

# **Pinellas County**

*Pinellas County Cooperative Extension  
12520 Ulmerton Road Largo, FL 33774*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**

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

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Charlie Justice, Chairman*

*Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*Rene Flowers*

*Pat Gerard*

*Kathleen Peters*

*Karen Williams Seel*

**ROLL CALL - 9:33 A.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Board Records Manager; and Sarah Rathke, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION by Pastor Clem Bell, Shiloh Ministry Baptist Church, Dunedin.****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Proclamation:  
- Terri Lipsey Scott, Executive Director, Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum

Chairman Justice related that the recipients were unable to attend the meeting. He read the proclamation recognizing January 18, 2022 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and encouraged citizens to take part in activities throughout Pinellas County to honor the memory of Dr. King.

2. Employee Recognition Award:  
- Pam Bell, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Ambulance Billing and Finance Services, Safety and Emergency Services  
- Patrick Houck, Animal Control Officer 2, Animal Services

Chairman Justice recognized Ms. Bell for her outstanding work and contributions to the Ambulance Billing and Finance Services team; whereupon, a video was played highlighting the services she provides.

Chairman Justice recognized Mr. Houck for his excellent customer service and exemplary dedication to the citizens and animals of Pinellas County; whereupon, a video was played showcasing his work.

3. Partner Presentation:  
- Amy Foster, Chief Executive Officer, Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas

Chairman Justice invited Ms. Foster to the podium and congratulated her, recognizing her eight years of service on the St. Petersburg City Council; whereupon, Ms. Foster referred to a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the various trends regarding homelessness, the impacts of County investments in housing and other services, and future plans of the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas. She noted that while there is more work to be done, the numbers of homeless individuals are going down. Commissioner Flowers extended thanks to Ms. Foster for her efforts towards ending homelessness.

**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.**

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

4. Petition of Mikhail A. Fokin, Zilya Ruga, Hugo E. Gonzalez, Rosemary Craig Gonzalez, Kimble McNeal, and Mary McNeal to vacate the 50-foot-wide right-of-way of Palmetto Avenue lying east of Elm Street and west of Church Street and also the 10-foot-wide alley lying east of and adjacent to Lots 6 through 10, Block 2 and west of and adjacent to Lots 1 through 5, Block 2, all being a part of Jackson Park Subdivision. (Legislative Hearing)

Resolution No. 22-1 adopted granting the petition to vacate the 10-foot-wide alley, The hearing regarding the 50-foot-wide right-of-way to be continued to February 22, 2022. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties, with Spectrum advising that the petitioner would bear the expense of any required relocation of its facilities. All interested parties have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. Two emails in opposition have been received. The item was continued from the December 7, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Burton provided an update regarding meeting with relevant parties following the previous hearing and related that staff does not object to the 10-foot-wide alley vacation. He indicated that a meeting between the City of Safety Harbor, County staff, and the petitioners, is scheduled for January 18 and requested that no action be taken on the 50-foot right-of-way until that meeting occurs.

Brian Aungst, Jr., Clearwater, appeared and indicated that he is representing the petitioners; and that he is joined by Mikhail Fokin and Zilya Ruga. He referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information regarding the subject property and an update regarding the discussions with staff as to options for its development.

Mr. Aungst reminded the members that the petitioner's goal for the property development is to move out of their trailer home into a single-family house. He expressed concern that the petition process has been lengthy, noting the efforts and finances expended by the petitioners, including a \$7,000 sprinkler system design.

