

# **Pinellas County**

*Pinellas County Cooperative Extension  
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**9:30 A.M.**

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

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

**ROLL CALL - 9:35 A.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, Charlie Justice, 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 Department; and Amelia Hanks, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**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

1. Case No. CW 20-17 - City of Pinellas Park  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services to Employment, regarding 2.19 acres more or less, located at 12575 U.S. Highway 19 North.

Ordinance No. 20-32 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-17. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the amendment, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager Rodney Chatman related that the amendment is to allow the owner to utilize a portion of the property as outdoor storage for his business; and that the Employment category allows for various types of employment uses, including office, commercial, and light manufacturing; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers noted that the category is already prevalent in the area.

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

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

2. Case No. CW 20-18 - City of Largo  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail & Services, Employment, Office, Public/Semi-Public, Residential Medium, Residential Low Medium, Recreation/Open Space, and Preservation to Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor, regarding 736.2 acres more or less, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 19 and Roosevelt Boulevard.

Ordinance No. 20-33 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-18. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the amendment, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Eggers recognized the work that has been done by Forward Pinellas; Pinellas County Government; the Cities of Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg; and the Florida Department of Transportation with regard to the Gateway Master Plan.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Interim Planning Division Manager Evan Johnson indicated that the status of the unincorporated parcels included in the 881 acres referenced in the Special Area Plan will remain unchanged unless there is a voluntary annexation.

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

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

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. Petition of 201 Alt. 19 North LLC to vacate a ten-foot-wide strip of right-of-way acquired by Pinellas County per Official Records Book 5977, Page 1991. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 20-156 adopted granting the petition. Clerk authorized to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. Interested parties were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff indicated no objection to the vacation request. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

4. Petition of Lynne Atwood Williams and Joseph Williams, as Trustees of The Williams Family Revocable Trust dated April 9, 2015, to vacate a portion of the 4th Avenue Southeast right-of-way (60-foot-wide) lying south of and being coincident with Lot 14, Block E, Floral Gardens Unit One, according to the Map or Plat thereof as being recorded in Plat Book 51, Pages 8 and 9 of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida and lying north of and being coincident with Lot 1, Floral Gardens-Unit Two, according to the Map or Plat thereof as being recorded in Plat Book 62, Page 14 of the public records of Pinellas County, Florida, lying in Section 36-29-15. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 20-157 adopted granting the petition. Clerk authorized to record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties and contained easement contingencies from the City of Largo, Duke Energy, Frontier, and Wow! Services. Staff recommended retaining a public utility easement over portions of the vacated right-of-way. Interested parties were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff indicated no objection to the vacation request. 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 Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

5. Resolution and ordinance extending the existence of the Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment Area for 20 years, expanding the boundaries, adopting a modified Community Redevelopment Plan, and extending and modifying the redevelopment trust fund to include the expanded areas and adjust the County's Tax Increment Financing contribution rates.

Resolution No. 20-158 adopted extending the existence of the Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) through January 1, 2041, expanding its boundaries, and adopting a modified Community Redevelopment Plan; and Ordinance No. 20-34 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Section 38-64, providing for a 20-year extension of the corresponding Redevelopment Trust Fund and modification of County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) contribution rates and establishing a mid-point review process. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Burton related that establishing criteria for mid-point reviews of the CRAs is a work in progress; that the City of Pinellas Park CRA is expiring and due for extension; and that CRAs will be placed on a work session agenda in the early part of next year.

Interim Planning Division Manager Evan Johnson referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Pinellas Park CRA Plan Expansion/Extension* and provided an overview of the request, including information regarding the existing CRA, the proposed 20-year extension, expansion of the CRA's boundary; and modification of the TIF rate.

In response to queries by Commissioners Justice and Eggers, Pinellas Park City Manager Doug Lewis related he will present the formation of a citizen advisory committee to the City's CRA board for consideration; whereupon, Attorney White indicated that the County has authority over all CRAs; that requiring advisory committees for CRAs is within its authority; and that it could be included in future resolutions.

Following further discussion with input by Attorney White, a motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved with a strong recommendation to establish citizen advisory committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved with a strong recommendation to establish a citizen advisory committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

6. Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg that delegates all powers and authority in Chapter 163 Part III, Florida Statutes, from Pinellas County to the City of St. Petersburg for the Intown West Community Redevelopment Area, Phase II Trust Fund, ends County Tax Increment Financing contributions to the Intown West CRA, and decreases the City's future Tax Increment Financing contribution to the Intown West CRA from 95% to 50%.

