

Pinellas County

*Pinellas County Cooperative Extension
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

*Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 9:33 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair Charlie Justice, Rene Flowers, Pat Gerard, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, and Karen Williams Seel

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Manager, Board Records; and Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter

INVOCATION by Pastor Louis Murphy, Sr., Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Earth Day/Arbor Day Proclamation:
 - James Stevenson, Extension Specialist, Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center
 - Michael DePappa, Section Manager, Urban Forestry, Public Works
 - Martha Gruber, Environmental Specialist III, Environmental Management, Public Works

Chair Eggers invited Messes. Stevenson and DePappa, and Ms. Gruber to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing April 22 as Earth Day and April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day; whereupon, they each provided brief comments and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

2. National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week Proclamation:
 - Judith Weshinskey-Price, Director, Public Safety Center
 - Nicole McKeigue, Telecommunicator 2, Public Safety Center

Chair Eggers invited Mses. Weshinskey-Price and McKeigue to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing April 11 through April 17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week; whereupon, Ms. Weshinskey-Price provided brief comments and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

3. Employee Recognition Award:
Regional 911 Telecommunicators, Public Safety Center
 - Judith Weshinskey-Price, Director
 - Nicole McKeigue, Telecommunicator 2

Chair Eggers presented the Pinellas County Employee Recognition Award to the Regional 911 Public Safety Center Telecommunicators; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services they provide.

4. Partner Presentation:
 - Eric Corliss, Executive Director, American Red Cross of Tampa BayReferring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Corliss and Vice-Chair Ela Landegger, American Red Cross of Tampa Bay, provided information regarding initiatives and services the Red Cross provides locally and nationally.
5. Partner Presentation:
 - Thomas Mantz, CEO, Feeding Tampa BayReferring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Mantz provided information regarding Feeding Tampa Bay initiatives and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

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.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

6. Case No. CW 21-02 - City of Tarpon Springs
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.58 acre more or less, located at Anclote Boulevard and L and R Industrial Boulevard.

Ordinance No. 21-08 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-02. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.
A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be approved . The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel
7. Case No. CW 21-05 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium and Residential Low Medium to Residential Low Medium, regarding 9.0 acres more or less, located at 1280 and 1298 Lakeview Road.

Ordinance No. 21-09 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-05. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.
A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Long, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

8. Case No. CW 21-06 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Employment & Target Employment Center to Multimodal Corridor & Target Employment Center, regarding 29.11 acres more or less, located at 1501 72nd Street North, St. Petersburg.

Hearing continued until June 8, 2021. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended denial of the proposal, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval with the condition that the workforce housing be guaranteed. Twenty-four emails in support of and one phone call and 168 emails in opposition to the application have been received. One phone call, one letter, and eight emails were received expressing comments and concerns regarding the proposal.

Derek Kilborn, City of St. Petersburg Planning and Development Services Department, stated that the applicant is requesting a continuance until June 8 to address concerns that were expressed at the Forward Pinellas meeting, provide additional economic data, and explore potential amendments to the development agreement.

Upon call by the Chair for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Todd Johnson, St. Petersburg
Greg Holzwart, St. Petersburg
James Schattman, St. Petersburg
Melanie Goodman, St. Petersburg
Ellen Peterson, St. Petersburg

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the item be continued to June 8, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

9. Case No. CW 21-07 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services, Employment, Office, Public/Semi-Public, Residential Low Medium, Recreation/Open Space and Preservation to Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor, regarding 140.46 acres more or less in the Largo Tri-City Activity Center.

Ordinance No. 21-10 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-07. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

10. Petition of Daniel Matiushenok and Anna Matiushenok to vacate a portion of a 7.5-foot wide public utilities and drainage easement located on Lot 9, Block 11, Oakhurst Acres 3rd Addition, Plat Book 66, Page 85, lying in Section 18-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 21-19 adopted granting the petition. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff indicated no objection to the petition being granted. No correspondence has been received. Applicant Anna Matiushenok spoke and indicated that she is available to answer any questions by the Commissioners. 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 Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

11. Local State of Emergency.

Commissioner Eggers discussed the past year related to COVID-19, reflecting on the Stay at Home order in the spring of 2020, various trends in positivity rates over the course of the year, and the increased activities in the community as a result of the introduction of the vaccine; whereupon, he stated that although the Commission will not be voting on modifications to the mask ordinance today, there will be a discussion regarding the ordinance. He asked that citizens and Commission members be respectful in their comments.