Mr. Aungst pointed out that there are various options regarding the Palmetto Avenue right-of-way vacation; that both sides of the avenue have previously been vacated and developed; that there is little public purpose for the County in retaining the right-of-way; and that one of the greater benefits of the development for the County would be obtaining an easement over an impaired body of water in the area.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Aungst indicated that the petitioners are asking to continue the hearing on the vacation of the 50-foot right-of-way to the February 22 meeting; and that they wish to move forward with the vacation of the 10-foot-wide alley and Mr. Burton stated that there is no objection from staff.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the vacation of the 10-foot right-of-way be approved and the vacation of the 50-foot right-of-way be continued to a public hearing to be held February 22. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

**5. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment**

- Karen Garrett, Dunedin
- John Shaw, St. Petersburg
- Julie Vayne, Seminole
- David Ballard Geddis Jr., Palm Harbor
- Diane Vida, Dunedin
- Barbara Haseldon, St. Petersburg
- Vincent Nowicki, St. Petersburg
- Dorine McKinnon, St. Petersburg
- Steven Lange, St. Petersburg
- Aden Barnes, Largo
- Sherry Fiorenzo, Largo

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 6 through 24  
(Item Nos. 20, 21, 22, and 24 addressed under Regular Agenda.)**

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

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

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

**6. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2021.**

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

**7. Vouchers and bills paid from November 14 through December 11, 2021.**

Period: November 14 through 20, 2021  
Accounts Payable - \$18,903,326.23  
Payroll - None

Period: November 21 through 27, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$10,149,963.67

Payroll - \$5,606,759.07

Period: November 28 through December 4, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$66,194,777.79

Payroll - None

Period: December 5 through 11, 2021 Accounts

Payable - \$10,891,099.71

Payroll - \$4,187,753.27

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

Reports received for filing:

8. Dock Fee Report for the month of November 2021.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

9. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2021-26 dated November 22, 2021 - Unannounced Audit of the Law Library Change Fund.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Notice of Receipt of Application from Pinellas County regarding the creation and maintenance of the Grand Canal Deposition Basin.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

11. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9509-21 adopted December 2, 2021, annexing certain properties.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

12. City of Seminole Ordinance No. 16-2021 adopted November 16, 2021, annexing certain properties.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

13. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearing held on December 1, 2021, regarding a special exception.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

14. City of St. Petersburg Notice of Public Hearing held on December 16, 2021, regarding proposed amendments to the Intown West Redevelopment Plan.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**
15. City of Tarpon Springs Ordinance No. 2021-18 adopted November 16, 2021, annexing certain properties.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**
16. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes and corresponding attachments of the meeting held October 14, 2021.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**
17. Tampa Bay Water 2022 Board Meeting Schedule.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Administrative Services

18. Declare surplus and authorize the sale of County-owned equipment and vehicles.
- Authorization granted. Assets to be liquidated through public auction conducted by Tampa Machinery Auction and Royal Auctions under provisions of existing contracts. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.
- Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

### Building and Development Review Services

19. Award of bid and agreement with Joe Payne, Inc. d/b/a JPI for requirements of construction inspection services and construction building code enforcement.
- Bid No. 22-0037-B in the annual amount of 676,546.00 with an estimated 60-month expenditure not to exceed \$3,382,730.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. This contract replaces the current contract, awarded on January 10, 2017.
- Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

Public Works

- 23.** Ranking of firms and agreements for professional engineering services pertaining to Brownfield Environmental Assessment and Remediation Services.

Ranking of firms and agreements with each of the three highest-ranked firms approved with an upset limit of \$800,000.00 for each firm, for a total of \$2,400,000.00 over a five-year term. All three recommended firms have committed to utilizing multiple certified Small Business Enterprise firms for individual work assignments resulting from these agreements.

- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
- Cardno, Inc.

**Approved as part of the Consent Agenda**

COVID-19 Update

Deviating from the agenda and upon request by Mr. Burton, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided an update regarding the current trends and impacts of COVID on the county.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Dr. Choe indicated that he has not seen an uptick in the flu at this time; that the COVID omicron variant has been producing milder symptoms; that it affects the upper respiratory system; and that the Health Department and the County testing site utilization, as well as testing provided through pharmacies, is encouraged.

In response to queries by Commissioner Flowers, Dr. Choe indicated that he cannot speak on the State testing kits stockpile; but that the Health Department is continuing to work with pharmaceutical companies to see if they are willing to extend the kits' expiration date. He related that he does not have any further information regarding the federal distribution of additional test kits.