Resolution No. 20-159 adopted approving the agreement. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to query by Commissioner Justice, Interim Planning Division Manager Evan Johnson indicated that there will be one final prorated County contribution of approximately \$142,000.00; that the City will have five years to spend the remaining County funds; and that the County will have no future investment in the CRA.

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

- 7. Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2020 Intergovernmental Radio Communications Fund Budget due to lower than anticipated revenues, and realigning funds within the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget and the Intergovernmental Radio Communications Fund Budget.

Resolution No. 20-160 adopted supplementing the Intergovernmental Radio Communications Fund Budget in the amount of \$131,000.00 due to a revenue shortfall resulting from COVID-19. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to query by Commissioner Long pertaining to legislation requiring the installation of equipment in certain buildings by 2022, Director of Safety and Emergency Services Jim Fogarty related that bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs) are building-specific; that state ordinance requires the fire marshal to measure radio signals in various locations to determine an average; and that a BDA is designed based upon the average.

Responding to query by Chair Gerard, Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger indicated that the budget shortfall is related to COVID-19; and that fewer people driving resulted in a loss of revenue due to a decrease in moving violation citations.

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

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- 8. Public Comment.

Bennet Cecil, Clearwater Beach  
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)  
Brad Felske, Largo  
Vicki Love, Dunedin  
Devon Waite, Oldsmar

Karen Mullins, Dunedin  
Beth Hobind, Tarpon Springs  
Jane Graham, Rocky Point  
Aluna Michaels, Clearwater (spelling uncertain)  
Tex Carter (city not provided)  
Kim Begay, Palm Harbor  
Marilyn Ward, Palm Harbor  
Jeremy Reynolds, Dunedin  
Jill Master, St. Petersburg  
David Happe, Tarpon Springs  
Chris L., Dunedin  
Robert Helinger, Largo  
Kelly Johnson, Dunedin  
John Hendricks, Mayor, Madeira Beach  
Greg Pound, Largo  
Kai Rubach, Dunedin (later in the meeting)

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 9 through 22**

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

- 9. Minutes of the virtual regular meeting held September 10, 2020.
- 10. Vouchers and bills paid from September 27 through October 31, 2020.

Period: September 27 through October 3, 2020  
Accounts Payable - \$62,309,402.98  
Payroll - \$3,884,740.68

Period: October 4 through October 10, 2020  
Accounts Payable - \$19,424,977.46  
Payroll - None

Period: October 11 through October 17, 2020  
Accounts Payable - \$16,216,850.89  
Payroll - \$3,888,948.07

Period: October 18 through October 24, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$19,803,021.46

Payroll - None

Period: October 25 through October 31, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$31,416,014.89

Payroll - \$4,143,321.44

## Reports received for filing:

11. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-18 dated October 7, 2020 - Audit of Pinellas CARES Small Business Grant Program.
12. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2019-2020 - Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.
13. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2019-2020 - Pinellas County Sheriff, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.
14. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2019-2020 - Pinellas County Property Appraiser, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.
15. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2019-2020 - Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.
16. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2019-2020 - Pinellas County Tax Collector, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.
17. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$500 or More for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

18. Award of bid to Advanced Roofing, Inc. for roofing services and supplies, waterproofing, and related products and services.

Contract No. 190-0336-B for an estimated average annual amount of \$778,000.00 for a 60-month term total not to exceed \$3,890,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest. Bid of Precision Roofing rejected as being non-responsive for not meeting specifications.

19. Ranking of firms and agreements with the three highest-ranked firms for requirements of auction services for vehicles and equipment, a Tampa Bay Purchasing Cooperative contract. (Contract No. 190-0537-R) Ranking of firms and agreements with the following firms for an estimated annual revenue of \$642,338.00 over an 84-month term approved (estimated total revenue, \$4,496,366.00). Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.
- Atkinson Realty and Auction, Inc.
  - Royal Auction Group, Inc.
  - Tampa Machinery Auction, Inc.

