

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

*Janet C. Long, Chair
Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Charlie Justice
Chris Latvala
Brian Scott*

ROLL CALL - 9:37 A.M.

Present: 6 - Chair Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair Kathleen Peters, Rene Flowers, Charlie Justice, Chris Latvala, and Brian Scott

Absent: 1 - Dave Eggers

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Katie Poviones, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Pastor Bob Scott, Peace Memorial Church, Clearwater.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Youth Advisory Committee Year-End Presentation**

Vice-Chair Peters introduced Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Chair Leah Wissing and Vice-Chair Judson Vann; whereupon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, the YAC members provided information on the service projects, activities, and tours completed within the community.

2. Pride Month Proclamation:

- Nicole Berman, Executive Director, St. Pete Pride
- Todd Richardson, Pinellas Development Director, Equality Florida
- Mark Esparza, Equal Opportunity Coordinator, Office of Human Rights

Chair Long invited Ms. Berman and Messrs. Richardson and Esparza to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing June 2023 as Pride Month; whereupon, Ms. Berman thanked the Board for its support.

3. Partner Presentation:

Hurricane Season Kickoff

- Cathie Perkins, Director, Pinellas County Emergency Management

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Perkins appeared and provided information pertaining to the County's preparations for the upcoming hurricane season, including efforts in increasing knowledge within the community through risk messaging, noting that the messaging was developed in collaboration with media partners and the Communications Department and focuses on hurricane impacts, risks such as storm surge, and other issues. She further emphasized the importance of hurricane readiness and staying safe during and after storms and discussed her Department's efforts to be a resource for the community through accessible hurricane preparedness guides, Ready Pinellas Emergency Planning Mobile App, outreach events, and more; whereupon, she, with input from Mr. Burton, responded to queries by the members regarding various evacuation issues.

In reference to the new storm surge educational materials, Commissioner Scott recommended having storm surge markers placed in the County.

The Board thanked Ms. Perkins and her staff for their outstanding work in protecting the community.

4. Partner Presentation:
2022 Audit Results
- Ken Burke, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller
- John Weber, Partner, Crowe LLP

Referring to Ms. Perkins' comments regarding disaster cost recovery, provided under Item No. 3, Mr. Burke noted that immediate cash needs required by neighboring counties during recent hurricanes were significant; and that in Pinellas those needs could be met through internal borrowing.

Mr. Burke referred to several County financial reports issued by the Clerk's Office, including a debt report, report for citizens, annual report, audits, and more, indicating that multiple copies will be delivered to the Commissioners' Offices later today. He pointed out the success of refinancing debt to obtain lower interest rates and noted that the County has no general revenue debt, unlike most other Florida Counties; and that a clean financial report has been issued.

Mr. Burke emphasized the remarkable cooperation and strong working relationship between the Clerk's Office, the Constitutional Officers, and the County Administrator in jointly handling the taxpayers' money in the most prudent way possible, adding that every dollar is disbursed for a public purpose.

Mr. Burke introduced John Weber, Crowe LLP, and thanked him for an outstanding 10-year working relationship, noting that the firm will not continue doing the County auditing; whereupon, Mr. Burke provided information regarding the process on selecting a new auditor and indicated that MSL CPAs & Advisors has been selected.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Audit Results, Pinellas County, Fiscal Year 2022*, Mr. Weber provided an overview of the audit report, summary of the results, and surrounding county comparative data, noting that an unmodified opinion, or clean audit, was issued for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; that no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies on internal control and compliance were found; that an unmodified opinion was issued and no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were found related to County compliance with federal and state grants; and that audits of the Constitutional Officers' offices and other audits were all clean; whereupon, he, with input from Messrs. Burke and Burton, responded to queries by the members.