Responding to queries by the members, Dr. Choe noted that individuals should continue to take COVID precautions; that the monoclonal antibody treatments are run by CDR Maguire; and that he is keeping an eye on the distribution of the oral antiviral treatment. He clarified that, once exposed, individuals should wait at least four to five days before testing.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 20.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Miles Partnership, LLLP for requirements of Digital Marketing Services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0612-P approved in the amount of \$32,500,000.00 with a five-year contract term. The contract replaces the current contract held since 2017.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC) President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Hayes provided information regarding the contract and related that the majority of the cost is due to media production and website operation; and that VSPC will analyze production and make budget adjustments accordingly. He indicated that VSPC utilizes various media outlets; and that typically, the audience is nationally-based.

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

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

Economic Development

- 21.** Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of grant award documents from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for an additional grant of \$3.8 million to fund a portion of the construction of the Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator.

Administrator's approval ratified and confirmed.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Economic Development Cynthia Johnson provided an update regarding the Tampa Bay Innovation Center construction. She related that the ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for February 15; that all drawings have been submitted to the City of St. Petersburg; and that it is anticipated the building will be ready for tenants by July 2023.

Commissioner Flowers thanked Dr. Johnson and staff for their hard work and provided additional details regarding the project. She requested information regarding distribution of the cost per square footage for potential tenants; whereupon, Dr. Johnson noted that community conversations are being considered; and that she will provide the information at a later time.

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

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

Public Works

- 22.** Award of bid to Shoreline Foundation, Inc. for the replacement of the Fort De Soto Bay Pier.

Contract No. 21-0680-CP (PID No. 000929A) awarded in the amount of \$4,764,300.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 545 consecutive calendar days.



Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard related that the pier is at the southern end of Fort De Soto Park, from which the Egmont Key and Shell Key ferries run, and provided additional details regarding the project, with input by Director of Public Works Kelli Hammer Levy.

**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 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Long

### Safety and Emergency Services

- 24.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Philips North America LLC for Electro-Cardiograph Monitor/Defibrillators and Services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0422-P approved in the amount of \$6,534,848.50 with a five-year contract term.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Safety Emergency Services Jim Fogarty related that the replacement of the monitors and defibrillators was previously planned in the capital budget; that the equipment in the field will reach its life expectancy in February; that replacements will be sequenced; and that there was a competitive bidding process for vendors.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Long

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Administrative Services

- 25.** Purchase authorization for requirements of heavy and light duty vehicles and equipment.

Contract No. 22-0161-BP approved for a total expenditure not to exceed \$1,462,827.00, pursuant to the pricing, terms, and conditions of the Florida Sheriff's Association/Florida Association of Counties contract. Authorization represents the second of two phases for completing the Fiscal Year 2022 Vehicle and Equipment Purchase Plan. The first phase was approved by the BCC on December 7, 2021.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Airport

26. 2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Application and resulting grant applications, grant

Grant proposal approved for submission, requesting \$10 million for infrastructure on the Airco former golf course site. County and/or Airport to provide \$10 million in matching funds.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Director Tom Jewsbury related that funding is for infrastructure needed for both aeronautical and non-aeronautical use, including the general roadway system.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Long

Housing & Community Development

27. Resolution approving the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Report related to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Affordable Housing Incentives.

Resolution No. 21-2 adopted approving the report and authorizing its submittal to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

**Absent:** 1 - Vice-Chair Long

28. Resolution assigning review of requests to reduce the State distance requirement for a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facility from an elementary, middle, or secondary public or private school to the Pinellas County Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Resolution No. 22-7 adopted assigning case No. VAR-21-19 and other future cases of the same type to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BAA) for a formal hearing and final decision.

Zoning Manager Glenn Bailey provided background information on the related regulations and statutes, noting that state law generally prohibits a dispensing facility from being located within 500 feet of school property; and that State Statutes do allow facilities closer if local governments hold a formal public hearing and find that the location promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the surrounding community.