#### County Administrator

20. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending October 31, 2020.
- Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Burton related that the \$2 million agreement with CareerSource Pinellas represents the provision of training grants for the unemployed.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Jerry Tetro v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-04309-CI-19 - allegations of negligence.
22. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Estate of Khloe Williams v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-004706-CI-7 - allegations of negligence.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS****23. Local State of Emergency.**

Mr. Burton introduced the item, indicating that the proposed resolution would extend the Local State of Emergency from November 20 to November 27; that the average COVID-19 case count and percent positivity have continued to increase; and that the hospital CEOs and Health Department have formulated criteria for rescinding the mask mandate for presentation to the Board early next month.

Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided an overview of current COVID-related data, indicating that the number of cases and deaths in Pinellas County have been increasing; that there has been a rise in hospitalizations related to COVID-19; that two vaccines are being reported as being highly effective and are awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration; and that the supply will be limited and distribution will be prioritized. He emphasized that obtaining a flu vaccine is extremely important; and that COVID-19 preventive measures should continue.

Discussion ensued, and responding to queries and comments by the members, Dr. Choe and Mr. Burton discussed the following:

- Case increases in 20-30 year-olds and in schools
- Most severe cases remain in the older age category
- Outreach campaign focusing on minimizing community spread
- Closure of COVID-19 funding for skilled nursing facilities
- Rise in testing site usage
- Holiday hours for County parks
- Personal Protective Equipment supply

Responding to Chair Gerard's call for public comment, Orlando Acosta, St. Petersburg, stated his concerns.

**A motion was made by Commissioner 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 Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Resolution No. 20-161 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on November 27, 2020.

Airport

24. Resolution approving the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Master Plan.

Resolution No. 20-162 adopted approving the Master Plan prepared by Environmental Science Associates. Any major capital improvement project or development must be brought back to the Board for review and approval.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Deputy Director Mark Sprague indicated that the federal government determines access of air carriers to airports; that progress has been made with Allegiant Airlines to reduce airplane activity during the voluntary quiet window; and that traffic has been diverted to the secondary runway during construction. He reported that the primary runway is scheduled to reopen the week of December 14; and that the previously established noise abatement procedures will resume.

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

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

Human Services

25. Funding recommendations for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund program and service agreement for non-profit agencies.

Recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved for distribution of \$40,000.00 among nine agencies, as set forth in the Staff Report. Grant agreement with the listed agencies approved. No County match is required.

Mr. Burton indicated that the grants are funded by fees collected through the Clerk of Court.

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

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Flowers indicated that she should have abstained from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest; whereupon, Chair Gerard called for a new motion.

In accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law, a Memorandum of Voting Conflict form has been filed and made a part of the record.

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Flowers

26. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Statewide Criminal Analysis Laboratory System Grant.

(Grant No. 2021-SFA-CL-52-9B-004) Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory. No County match is required.

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

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

### Management and Budget

27. Resolution approving expanded Pinellas CARES programs.

Resolution No. 20-163 adopted approving the programs.

Following introductory remarks by Mr. Burton, Strategic Performance Manager Aubrey Phillips, Office of Management and Budget, referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information and updates regarding the use of the \$170.1 million in Federal Coronavirus Aid and Relief Economic Security (CARES) Act funds received by Pinellas County. She indicated that the funds support the Pinellas CARES programs, which are grant programs designed to help address the COVID-19 impact on Pinellas County residents and businesses and support public health response measures.

Noting that CARES Act funds must be expended by December 30, Ms. Phillips presented a recommendation to use the remaining amount to support nonprofit attractions and cultural facilities, as well as local government COVID-19 mitigation and response, expanding the use from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) local match to certain COVID-19 expenses.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Ms. Phillips clarified that the projected expense for the expansion of nonprofit attractions and cultural facilities is driven by input from the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and engagement with those impacted. Mr. Burton noted that reimbursement is based upon criteria that was created by conducting outreach to various cultural facilities; and that FEMA rules have changed, and while there are some costs FEMA can still reimburse, the County and cities will receive reimbursement for FEMA ineligible expenses from the CARES program after assessment of the utilization of all the other programs. Ms. Phillips indicated that agreements with entities or cities for reimbursement must be in place prior to December 30; and that staff is closely watching for a decision at the federal level regarding flexibility of reimbursement, and discussion ensued.