Mr. Burke emphasized the County's robust commitment to financial transparency, demonstrated on the Clerk's Spending in the Sunshine website.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

5. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

- Mack Johnson, Largo
- Eddie Maulsby, St. Petersburg
- Johann Bedingfield, Largo
- Jamie Simpson, St. Petersburg
- Kaye Coddington, Seminole
- Akile Anai, St. Petersburg
- Greg Pound, Largo
- Larry Facyson, St. Petersburg
- David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)
- Chimurenga Waller, St. Petersburg

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 23-04 - Pinellas
 Countywide Plan Map amendment from Recreation/Open Space to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.116 acre more or less, located on the west side of Ridgemoor Drive, approximately 300 feet north of Ridgemoor Boulevard.

Ordinance No. 23-6 adopted approving Case No. CW-23-04. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the case; staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

- Aye:** 5 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott
- Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Justice
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Eggers

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

7. Case No. FLU-23-02 (Pinellas County/St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport)
A request for a land use change from Employment to Transportation/Utility, on approximately 18.5 acres located at 13690 Stoneybrook Drive in unincorporated Largo. (Companion to Item No. 8)

Ordinance No. 23-7 adopted approving the land use change. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

8. Case No. ZON-23-02 (Pinellas County/St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport) (first public hearing)
A request for a Zoning change from E-1, Employment-1 to P.C. Airport, Pinellas County Airport, on approximately 18.5 acres located at 13690 Stoneybrook Drive in unincorporated Largo. (Quasi-Judicial) (Companion to Item No. 7)

First public hearing held. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard. Second public hearing to be held on July 18, 2023.

Attorney White related that because this is the first of two public hearings, the Board is only required to take public comment.

9. Resolution adopting revised retail water, wholesale water, retail sewer, wholesale sewer, retail reclaimed water, and wholesale reclaimed water rates.

Resolution No. 23-46 approved adopting a 2024-2027 schedule of the revised rates. Two emails in opposition have been received by the Clerk.

Matthew Faustini, Largo, appeared virtually and indicated that he is in favor of the increased rates, and David Ballad Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and expressed his concerns.

Mr. Burton indicated that the matter has been reviewed at a prior work session; that rate increases are needed in order to invest in infrastructure to maintain the sewer and water systems; that some of the work is mandated; and that construction costs have increased significantly over the past few years.

Interim Director of Utilities Jeremy Waugh introduced consultant Andrew Burnham, Vice-President of Stantec. Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Burnham reviewed the comprehensive study conducted by Stantec, noting the need for increased rates to support fiscal sustainability of utility operations in order to provide services to customers, continue much-needed infrastructure improvements, and assure regulatory compliance. He related that the tier rate structure for water usage enhances affordability and promotes conservation.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Burnham provided information regarding the local municipalities and surrounding counties that are going through rate increase processes; whereupon, Commissioner Scott provided comments regarding water conservation.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 34

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Vice-Chair Peters, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 25, 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

11. Vouchers and bills paid from April 30 through May 20, 2023.

Period April 30 - May 6, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$52,657,564.44

Payroll - None

Period May 7 - 13, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$15,499,876.82

Payroll - \$4,223,136.36

Period May 7 - 13, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$15,499,876.82

Payroll - \$4,223,136.36

Period May 14 - 20, 2023

Accounts Payable - \$14,198,777.63

Payroll - None

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

12. Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

13. Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

14. Pinellas County Debt Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

15. Pinellas County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

16. Pinellas County Citizens' Guide to County Finances for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

17. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2023-10 dated May 5, 2023 - Investigative Review of Public Works Employee Conduct Unbecoming.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

18. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2023-11 dated May 19, 2023 - Follow-Up Investigation of Contractor Licensing Department Investigator Engaging in Conduct Unbecoming
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

19. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9668-23 adopted May 4, 2023, annexing certain properties.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

20. City of Safety Harbor Code Enforcement Case 18-005 - Illicit Sewer Discharge

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

21. Southwest Florida Water Management District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22, electronically filed with the Department of Financial Services.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

22. Independent Audit of the City of Largo Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

23. Award of bid to VSC Fire & Security, Inc. for fire protection system services.

Bid No. 23-0476-ITB awarded in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,992,250.00 over a three-year term on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications. The contract replaces contract No. 178-0431-B.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

24. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of County-owned equipment and vehicles.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

County Administrator

25. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending May 26, 2023.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Management and Budget

- 26.** Fiscal Year 2023 Board Budget Amendment No. 2 to realign appropriation from various Reserves for unanticipated Fiscal Year 2023 expenditures in the Department of Administrative Services, Economic Development, Human Resources, Public Defender, and Supervisor of Elections. Also, realign appropriation for the American Rescue Plan Act and Capital Projects Funds for Capital Improvement Program projects.