Mr. Burton indicated that the action being requested is to extend the Local State of Emergency until April 23; whereupon, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe related that COVID-19 case counts and percent positivity rates are increasing; that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 was the third most common cause of death in the United States in 2020; and that there has been an increase in hospitalizations over the last month.

Dr. Choe discussed COVID-19 variants that are present in the United States, the number of vaccinations administered within Pinellas County, and the progress towards herd immunity; whereupon, Mr. Burton provided information regarding vaccination efforts in the county.

In response to a query by Commissioner Peters, Dr. Choe related that individuals infected with COVID-19 may have less antibodies than what they would receive through the vaccine;

and that the number of individuals who have been infected with COVID-19 combined with the number of vaccinations could bring the community closer to the herd immunity target percentage; whereupon, he and Mr. Burton responded to queries by the members regarding the following topics:

- Administration of the second dose of the vaccine
- May 25, 2021 as the target date to have 50 percent of county residents vaccinated
- Mask ordinances in nearby counties
- Death rates over the past month
- Differences between influenza and COVID-19 testing

Mr. Burton indicated that a University of South Florida report which has been provided to the Commission contains recommendations from both the CDC and the World Health Organization and discusses the impact of masks in schools and in the community; whereupon, Dr. Choe provided an overview of the report, noting that the report concluded that if social measures to combat COVID-19 transmission are removed too early, the risk of a surge in COVID-19 infections would be greater.

Dr. Choe discussed the document developed by County staff regarding masks and indicated that it provides county-by-county statistics for those counties with mask mandates and those without, and related that studies show that school districts without mask policies have higher COVID-19 student infection rates than school districts with mask policies.

In response to queries by the members, Dr. Choe, with input by Emergency Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson, discussed the link between COVID-19 and mental health disorders, and provided information regarding the monitoring of variants, hospital bed availability, and hospital staffing shortages.

Upon call by the Chair for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Juli Halifax, Clearwater
Kali Alonso, Clearwater
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Stacy Geier, Largo
AW Simpson, Largo
Virginia Frizzle, Largo
Tammy Deloye, New Port Richey
Greg Pound, Largo
Cheryl Lockhart, Seminole
Kristy Alvarez, Seminole
Christina Ornelas, Largo
Jill Gibbs, Clearwater
Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach
Heidi Hilliard, Dunedin

Tom Rask, Seminole
Audra Christian, Seminole
Shamus Ornelas, Largo
Geoffrey Caputo, Kenneth City
Gary LeFleur, Clearwater
Jackie LeFleur, Clearwater
Aden Barnes, Largo
Meghan Panek, Clearwater
Denise Lewis, Tarpon Springs
Kathy Sweigart, Clearwater
Bruce Feldman, Dunedin
Linda Skempris, St. Petersburg
Karen Mullins, Dunedin
Shannon Harrison, Largo
Chris Steiner, Palm Harbor
Mary McCarthy, Largo
Rosie Purden, Clearwater
Susan Bucci, Tarpon Springs
Maura Sweeney, Clearwater
Jessica Carroll, Seminole
Susan Tauber, North Redington Beach

Mr. Burton indicated that the earliest date that the mask ordinance could be placed on the agenda for discussion is May 11, 2021; whereupon, Chair Eggers called for a break prior to the Commission discussion.

Meeting Recessed: 1:27 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 1:48 P.M.

In response to queries by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton provided an overview of the Local State of Emergency (LSE), indicating that it allows the County to be reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and that it is separate from any statewide state of emergency; whereupon, he discussed his order requiring organizations who host large events to have approved safety plans in place.

Attorney White provided an overview of the impetus behind the creation of the mask ordinance and discussed statutory requirements related to the passage of emergency ordinances and regular ordinances. She discussed Governor Ron DeSantis's decision to remit the fines of individuals and businesses who violated local restrictions regarding COVID-19.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Justice, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Resolution No. 21-20 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on April 23, 2021.