Responding to queries by the members, Mr. Burton clarified that expansion of local government COVID-19 mitigation and response includes reimbursement to the County, schools, and independent fire districts. Ms. Phillips related that there may be revisions to the projections for both the individual assistance and nonprofit partnership programs; and that the new programs are not in progress, but program development has been completed. She related that the proposed expansion for impacted nonprofit organizations is for museums and cultural attractions that were not addressed in existing programs; and that the total cost of the program is projected to be \$3.2 million, noting that the arts businesses that requested COVID-19 relief received the funds via the local business grant program instead of through the nonprofit category, and discussion ensued.

In response to queries by Chair Gerard and Commissioner Justice, Ms. Phillips indicated that there are two separate programs that seek to support different types of nonprofit organizations; and that the new program is administratively feasible within the required time frame due to the CVB's assistance in creating a pre-qualified list of eligible entities. She noted that developing a program for higher education organizations would be difficult to achieve in the given time frame, and Mr. Burton provided input.

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

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

### Parks and Conservation Resources

- 28.** Contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services provided by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Contract approved in the amount of \$309,422.00 for Fiscal Year 2021, providing for two assigned deputies, including personnel, vehicle, operating, and training expenses.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Chief of Staff Jill Silverboard clarified that the deputies help to manage preserve properties; and that the contract is unrelated to the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

Public Works

- 29.** Interlocal Agreement with Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, for payment of costs associated with a non-ad valorem assessment to dredge the southern entrance to Grand Canal.(Companion to Item No. 30)

Agreement approved to provide compensation for charges incurred administering the assessment. Contract term will renew uninterrupted annually on October 1. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

- 30.** Interlocal Agreement with Charles W. Thomas, Pinellas County Tax Collector, for payment of costs associated with a non-ad valorem assessment to dredge the southern entrance to Grand Canal. (Companion to Item No. 29)

Agreement approved to provide compensation for charges incurred administering the assessment. Contract term will renew uninterrupted annually on October 1. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

- 31.** Resolution renaming Boesch Drive in the Estates of Lake Tarpon Subdivision in unincorporated Palm Harbor as Blackstone Drive.

Resolution No. 20-164 adopted renaming the road. The petition to change the name received approval from 76.9 percent of the affected property owners.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

**Meeting Recessed: 12:06 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 12:35 P.M.**

Safety and Emergency Services

- 32.** Agreement with the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District to provide reimbursement funding toward the construction of a new fire station.

Agreement approved providing funding of up to \$3,500,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest. The District shall be responsible for all aspects of land acquisition, design, construction, operation, and future maintenance of the facility.

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

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

- 33.** Agreement with the Lealman Special Fire Control District to provide reimbursement funding toward the construction of a new fire station.

Agreement approved providing funding of up to \$3,600,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest. The District shall be responsible for all aspects of land acquisition, design, construction, operation, and future maintenance of the facility.

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

- 34.** Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Advanced Life Support providers.

Renewal certificates issued for the following providers pursuant to Pinellas County Code Section 54 and in accordance with Section 401.25, Florida Statutes. Chair authorized to sign the certificates.

ALS First Responders

Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island; East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District; Lealman Special Fire Control District; Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District; and Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District

ALS Helicopter Ambulances

Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital - Aeromed; Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Bayflite; and Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C., d/b/a AirLife

Hospitals

Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital, Inc., d/b/a Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital - Lifeline; and BayCare Health System, d/b/a St. Joseph’s Hospital, Inc.

Sunstar Ambulance Service

Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, d/b/a Sunstar

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

- 35.** Second Amendment to the Agreement with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. for ambulance billing services.

Amendment to Contract No. 167-0085-P approved providing for call center services as a “pilot program” for 18 months and increasing the amount by \$351,000.00 for a total revised expenditure in the amount of \$3,889,447.00 (estimated annual amount, \$941,689.40). Chair authorized to sign and Clerk to attest.

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

**AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS**

Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 36.** Amendments to the bylaws of the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 37)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved amendments to the EMS Medical Control Board Bylaws as noted in the Staff Report and backup materials.