Amendment approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

- 27.** Award of bid to Acme Barricades LC for guardrail installation along Keystone Road from East Lake Road to the Hillsborough County Line.

Contract No. 23-0494-ITB-C awarded in the amount not to exceed \$1,880,430.00 on the basis of being the only bid received. All work to be completed within 240 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 28.** Award of bid to Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act paving and local roads contract.

Contract No. 23-0281-ITB awarded in the amount not to exceed \$5,285,665.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 29.** Award of bid to Cone & Graham, Inc. for the Taylor Lake Seawall Improvement Project.

Contract No. 23-0427-ITB-CP awarded in the amount of \$4,412,359.35 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 30.** Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the 46th Avenue North, from 49th Street North to 55th Street North, Roadway Reconstruction Project.

Contract No. 23-0548-ITB-CONSTRUCTION awarded in the amount of \$4,732,908.50 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 440 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

31. Joint Project Agreement with the City of South Pasadena for roadway resurfacing and construction of Americans with Disability Act improvements on the City of South Pasadena maintained portions of Oleander Way South from Date Palm Avenue South to the south end of Oleander Way South and roadway resurfacing of Huffman Way from the east bridge terminus to Island Drive South.

Agreement approved. City to reimburse the County an estimated amount of \$272,771.71, including a 5% estimated administration fee of \$12,989.13. County estimated share, \$72,088.07, for a total estimated project cost of \$326,357.59. Agreement effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until the settlement of final accounts, as outlined in the Staff Report.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

32. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for the proposed City of Pinellas Park Pump Station No. 31 upgrades and replacement of the City sewer force main from 102nd Avenue North to 84th Avenue North; concurrent with a planned County Utilities construction project of a bypass force main on Belcher Road from 84th Avenue to the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility and upgrades to the County gravity sewer interceptor.

(Project No. 003147A) Agreement approved. City to pay the County an amount of \$5,000,000.00. County portion, \$11,000,000.00, for a total estimated project cost of \$16,000,000.00. Agreement term to expire upon project completion.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

33. Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Clerk of the Circuit Court

34. Ranking of firms and agreement with MSL, P.A. for auditing services.

(Contract No. 23-0125-P) Ranking of firms and agreement approved for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,059,817.00 for fiscal years ending September 30, 2023, through September 30, 2027. The contract replaces a current contract with Crowe LLP.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

- 35.** Second Amendment to the agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for elevator/escalator maintenance and repair services.

(Contract No. 178-0498-B) Amendment approved for an increase in the amount of \$475,000.00 for a revised total contract value of \$1,422,020.00 (estimated average annual expenditure, \$284,404.00), effective through April 8, 2024.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Airport

- 36.** Grant Application and Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the Construction of Airco Taxiways at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

(PID No. 000034A) Grant application in the amount of \$11,951,040.00 and subsequent acceptance of the grant agreement approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 37.** Memorandum of Agreement and Cost Sign-Off Document to reimburse U.S. Customs and Border Protection for costs of technology and equipment at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Memorandum of Agreement and Cost Sign-Off Document approved providing for reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$245,506.50 for equipment purchase and installation and estimated recurring maintenance costs of \$19,710.00 per year for the next four years.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Human Services

- 38.** Regional Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Priority List recommendations for Board approval for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The Priority List approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 39.** City/County Opioid Abatement Funding Priority List for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The Priority List approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 40.** Amendments to the agreements with the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Sixth Judicial Circuit Public Defender for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant.

Amendments approved extending the agreements by three months, through September 30, 2023, at no cost, and reducing the total award amount to \$800,000.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

41. Letter to rescind funds for award acceptance 8C218 - Directions - Telehealth Remote Access to Crisis Intervention for the Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Countywide.