The Commissioners, with input by Attorney White and Mr. Burton, discussed the following topics:

- Decorum when addressing the Commission
- Statistics related to vaccinations, mask mandate effectiveness, and COVID-19 infection rates among those with comorbidities
- Information regarding COVID-19 treatment, the lifting of mask restrictions, and the development of scientific research
- Suicide and overdose rates in 2020
- Exemptions in the mask ordinance for children and outdoor spaces
- Options for changes to the mask ordinance, including full repeal or partial repeal

During discussion, Commissioner Long expressed reservations regarding holding a public hearing on the mask ordinance in May, indicating that she believes the Commission should err on the side of caution and provide Dr. Choe, scientists, and universities more time to evaluate the effects of changing policies on COVID-19 rates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerard, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the Board discuss the mask ordinance and other regulations relating to COVID-19 at a public hearing on May 11, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

12. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Jamie Lewis, Clearwater
Greg Pound, Largo

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 13 through 35

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

13. Vouchers and bills paid from February 14 through March 13, 2021.

Period: February 14 through February 20, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$34,058,510.70

Payroll - \$4,025,510.14

Period: February 21 through February 27, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$26,436,040.16

Payroll - None

Period: February 28 through March 06, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$65,522,641.04

Payroll - \$4,081,350.08

Period: March 07 through March 13, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$10,225,120.46

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

14. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Independent Auditor's Reports, Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2020.
15. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020.
16. Dock Fee Report for the month of February 2021.
17. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.
18. Tampa Bay Water Annual Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020.
19. Juvenile Welfare Board Certified Annual Financial Report dated March 24, 2021, and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

20. City of Clearwater Ordinance Nos. 9416-21 and 9422-21 adopted January 21, 2021, annexing certain properties.
21. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9419-21 adopted February 18, 2021, annexing certain properties.
22. City of Madeira Beach Notices of Public Hearings held March 22 and April 5, 2021, regarding a proposed development agreement and rezoning associated with PD 2021-01.
23. City of Seminole Ordinance Nos. 01-2021 and 02-2021 adopted February 9, 2021, annexing certain properties.
24. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearing held March 3, 2021, regarding a special exception and related site plan to construct an accessory surface parking lot on a residentially zoned lot, Case No. 21-32000001.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Development Review Services

25. Plat of Sunset at Lansbrook Second Replat; a private residential subdivision.

Public Works

26. Award of bid to Keystone Excavators, Inc. for the Crystal Beach paving and drainage improvements project.

Bid No. 21-0153-CP (PID No. 002932A) in the amount of \$1,434,677.75 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

27. Award of bid to R.J.P. Enterprises, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2021-2023 sidewalk and underdrain replacement projects.

Bid No. 21-0216-CP (PID No. 004753A) in the amount of \$3,115,360.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. This contract supplements a current sidewalk contract awarded on December 11, 2018 due to increased work demands. All work is expected to be completed within 1,095 consecutive calendar days.

- 28.** Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior for the Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center Water Resource Investigations to continue supporting the County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit.

One-year joint funding agreement approved in the amount of \$261,900.00 (County responsibility, \$204,174.00). Agreement is effective May 2, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

- 29.** Ranking of firms and agreements for requirements of professional engineering services pertaining to Stormwater Professional Engineering Services.

(Contract No. 190-0020-CN) Ranking of firms and agreements with the following firms approved with an upset limit over the five-year term in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for each firm, for a total of \$18,700,000.00. County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders pertaining to these agreements pending the negotiated rates remain the same.

- Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc.
- Atkins North America, Inc.
- Burgess & Niple, Inc.
- DRMP, Inc.
- Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
- Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Land & Water Engineering Science, Inc.
- Pennoni Associates, Inc.
- Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

Utilities

- 30.** Award of bid to Southern Underground Industries, Inc. for the Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement project in the Hamlin Boulevard area.

Bid No. 190-0691-CP (PID No. 003123J) in the amount of \$1,246,716.50 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 31.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Twynetta Feazell v. Advanced RX Management, Inc., et al; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-000752-CI-20 - interpleader action.
- 32.** Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Paul Nichols, Jr. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-003560-CI-7 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

33. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Thomas Davis v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005536-CI-11 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
34. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of William Resop v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-000756-CI-13 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
35. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Thomas Garrett v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-000742-CI-19 - action to set aside trust.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

36. Airport Coronavirus Response Grant program resulting grants applications, grant agreements, and documents designated for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Grant applications and resulting agreements approved in the total amount of \$4,806,846.00 to the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency under the recently passed Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act's Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program. No local match is required; funding must be obligated by June 30, 2021 and expended within four years.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Economic Development

37. Part three of certificate as to project site, rights-of-way, and easements as required by a grant award from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the construction of the Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator.