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

37. Appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.  
(Companion to Item No. 36)

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals for two-year terms ending in October 2022:

Appointments

Ms. Amelia Russell as Hospital Administrator representative  
Ms. Patti Squires as Hospital Administrator alternate representative  
Dr. Aron Schlau as Pinellas County Medical Association representative  
Dr. Paul Anderson as Pinellas County Medical Association alternate representative

Reappointments

Mr. Lou Galdieri as Hospital Administrator representative  
Ms. Nancy Hopkins as Hospital Administrator alternate representative

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

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

38. Amendment to the Emergency Medical Services Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement with the City of Largo.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the amendment increasing the amount by \$203,574.00 for 50 percent of the cost of Squad 38 for Fiscal Year 2021. Unit to be funded at 100 percent beginning in Fiscal Year 2022 at an approximate cost of \$423,500.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Sheriff's Office

39. Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification between the United States Department of Justice, the Pinellas County Sheriff, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

Agreement approved enabling continued participation in the Equitable Sharing Program to receive federal law enforcement trust funds.

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

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

40. County Attorney Reports - None.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

41. County Administrator Reports.

- North Trail Loop Update
- John's Pass Update
- Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property Update
- Public Comment at Regular Meetings

North Trail Loop Update

Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy provided an update regarding the alignment along Northside Drive, noting that staff conducted public outreach and received no comments in support of the alignment. She indicated that the comments were centered around traffic concerns and potential conflicts between vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists; that staff will do a more comprehensive outreach effort using the Zoom virtual meeting platform and present both the Northside Drive and Duke Energy easement alignments, with data and alternatives that could mitigate some of the residents' concerns; that feedback will be collected through OpenGov; and that, upon analysis by the consultant team, the matter will be presented to the Board in January or February of 2021 for a decision.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Ms. Levy related that staff will consider options with regard to navigating traffic away from homes; and that the 12-hour trip counts for the Northside Drive and Duke Energy alignments are approximately 3,500 and 336 vehicle trips, respectively.

John's Pass Update

Mr. Burton provided an update regarding efforts to mitigate the sand accumulation in John's Pass. He related that communications have been ongoing for many years with the City of Madeira Beach and property owners; that Commissioner Long recently conducted a meeting with the Corps of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Secretary David Gwynn, City officials, County staff, and private property owners to discuss how to approach the issue; that the Corps of Engineers indicated that it would not approve extending the jetties; and that the County will lead a study to determine where the sand is coming from, how to keep the problem from occurring every year, how to maintain the sand, and how to fund efforts moving forward. He noted that the study will take six months; and that, with the expertise of Ms. Levy and the County's environmental management team, the County's leadership in the study is an appropriate role.

In response to query by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Burton clarified that all partners have collectively agreed to fund the study; that an assessment of what each partner will pay has

not been completed yet; and that the study is expected to cost approximately \$30,000.00. Commissioner Seel stated that she would not be in support of funding the study until the City solves the unsafe situation of the shoal. Commissioner Peters concurred, and discussion ensued.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Justice, Ms. Levy related that Hurricane Eta cleared out the sand accumulation under the bridge and, as a result, the shoal is non-existent; that Hubbard's Marina is the only business that has indicated impact from the sand accumulation, specifically on its wet well system; and that FDOT and the City have outfalls into the area where they have to periodically remove sand.

Mr. Burton indicated that there was a City effort pertaining to the study criteria; and that it will be refined and the funding commitments put in place; whereupon, Ms. Levy noted that there may be a slight delay in the start of the study, as staff is currently focused on completing damage assessment and profiles of the beaches to send to the Army Corps of Engineers.

#### Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property Update

Mr. Burton provided an update on the progress in preserving the Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property, indicating that County staff continues to meet with the City of Dunedin; that the City and the Sierra Club have been helping to obtain private funds and smaller grants, respectively; and that since state funds are being requested, two assessments must be completed for the property by two separate assessors from an approved list, which is the current stage of the process and should be completed in about 30 days. He related that the assessments are based upon the current entitlements on the property; that the property would have to annex into the City of Dunedin for access to utilities; that staff is in ongoing communication with the estate; and that if the County decides to financially participate in the acquisition of the property, a recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval. In response to query by Commissioner Justice, Mr. Burton indicated that, if the property is purchased, the next step of determining who will manage and operate the property is being discussed with the City of Dunedin; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers recognized the commendable community effort of Dunedin residents and officials, and discussion ensued.

Responding to query by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton related that the original asking price for the property is thought to be higher than the value of the property with the current entitlements in place.

#### Public Comment at Regular Meetings

Mr. Burton provided information regarding possible ways to take public comment at meetings and requested feedback from the Commissioners to formulate a plan moving forward. Commissioner Peters indicated that, as long as the emergency order is in place and COVID-19 is a concern, virtual public comment is a necessary safety measure, but not in perpetuity, and several members concurred.

Chair Gerard noted that citizens recording their comments ahead of time may increase the efficiency of meetings. Commissioner Long concurred and noted that, from a recordkeeping standpoint, there may be value in having the information for each speaker in advance.

Commissioner Eggers encouraged staff to explore opportunities for engagement with citizens after the Local State of Emergency is no longer in place, and discussion ensued regarding pre-registration for public comment, with input from Messrs. Zumwalt and Burton. Commissioner Seel expressed concerns regarding voice recordings and advocated for pre-registration, with the deadline as the night prior to a meeting, and Commissioner Peters concurred.

Mr. Burton indicated that the new public comment procedures would not be effective until January 2021 to allow for public notification.

Commissioner Peters suggested that public comment be open for every agenda item, except for public hearings, instead of on each individual item, and several members concurred. Attorney White advised that public comment for quasi-judicial hearing items be taken individually and kept separate from regular agenda items.

Board Records Manager Katherine Carpenter related that a dedicated voicemail account for BCC meetings was implemented in April 2020; and that the voice recordings are vetted by her staff and uploaded to Legistar under the appropriate agenda item as part of the record, and discussion ensued.

Thereupon, Mr. Burton noted that staff will take the feedback under advisement, write procedures, and present them to the Board at the next work session for further discussion.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

Attorney White related that, although the information is not included in the agenda package, Commissioner Flowers is ready to make her appointments for Agenda Items Nos. 42 and 46 at this time, ensuring a quorum at the December meetings; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers nominated Vince Cocks and Lari Johnson for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals and the Local Planning Agency, respectively.

- 42.** Reappointments to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Individual appointments by Commissioners Seel, Long, and Justice).

Reappointments of John Doran, Joe Burdette, Cliff Gephart, and Vince Cocks approved for four-year terms concurrent with the respective nominating Commissioners.

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

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

- 43.** Appointments/reappointments to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Individual appointments by Commissioners Peters, Eggers, Gerard, Justice, Long, and Seel).

Individual appointment of Steven A. Ochsner and reappointments of Peg Cummings, Deborah J. Chayet, Brandon D. Schuler, Michael R. Bauer, and Brian Scott approved for one-year terms concurrent with the respective nominating Commissioners.

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

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

- 44.** Reappointments to the Pinellas County Historical Commission (Individual appointments by Commissioners Seel, Justice, and Long).

Reappointments of Terry Fortner, Cathy Salustri, and Tina Bucuvalas approved for four-year terms concurrent with the respective nominating Commissioners.

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

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

- 45.** Appointment to the Pinellas County Health Facilities Authority (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Karen Mullins reappointed to serve a four-year term following a roll-call vote.

- 46.** Reappointments to the Local Planning Agency (Individual appointments by Commissioners Seel, Justice, and Long).

Reappointments of Steven Klar, Mattaniah Jahn, Susan Reiter, and Lari Johnson approved for four-year terms concurrent with the respective nominating Commissioners.

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

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

47. Selection of the 2021 Chair and Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that Vice-Chair Eggers be selected to serve as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Seel, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that Commissioner Justice be selected to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

48. County Commission New Business Items.

Commissioner Seel recognized the Supervisor of Elections staff for their hard work on the 2020 General Election and thanked Attorney White and her staff for their help as it relates to the Canvassing Board; whereupon, she noted various statistics regarding voter turnout. Commissioner Long thanked County staff for their work on the election and the Investiture Ceremony, and Commissioner Eggers concurred.

Commissioner Eggers provided remarks regarding the Pinellas Trail 30th Anniversary Event on November 16, noting that he read a proclamation on behalf of the Board. He reflected on the history of, and the County’s continued investment in, the Trail, relating that it has been inducted into the National Rails to Trails Hall of Fame and is the two-time winner of the Best Trail of Florida award.

Commissioner Flowers thanked the Commission and County staff for being welcoming and supportive on her first day as a Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:05 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Ken Burke*  
Deputy Clerk



*Dave Eggers*  
Chair