The letter to rescind funds award in the amount of \$57,500.00 approved.

Mr. Burton noted that the rescinding of the funds was requested by Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living, as the organization decided not to proceed with an agreement for service.

In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Human Services Director Karen Yatchum indicated that the funds intended for Directions cannot be reallocated; whereupon, she briefly discussed the reasons for the organization's decision in the matter.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Management and Budget

42. Recommendation to award grant funding to applicants of the first round of large projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Capital Fund.

Recommendations to award several nonprofit organizations approved for a total funding amount of \$10,500,000.00, based on the June 8, 2023 staff-recommended final list, as well as the Pinellas Community Foundation's (PCF) independent review of applicants' funding requests and subsequent recommendations.

Assistant County Administrator Kevin Knutson referred to the April 28, 2023 PCF Memorandum, indicating that it has been provided to inform the decision-making on the item; and that after further review, staff recommends recalling two funding recommendations included on the final list, for Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a Evara Health and for YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, Inc. In addition, he noted that PCF, as well as staff, were concerned regarding whether a funding request by African People's Education and Defense Fund, Inc. (APEDF) would meet federal guidelines.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Knutson related that a \$9-million philanthropic donation by an outside source to St. Petersburg Free Clinic, one of the recommended awardees, is being reserved for the clinic's operating expenses.

The following individuals spoke in response to the Chair's call for public comment:

Janice Kant, St. Petersburg
Changi Luwengo, St. Petersburg (spelling uncertain)
Sandra Forrest, St. Petersburg

Icarus Jaspard, Tampa
Rhya Fogerty, Chicago, IL
Luke Lirot, Clearwater
Maureen Wagener, Oakland, CA
Chris Clement, Palm Harbor
Dennis Knowles, Battle Creek, MI
Mariah Bond, Gulfport, MS

Commissioner Flowers discussed her reasons for not supporting the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, Inc.'s project funding request, including other contributions toward the project, reduction in the facility services and staffing, not meeting certain funding guidelines and objectives, and taking services from one community to fund a project in another, noting that Harbordale YMCA facility has been closed, and Childs Park YMCA is not fully operational. David W. Jezek, President & CEO of YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, discussed high cost of the project and its financing, beneficial community services provided at the facility, and more; whereupon, he and Commissioner Flowers engaged in a dialogue regarding the matter.

Commissioner Latvala indicated that the St. Petersburg Free Clinic is recommended to receive the largest amount of funding on the list; and that he would support slightly reducing it and divvying up the reduction amount between Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services and Evara Health to help lift those organizations.

Commissioner Peters expressed her support of funding the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, indicating that the organization represents an outstanding public/private partnership; that it is financially sound; and that she is pleased with the application. She also noted the consensus reached by the Board at the June 8 work session to remove the previously proposed funding of the APEDF's request and split it three ways between the YMCA, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, and Evara Health; whereupon, she disagreed with Commissioner Latvala's suggestion regarding reducing funds for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Commissioner Justice remarked that the nonprofits included on the recommended list should be celebrated for the work they do for the community; and that it is best to award the funds without delay to provide economic relief resulting from impacts of COVID. In response to queries by the members, Mr. Burton confirmed that, as reflected on the final recommendations list, the funding for APEDF is not included, and those monies are split between the three aforementioned organizations per the Board's discussion during the work session.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott
Nay: 1 - Commissioner Flowers
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Public Works

43. Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant application with the Florida Department of Transportation for the 126th Avenue North Roadway Improvement Project from U.S. Highway 19 to 34th Street North.

(PID No. 002925A) Grant application approved for funding in the amount of \$18,750,000.00 (total estimated project cost, \$37,500,000.00; anticipated 50% County match, \$18,750,000.00) for Fiscal Years 2024 - 2028.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Safety and Emergency Services

44. Agreement with the Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District to provide funding toward the purchase of a new Squad 65.

Agreement approved providing funding in the amount of \$600,000.00.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

45. Agreement with Stryker Sales LLC d/b/a Stryker Medical for the purchase of Electro-Cardiograph monitor/defibrillators and services.