Mr. Bailey indicated that the County has received a specific request to approve a location for a medical marijuana treatment center within 500 feet of a private school. He stated that it is staff's opinion that the BAA would be the appropriate board to hear such a request; and that the distance requirement for dispensaries is a request for a variance, similar to other

variances heard by the BAA, such as distance requirements involving the location of bars serving alcohol.

Mr. Bailey confirmed that the Land Development Code provides the authority for the BAA to be assigned such reviews; and that all BAA hearings are publicly noticed; whereupon, he responding to queries by the members.

Upon the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to speak on the matter, Todd Pressman, St. Petersburg, appeared and indicated that he represents the applicant of the specific request; and that he supports the matter being heard by the BAA. In contrast, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, appeared and stated his concerns in opposition.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

### Human Services

- 29.** Grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice for the 2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program on behalf of the Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory.

Grant award approved for funding in the amount of \$288,450.00 for two years. No County match is required.

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

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

### Management and Budget

- 30.** Resolution approving the Pinellas County American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Spending Plan.

Resolution No. 22-3 adopted approving the Spending Plan to fund proposed projects as reflected in Exhibit A of the resolution. Pinellas County is eligible to receive a total amount of \$189,381,543.00 and received 50% of the funding on August 12, 2021. The second 50% will be received no earlier than one year after receipt of the initial funds. All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

Mr. Burton related that this is the first round of projects; that additional and ongoing projects will be presented to the BCC for approval; and that staff will provide a quarterly update.

Commissioner Seel stated that she is opposed to spending \$35 million on advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and has concerns about the Toytown study, and Commissioner Eggers stated his concerns, noting that first responder locations should also be considered in the plan.

In response to queries by the members, Office of Management and Budget Grant Worker Lara Wojahn, with input by Mr. Burton, discussed first responder locations, fire training facility, advanced metering infrastructure, impacts associated with Penny For Pinellas funds, and the ability to shift projects around due to time constraints.

Commissioner Seel clarified that projected AMI expenditures continue to increase without providing a final cost of the project; that the Board has asked to know the rate of return experienced by other counties and municipalities that have implemented AMI, but has not received any information; and that she believes an enterprise fund should be funded through the collection of user fees; whereupon, she indicated that using \$35 million from the plan to fund AMI is inappropriate; and that the monies could be used for other needs within the county.

Mr. Burton related that staff is accumulating the requested data, but that it has been difficult to establish a rate of return; and that staff has previously provided data showing that AMI is a cost-effective solution as it will replace the manual process of collecting data and is offset by the current costs of replacing existing meters and other matters, and discussion ensued with input by Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

### Public Works

- 31.** Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Keystone Excavators, Inc. for Lake Shore Estates Phase 2 Roadway and Drainage project.

(Contract No. 190-0494-CP) Change Order approved increasing the contract amount by \$1,071,902.96 for a revised total of \$5,067,354.16, and extending the term agreement by 406 consecutive calendar days for a revised total of 806 consecutive calendar days.

In response to Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton, with input from Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy, explained that draining issues are being corrected; that the roads are being reconstructed to meet County standards; and that the area discharges water directly into Lake Tarpon, which is the County's responsibly to maintain its water quality treatment.

Ms. Levy further stated that the costs associated with the additional homes on Lakeshore Drive would include the acquisition of property and the design and construction of a treatment facility.

Discussion ensued regarding projects relating to stormwater, swales, ditches, ponds, drainage, and groundwater conditions; whereupon, Ms. Levy stated that green infrastructure is a priority where it can be utilized when dealing with stormwater issues, noting current projects in Crystal Beach.

**A motion was made by Commissioners Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be approved with the stipulation that a cost estimate be presented regarding issues on the east end near the project as it relates to permitting, pipes, and stormwater ponds. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 32.** Fourth Amendment to increase the contract with HDR Engineering Inc. for the San Martin over Riviera Bay Bridge Project Development and Environment Study.

(Contract No. 134-0091-NC, PID No. 001036A) Amendment approved increasing the contract in the amount of \$54,197.00 for an estimated total not to exceed \$725,555.16 through December 31, 2022.