Part Three of the Site Certificate approved titled *Owner's Certification Regarding Eminent Domain* related to the construction of the Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 38.** Resolution expressing support of C1012942751 as a qualified applicant for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Economic Development Director Mike Meidel provided a brief review of the company, indicating that it has been in Pinellas County for decades and has over 300 employees. He related that the request for tax exemption would allow the company to retain its existing staff and add ten more with the expansion of its facility. Commissioner Seel expressed her concern that the company was only growing by ten employees while the County could potentially lose nearly a million dollars in lost tax revenue over a decade, and Chair Eggers concurred.

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

Aye: 3 - Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Gerard

Nay: 4 - Chair Eggers, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Human Services

- 39.** Grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration for the Health Care for the Homeless program.

Grant award approved and accepted for funding in the amount of \$1,597,565.00 for the final year of a three-year project from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. No County match is required; the County anticipates applying non-federal funds to the program totaling approximately \$2,943,946.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Justice

Public Works

- 40.** Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project at Pass-a-Grille.

(County Project No. 004487A; Pass-a-Grille 2021 Beach Nourishment Agreement 21PI1) Agreement approved in the amount of \$940,500.00 for construction and monitoring activities from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. County match is required in the amount of \$940,500.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Justice

Utilities

- 41.** Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with TLC Diversified, Inc. for the Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement Highland Lakes Area project.

(Contract No. 190-0106-CP) Change Order approved increasing the contract amount by \$221,728.51 for a revised total of \$1,005,958.51.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Justice

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CareerSource Pinellas

- 42.** Subsequent designation of local workforce area and continued charter of WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Application for subsequent designation and continued charter approved, covering a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

In response to a query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Burton related that any news on federal or state liability is still pending.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Supervisor of Elections

- 43.** Fiscal Year 2021 Board Budget Amendment No. 2 to realign appropriation from the General Government cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Amendment approved in the amount of \$372,000.00 to procure an automatic tabulating system which will be implemented in the Fall 2021 elections.

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 Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 44.** Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Cortez Haugabook - action for protection of animals.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gerard

- 45.** Proposed settlement in the case of Jeffrey Sachs, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005453-CI-11.

Attorney White indicated that no action needed to be taken on the item.

- 46.** County Attorney Reports:
- Redistricting Update

Attorney White provided a brief update regarding the Redistricting Board, indicating that the County has almost finalized contracts with a consultant and outside legal counsel; that the consultant will analyze data and facilitate the meetings of the Board; and that meetings are expected to begin in October; whereupon, in response to queries by the Commissioners, Attorney White indicated that the Redistricting Board will have approximately one month to work on the redistricting process; and that members will be appointed at a future meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

47. County Administrator Reports.

Mr. Burton related that staff is monitoring the situation at Piney Point in Manatee County; that he is working with municipalities and businesses regarding responses to COVID-19; and that he is currently evaluating the County's economic development process in anticipation of Economic Development Director Mike Meidel's retirement at the end of the year.

Mr. Burton indicated that the County has worked with the City of St. Petersburg to interview three consulting firms to assist with evaluating the possibility of a new stadium for the Tampa Bay Rays; and that one firm has been selected; whereupon, Chair Eggers stated that the St. Petersburg City Council is meeting with the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday; and that he will be in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Burton provided information regarding the redevelopment of the Tropicana Field site and the financing structure behind building a new stadium.

COUNTY COMMISSION

48. Appointment/reappointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Tina Ambrose and Eric Smith appointed and reappointed, respectively, to Health Care Provider positions and Nadine Nickeson reappointed to a Health Care Consumer position for two-year terms following a voice vote.

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 Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

49. County Commission New Business:

- Appointment by the Chair to the Agency on Bay Management (Commissioner Eggers)
- Appointment by the Chair to the Canvassing Board as an Alternate for the August and November 2021 Elections (Commissioner Eggers)
- Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and Other New Business

Chair Eggers announced his appointments of Commissioner Justice to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Agency on Bay Management and Commissioner Peters as the alternate Commissioner on the Canvassing Board for the August and November 2021 elections.

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

Commissioner Peters

- Pinellas County Youth Advisory Council

Commissioner Long

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Forward Pinellas Waterborne Transportation Committee
- Florida Association of Counties annual conference
- John Morroni Legacy Foundation

Commissioner Seel

- Forward Pinellas
- Forward Pinellas School Transportation Safety Committee

Commissioner Justice

- Piney Point

Chair Eggers

- Faith and Action for Strength Together
- Mayors' Council of Pinellas County

ADJOURNMENT - 3:41 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk




Chair