Allegiant Air annual conference on St. Pete Beach.

Attended a show this morning put on by Palm Harbor University High School students.

Attended the Area Agency on Aging annual luncheon last week.

Congratulated Commissioners Gerard and Long for a successful annual dinner for the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club.

Congratulated Holly Greening, Director, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, for receiving a Future of the Region Award.

Announced that the Commission's annual Community Conversation will take place on May 3; that a meet-and-greet will commence at 5:30 P.M.; and that the program will follow at 6:00 P.M.

Related that he and the County Attorney have drafted a Fracking Ordinance; and that he will bring the ordinance before the members soon, and thanked Commissioners Gerard and Long for bringing forward the topic a few months ago.

**Meeting Recessed: 4:17 PM**

**Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Justice indicated that members of the Youth Advisory Committee will be heard at this time.**

Chairman Gerard introduced Youth Advisory Committee Chairman Madison Blake and Committee Members Kortney Mattox and Jennifer Hu; whereupon, each discussed her goals and aspirations, presented information regarding recent Committee activities, and thanked the members for the opportunity to be a part of the organization.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Gerard related that the Youth Advisory Committee members have provided valuable insight regarding ways Pinellas County can attract young adults into County Government service; and that Miss Mattox will return next month to provide a year-end report.

**Retirement of Gordon R. Beardslee.**

The members congratulated Planning Department Director Gordon R. Beardslee on his upcoming retirement and wished him well in future endeavors.

30. Case No. Q CU-11-3-16 (Silver Mine Gifts, LLC, c/o Ralph W. Goddard)  
A request for a conditional use to allow the dispensing of alcohol by a fraternal organization for on-premises consumption in a P-1 zone on approximately 1.5 acres located at 490 Alternate U.S. 19 in Palm Harbor.

Resolution No. 16-28 adopted approving Case No. CU-11-3-16. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. Ten letters in support of the application have been received.

In response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Ralph W. Goddard, Palm Harbor, appeared and indicated that he is the owner of the subject parcel; that his contract for sale of the property to the Fraternal Order of Eagles is contingent upon approval of the application; and that the majority of the neighbors living on Virginia Avenue support the application, as does the Ozona Village Improvement Society.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Goddard addressed Staff Condition No. 5, which reads, "The site's access point on Virginia Avenue shall be closed, provided the appropriate waiver is obtained from the County." Mr. Goddard explained that the Fire Marshal wants the Virginia Avenue access to remain open and, referring to a map, pointed out the location of Virginia Avenue, Alternate U.S. Highway 19, and property access points.

During discussion and in response to queries by the members, Planning Department Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey related that it was the applicant who had requested that the access to Virginia Avenue be closed; that the Fire Marshall subsequently indicated his desire to have the access remain open; and that it does not affect the conditions; whereupon, he referred to a map and pointed out businesses and other entities in the general vicinity, and Mr. Goddard provided input.

In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers, Richard Porambo, Tarpon Springs, appeared and indicated that he represents the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and provided further information regarding the Fire Marshal wanting the Virginia Avenue access to remain open; whereupon, he related that Eagles' members are generally in their 60s and 70s; that entertainment is usually over by 9:30 P.M.; and that his organization looks forward to being in Downtown Palm Harbor.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morrone, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch



31. Ordinance amending Section 122-68 of the County Code specific to golf carts permitted in Highland Lakes by removing the restriction "to accommodate golf cart play" (companion to item no. 32).

Ordinance No. 16-23 adopted. Staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance. The Clerk reported that two emails and 17 phone calls in support of the proposal have been received.

Chairman Justice related that there had been some communication issues in forwarding items from the County Commission offices to Board Records; whereupon, he read the names of citizens who had sent emails or made phone calls, indicating that 30 individuals were in support of the item, and six were in opposition.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Traffic Engineering Section Manager Thomas E. Washburn opined that approval of the item will not set precedent; and that it is a minor request. He indicated that an ordinance and a resolution were approved in 2007 to allow golf carts in the community; and that the only change relates to local residents who wish to use their golf carts for activities other than playing golf, which actually reflects current practice.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Washburn indicated that Florida Statute restricts golf cart speed to 20 miles per hour or less and addresses various prohibitions with respect to golf cart operation; and that a golf cart licensed for "on road" use is not restricted by the ordinance, and Commissioner Morroni provided input and expressed support for the item.

Chairman Justice related that he had no Citizen Comment Cards in opposition to the item; and that the following individuals had completed comment cards and are in attendance to express their support of the item: Shirley Gorrell, Hank Samuel, Susan Samuel, Robert Myers, Don Noble, and Bob Donaldson, Palm Harbor; whereupon, Mr. Samuel expressed appreciation to Mr. Washburn for his hard work during the process.

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

32. Resolution specific to golf carts permitted in Highland Lakes to remove the restriction "to accommodate golf cart play" (regular agenda item) (companion to item no. 31).

Resolution No. 16-29 adopted.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

33. Resolution to approve the City of St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Area Plan

(companion to item no. 34).

Mr. Woodard related that, as announced earlier, the item has been removed from the agenda at the request of the City of St. Pete Beach.

- 34. Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Pete Beach for governance and funding of the St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Area (regular agenda item) (companion to item no. 33).

Mr. Woodard related that, as announced earlier, the item has been removed from the agenda at the request of the City of St. Pete Beach.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:38 P.M.**



ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Andrea J. Smitke*  
Deputy Clerk