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

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

- 33.** Resolution amending Resolution 20-85 providing authority for expanding the area of authorized use of golf carts within unincorporated Palm Harbor.

Resolution No. 22-4 adopted amending Resolution No. 20-85 as required by Florida Statutes, Section 316.212 with a modification from Attorney White to change the effective date from January 1 to February 1, 2022. The initiative came from a resident request and is supported by a County Safety Study.

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

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

### Safety and Emergency Services

- 34.** Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team Agreement between the County and the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg.

Agreement approved for an initial term of five years and includes an option to renew for one additional five-year period.

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

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

Solid Waste

- 35.** Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. for landfill operations at Bridgeway Acres.

(Contract No. 167-0517-P) Amendment approved increasing the total contract amount by \$4,774,000.00 for a revised total contract value of \$128,774,000.00, effective through August 28, 2028.

Commissioner Seel indicated that the County will likely return to operations in approximately five years; and that she does not agree with privatizing the task in the interim, stating that she will be voting against the amendment.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

- 36.** Appointment to the Technical Management Committee.

Robert Mills appointed as one of two representatives of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Seel thanked Deb Bush upon her retirement for her long time of service with the County.

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

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

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

- 37.** Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project, Creekside Manor.

Resolution No. 22-5 adopted approving the issuance in a principal amount not to exceed \$13 million. Project includes the rehabilitation of a 92-unit rental housing complex located in Clearwater, to be completed with tenants in-place.

In response to a query by Commissioner Seel, Housing Finance Authority Executive Director Kathryn Driver noted that information on developer fees can be provided at a later date; and that due to certain tax credits, developer fees are governed by Florida Housing rules as to what fees are eligible for the category.

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

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

- 38.** Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County to finance a multifamily residential rental housing project, Clear Bay Terrace.

Resolution No. 22-6 adopted approving the issuance in a principal amount not to exceed \$14 million. Project includes the rehabilitation of a 100-unit senior rental housing complex located in Clearwater, to be completed with tenants in-place.

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

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 39.** Proposed settlements in the cases of Leighanna Staley v. Pinellas County, Florida; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-000979-CI-15, and Barbara J. Hetrick v. Pinellas County, Florida; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-002538-CI-11, which arose out of the same incident.

Proposed settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated January 11, 2022.

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

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

- 40.** County Attorney Reports. - None.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

## 41. County Administrator Reports:

Mr. Burton noted that the Board's strategic planning session will be held on January 18 at the Lealman Exchange building; and that the new meeting space for work sessions will be ready for meetings in February.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

## 42. Appointment to the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency, Inc. (Individual appointment by Commissioner Justice).

Susan Luca appointed for a two-year term ending November 30, 2023.

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

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

## 43. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business.

Chairman Justice related that City of St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch has nominated himself to serve as the City's representative on the Tourist Development Council (TDC), and stated that if the Board were to approve the nomination today, Mayor Welch would be eligible to serve during the first TDC meeting of the year.

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

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

Chairman Justice indicated that a request to light the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in support of World Cholangiocarcinoma Day on February 12, 2022 was received by the Board, and queried whether the Board would like to send a letter of support to the Florida Department of Transportation.

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

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



With input from Attorney White, Chairman Justice requested that the Board grant authority to the BCC Chairman to approve similar lighting requests that are time-sensitive, requiring approval before the next scheduled meeting and on behalf of the Commission.

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

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

Commissioner Flowers

- CareerSource Pinellas
- ARK Innovation Center
- Congratulated Commissioner Seel for recent award
- Public Transportation
- American Rescue Plan Act funding

Commissioner Eggers

- Tampa Bay Water

Chairman Justice

- Lealman YMCA
- Ring door cameras for seniors program
- Tampa Bay Estuary program
- Florida Legislature opening session

**ADJOURNMENT - 12:34 P.M.**



*Charles Justice*  
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 Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Deborah Fero*  
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 Deputy Clerk