(Contract No. 21-0422-P) Agreement approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,893,429.94 for a five-year term. The agreement will replace the contract with Phillips awarded by the BCC on January 11, 2022, due to its inability to provide equipment because of supply chain issues.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

46. Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Health to pre-position the Strategic National Stockpile CHEMPACK Assets and CHEMPACK Containers in Pinellas County, Florida.

Memorandum of Agreement approved with no fiscal impact to the County and in effect until otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The agreement will replace the current agreement in place since 2013.

In response to a query by Commissioner Justice, Director of Safety and Emergency Services Jim Fogarty related that the agreement has been in place for a number of years, in which Pinellas County, on behalf of the region, has stockpiled an agent used in response to chemical releases.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

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CareerSource Pinellas

47. Memorandum of Understanding between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute.

Memorandum of Understanding approved retroactively effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

48. Program Year 2023-2024 Planning Budget for WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2023 approved for submission to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

49. WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors' recommendation of Steven Meier as permanent Chief Executive Officer of CareerSource Pinellas.

Recommendation to appoint Steven Meier to serve as permanent Chief Executive Officer of CareerSource Pinellas approved pursuant to CareerSource Pinellas Bylaws.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Emergency Medical Services Authority

50. Issuance and renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, certificates renewed and issued to nine providers as set forth in the Staff Report and in accordance with Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54. Four of the nine providers have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services. Certificates will expire on June 30, 2024.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

COUNTY ATTORNEY

51. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Brenda Hughes v. Glen Ellen Mobile Home Park L.P. et al.; HUD Case No. 04-22-2371-8; PC Case No. 22-053 - alleged housing discrimination.

Initiation of litigation approved.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 52.** Proposed settlement in the case of Myrna Rull v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-002716-CI.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated June 13, 2023.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

- 53.** County Attorney Reports.

- Introduction of three new staff members within the County Attorney's Office
- Recognition of Managing Assistant County Attorney Amanda Coffey for being the recipient of the Paul S. Buchman Award from the City, County, and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar

Attorney White indicated that Senior Assistant County Attorney Carole Sanzeri will be retiring after 30 years of service.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 54.** County Administrator Reports.

- Budget Information Sessions

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 55.** Appointment of a Big-C Nominee to the Tourist Development Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Chair Long related that the item has been withdrawn due to changes regarding Visit St. Pete/Clearwater leadership and the Tourist Development Council.

- 56.** Appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Following a ballot vote, Tammy J. Hicks was appointed to complete a current term, expiring on October 31, 2023.

- 57.** Appointment to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Following a ballot vote, Robert E. Warner was appointed as an alternate member for a four-year term, beginning June 14, 2023.

58. Appointment to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Harold L. Morgan appointed for a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Vice-Chair Peters, that the item be approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Long, Vice-Chair Peters, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

59. County Commission New Business:

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The Commissioners provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues, as follows:

Commissioner Latvala

- Remembrance of Officer Jeffery Tackett
- Link on County website for Veterans to view local discounts and benefits
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)
- Various events attended
- Congratulations to Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School student Dev Shah for winning Scripps National Spelling Bee
- Remembrance of Virgil Sweet, Largo, and condolences to his family

Vice-Chair Peters

- PSTA
- Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board
- Awaiting Governor DeSantis' approval regarding appointment to State Opioid Abatement Taskforce

Commissioner Scott

- Various events attended
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- St. Petersburg Chambers Policy Group
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Commissioner Flowers

- Condolences to Florida Representative Michele Rayner-Goolsby regarding the passing of her mother, Harriet E. Singletary Rayner
- Oldsmar Memorial Day Ceremony
- Florida Association of Counties Finance Committee and upcoming conference
- Juneteenth events

Commissioner Justice

- Habitat for Humanity dedications
- Various events attended
- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- Congratulations to local inductees into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame

Chair Long

- U.S. Travel Association’s IPW 2023
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
- Honor Flight at St. Pete/Clearwater International Airport
- Various events attended

ADJOURNMENT - 12:58 P.M.


Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk

