

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

2:00 P.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Chris Latvala

Vince Nowicki

Chris Scherer

ROLL CALL - 2:01 P.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair Brian Scott, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Franchesca DiNapoli, Senior Board Records Specialist, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Commissioner Flowers**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****CITIZENS TO BE HEARD****1. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.**

Aldo Della Sera, St. Petersburg
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Gregory Goodwin, Palm Harbor
Ronald Walker, Largo (submitted documents)
William Schuette, Largo (submitted documents)
Tom Rask, no address provided

Responding to concerns expressed by Mr. Della Sera regarding seawall damage in Coquina Key, Chair Peters indicated that he will need to seek assistance through the City of St. Petersburg; whereupon, St. Petersburg City Administrator Rob Gerdes provided Mr. Della Sera with his contact information.

Chair Peters briefly referenced the Board's rules of decorum and expressed appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at Board of County Commission meetings.

Following comments by Mr. Schuette and a query by Commissioner Latvala, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy provided information regarding the anticipated timeline for removing debris from the McKay Creek Debris Management Site, noting that efforts are being made to manage the volume on-site.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

35. County Administrator ReportsPost-Hurricane Recovery Updates

Deviating from the order of the agenda, Mr. Burton provided information regarding recovery operations, indicating that Pinellas County remains under a State of Local Emergency; and that efforts are being made to direct resources related to infrastructure, housing, health, economic and workforce services, and natural resources; whereupon, he recognized staff for their consistent work to deliver services to residents.

Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins discussed residential and business damage assessments, shelter activity, and resources available to residents who were impacted by the storms; whereupon, she discussed next steps and indicated that staff is continuing to seek potential funding sources and is collaborating with City partners and the Communications Department to distribute important information.

Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard provided information related to debris management, sand erosion and renourishment efforts at County beaches, obstacles to reopening several County parks, and potable and wastewater services. Later in the meeting and in response to a request by Commissioner Flowers, she discussed assistance provided by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to debris removal.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Scott, Ms. Silverboard related that while timelines to reopen each park vary, those with the greatest visitation are being prioritized.

In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Utilities Director Jeremy Waugh, with input by Ms. Silverboard, indicated that sewer pump stations incurred approximately \$750,000.00 in damages due to saltwater intrusion; that parts to repair the sewer pump stations have already been purchased; that repairs are currently in progress; and that several sewer pump stations are currently utilizing generators and temporary pumps.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Building and Development Review Services (BDRS) Director Kevin McAndrew provided an overview of the substantial damage assessment process, explaining that staff is being significantly augmented in response to the unprecedented level of structural damage throughout unincorporated Pinellas County; whereupon, with input from Mr. Burton, he discussed details related to each step of the process, as well as anticipated timelines for completion.

Responding to queries and comments by the members, and with input from Mr. Burton, Mr. McAndrew discussed numerous topics, including the following:

- The seven interlocal communities served by BDRS
- The responsibility of municipalities versus the County as it relates to conducting inspections and sending substantial damage determination letters

- Policies adopted by BDRS which allow for the review of permit applications before a substantial damage determination letter is received
- Communications concerning permitting and substantial damage determination
- Circumstances necessitating re-inspections
- Issuance and dissemination of substantial damage determination letters
- FEMA's Substantial Damage Estimator Tool
- Utilization of flood inundation curves for damage assessments

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 17

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

2. Minutes of the regular meetings held September 19 and October 15, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

3. Vouchers and bills paid from August 11 through October 26, 2024.

Period - August 11 through August 17, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$17,557,922.70

Payroll - \$4,776,507.57

Period - August 18 through August 24, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$18,146,449.06

Payroll - None

Period - August 25 through August 31, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$45,898,375.57

Payroll - \$4,662,219.52

Period - September 1 through September 7, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$23,048,812.40

Payroll - None

Period - September 8 through September 14, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$11,283,756.76

Payroll - \$4,872,769.96

Period - September 15 through September 21, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$18,966,051.68

Payroll - None

Period - September 22 through September 28, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$36,214,920.44

Payroll - \$4,744,534.41

Period - September 29 through October 5, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$81,420,915.76

Payroll - None

Period - October 6 through October 12, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$7,431,610.67

Payroll - \$6,548,000.60

Period - October 13 through October 19, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$17,131,249.09

Payroll - None

Period - October 20 through October 26, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$21,647,130.68

Payroll - \$8,077,370.08

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

4. Dock Fee Report for the month of September 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

5. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2023-2024 - Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

6. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2023-2024 - Pinellas County Tax Collector, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

7. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2023-2024 - Pinellas County

Property Appraiser, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

8. State of Florida Constitutional Officer Financial Report for 2023-2024 - Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, pursuant to Section 218.36, Florida Statutes.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

9. Correspondence from the Southwest Florida Water Management District regarding its Proposed 2025 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

10. Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

11. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending October 31st, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Development Review Services

12. Plat of Sidney Street Twin Villas, a 10-lot subdivision.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Parks and Conservation Resources

13. Ranking of firms and agreement with Fort De Soto Hospitality LLC for Concession Services at Fort DeSoto Park.

(Contract No. 24-0455-RFP) Ranking of firms and agreement approved for a five-year term and estimated annual revenue in the amount of \$301,464.00.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Solid Waste

14. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Duke Energy Florida for purchase of as available energy and/or parallel operation with a qualifying facility.

Administrator's approval of the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding ratified and confirmed.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

15. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the Water Quality Improvement grant applications with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Administrator's approval ratified and confirmed for two grant application submissions totaling \$31,500,000.00 (County match, \$1,500,000.00).

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

16. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2024-10 adopting and approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Amendment, as approved by the Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

17. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2024-11 adopting and approving Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund, Housing Trust Fund, Land Assembly Fund and St. Petersburg Land Assembly Fund Operating Budgets, as approved by the Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Construction and Property Management

18. Exercise the Option to purchase the 2500 34th Street North Building and appurtenances and adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute instruments necessary for the completion of the transaction.

Approval granted to exercise the option to purchase the 2500 34th Street North Building and appurtenances. Resolution No. 24-82 adopted authorizing the County Administrator to execute instruments necessary for the completion of the transaction.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that purchasing the building is more beneficial than continuing the lease; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers provided positive remarks regarding the purchase.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Housing & Community Development

19. Affordable Housing Program project funding recommendation for Oasis at Bayside by SPGRP IV, LLC.

Recommendation approved for funding in the amount of \$12,160,000.00 for an acquisition project of 304 existing multi-family affordable apartment units located in Largo. Total estimated development cost is \$59,263,665.00. County Administrator authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the amount approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Staff will complete additional due diligence activities, as outlined in the Staff Report.

In response to the Chair's call for individuals wishing to speak, Michael Burke, McLean, Virginia, appeared and expressed his support for the project; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers provided brief remarks, emphasizing the commitment the Board has made regarding the utilization of Penny for Pinellas funds for affordable housing.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Human Services

20. Funding agreement with 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. for call center operations.

Agreement approved in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$563,062.50, which is effective for a period of 36 months and beginning October 1, 2024.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Management and Budget

- 21.** Increase to the agreement with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. for emergency comprehensive disaster recovery management consulting services for Hurricane Helene and Milton.

(Contract No. 178-0406-P) Amendment approved increasing the contract amount by \$5,400,000.00 for a revised total of \$6,400,000.00, effective through January 29, 2025.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 22.** Pinellas County adoption of a Tourist Development Tax Revenue Supplemental Bond Resolution Supplementing Resolution No. 24-42 adopted on July 30, 2024, and approval of the documents to support funding for the design and construction of a new stadium in St. Petersburg to be the new home of the Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball franchise.

Item deferred to the December 17 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals appeared:

Tom Rask, Seminole
Pete Boland, St. Petersburg
Michael Cronin, St. Petersburg
Dylan Dames, St. Petersburg
Ron Diner, St. Petersburg
Robin Davidov, St. Petersburg
Michele Dyson, St. Petersburg
Peter Kent, St. Petersburg
Tom Kilty, Safety Harbor
Jean Marie Leon, St. Petersburg
Michael McGrath, St. Petersburg
Chris Steinocher, St. Petersburg
Mike Swesey, St. Petersburg
Jason Spears, St. Petersburg

In response to comments and a query by Commissioner Latvala regarding a potential conflict of interest, Attorney White related that the situation is not a prohibited conflict and does not require that he abstain from voting on this item.

Thereupon, Chair Peters pointed out that representatives from the Tampa Bay Rays are present today but will not be responding to any queries.

Lengthy discussion ensued among the members wherein Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell, Mr. Burton, Bryant Miller Olive Attorney Kareem Spratling, and City of St. Petersburg Administrator Rob Gerdes responded to comments and queries by the members regarding numerous topics, including the following:

- Delays affecting the Tampa Bay Rays stadium project
- Potential plans related to Tropicana Field, including repairs for hurricane-related damages
- Provisions related to the timeline for bond issuance within the previously approved Development and Funding Agreement
- Impacts to the Historic Gas Plant District if the stadium redevelopment deal fails
- Allowable uses of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funds
- The process and timeline for issuing bonds
- Negotiation of the previously approved stadium redevelopment deal with the Rays
- Impacts of recent hurricanes on TDT collections
- Concerns regarding ownership of development rights for the Historic Gas Plant District

Commissioner Scott discussed a recent conversation with Tampa Bay Rays' Brian Auld; whereupon, he made a motion to defer the item until next month, which was seconded by Commissioner Latvala. In response to comments by Chair Peters, Attorney Crowell provided information regarding several conditions that precede the issuance of bonds and clarified that the previously approved Development and Funding Agreement will automatically terminate on March 31, 2025, should the Rays' stadium company, StadCo, fail to meet the conditions; and that there is not a provision in the agreement that requires the County to issue bonds by a certain date.

Further discussion ensued wherein Commissioner Flowers expressed concern regarding project cost increases due to delays; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Nowicki, Mr. Gerdes provided information relating to the Historic Gas Plant District and future property taxes.

Following additional discussion, Attorney White indicated that Item No. 50 is a public hearing related to this item and recommended that, if the Board chooses to delay the item, it be continued to a date-certain to eliminate the need to re-advertise the hearing.

Thereupon, in response to a query by Chair Peters, Commissioner Scott agreed to amend his motion to include Item No. 50. Following brief comments by Attorney Crowell regarding the timeline for bond issuance, Commissioner Scott also confirmed that both items will be deferred to the December 17 BCC meeting, and Commissioner Latvala concurred as the seconder.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that Item Nos. 22 and 50 be deferred to the December 17 BCC meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Flowers

Meeting Recessed: 6:24 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:55 P.M.

23. Resolution establishing a Debt Policy for Pinellas County.

Resolution No. 24-83 adopted establishing a Debt Policy as outlined in the Staff Report.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Finance Division Chief Deputy Director Jeanette Phillips, with input from Office of Management and Budget Director Chris Rose, provided clarifying information regarding the Policy's verbiage related to bond ratings; whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Scott, she discussed provisions concerning interfund loans and internal debt.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Flowers

Public Works

24. Agreement with Iteris, Inc. for Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System traffic signal equipment related to the State Road 60 Smart Corridor Project.

(Contract No. 24-1078-PB) Agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$640,000.00, with an annual average expenditure of \$295,384.62 and effective through February 12, 2027.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Flowers

25. Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental

Protection for the Dansville Central Historic Landfill Brownfield Site.

Agreement approved allowing the County to receive tax credit incentives for a maximum annual amount of up to \$500,000.00.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 26.** County Incentive Grant Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Right-of-Way Acquisition Activities of the Forest Lakes Boulevard from State Road 580 to State Road 584 Project.

(FDOT Financial Project No. 443412 1 44 01; County PID No. 003914A) Agreement approved in the total amount of \$2,062,000.00 (FDOT, \$1,031,000.00; County, \$1,031,000.00). Agreement term ends April 16, 2027. Resolution No. 24-84 adopted authorizing the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 27.** Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail Network Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to fully fund construction of the Pinellas Trail South Gap from 126th Avenue North to Ulmerton Road.

(PID No. 003883A) Supplemental agreement approved providing for additional grant reimbursement in the amount of \$1,252,633.00, for a total project funding of \$3,496,707.00.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 28.** Request for a public hearing to appeal the issuance of County Dredge and Fill Permit No. WND-24-00077 for 106 Harbor Drive, Palm Harbor.

Request for public hearing denied.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Lauren Rubenstein, Tampa, appeared and indicated that she represents the property owner; whereupon, she provided background information regarding the request and asked that, if a public hearing is granted, it be scheduled for December 17.

Attorney White related that the decision whether to hear the appeal is a discretionary matter for the Board; and that the Board previously heard an appeal related to a dock

issue involving these parties.

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Scherer

Nay: 3 - Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Nowicki

- 29.** Local Agency Grants Program application with Forward Pinellas, related Florida Department of Transportation Project Application and Resolution for the Sunset Point Road Improvement Project from Kings Highway to Keene Road.

(PID No. 003877A) Resolution No. 24-85 adopted and grant application approved for submittal. Total project estimate, \$9,124,600.00 (anticipated grant funding, \$3,000,000.00). No County match required.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that while community outreach related to this project has not yet occurred, there are plans to provide opportunities for public input and feedback later in the process.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Solid Waste

- 30.** Agreement with Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation for power purchase, sale, and marketing for the Department of Solid Waste

Contract No. 24-1083-PB approved for the marketing and transmission scheduling of the energy generated from the Pinellas County Waste to Energy Facility. Estimated annual revenue generation is \$4,500,000.00 or \$6,750,000.00 through the remaining contract term ending on June 25, 2026.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Utilities

- 31.** Agreement for laboratory testing equipment, maintenance, and supplies with the Hach Company.

Contract No. 24-0638-N approved with an estimated annual expenditure of \$349,783.93 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,049,351.79 for the three-year contract term.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 32.** Amendment No. 1 for Resilient Florida Grant Program Agreements 22FRP09 (Manufactured Home Communities Wastewater Collection System Improvements) and 22FRP10 (Utilities Reliability Improvements) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Amendment approved as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 33.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. King Plaza Condominium Association Inc. - action for injunctive relief.

Initiation of litigation approved.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 34.** County Attorney Reports

Attorney White indicated that while she received a request to provide an overview of the seven recently passed amendments to the Pinellas County Charter, she will defer to another meeting due to the late hour.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 36.** Appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Hasan Rasheed as an Emergency Physician alternate representative for a term ending April 2026.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

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

Karen Mullins reappointed for a term of four years, beginning December 1, 2024.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

38. Selection of the 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Scott selected as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that Vice-Chair Scott serve as the BCC Chair for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Chair Peters indicated that Commissioner Scott will soon distribute committee assignments from which the Commissioners will choose and on which the Board of County Commissioners will vote at its December meeting; whereupon, she noted that he will assume the position of Chair in January.

In response to a query by Chair Peters, Attorney White clarified that the members should contact staff with any questions regarding committees; whereupon, she noted that, due to a recent opinion from the Department of Revenue, the Board of County Commissioners will select the Chair of the Value Adjustment Board as part of this year's appointment process.

Chair Peters noted that the members will also need to appoint an alternate for the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board.

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to nominate herself as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2025; whereupon, Chair Peters related that the motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Eggers selected as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that Commissioner Eggers serve as the BCC Vice-Chair for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Flowers

39. County Commission New Business:

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

Lari Johnson reappointed as Commissioner Flowers' appointee to the Local Planning Agency (LPA) for a four-year term ending November 20, 2028.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Commissioner Flowers indicated that the Board must appoint someone to replace former Commissioner Charlie Justice on the Florida Association of Counties' (FAC) Board of Directors; whereupon, Chair Peters related that she would be happy to serve on the FAC.

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

Commissioner Scherer

- Initial experiences as a Commissioner

Commissioner Latvala

- Congratulations to newly elected Youth Advisory Committee officers

Commissioner Eggers

- City of Oldsmar Veterans Day Celebration
- Congratulations to new Commissioners Nowicki and Scherer for their election to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- Appreciation to former Commissioner Charlie Justice for his years of public service and to his family for supporting him

Commissioner Nowicki indicated that he must appoint someone to the LPA; whereupon, he made a motion to appoint John Hendricks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Commissioner Nowicki

- Excitement to work with the Commissioners and staff

Commissioner Flowers

- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
- Upcoming Hillsborough/Pinellas Workforce Development Consortium meeting
- Upcoming Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting
- Disappointment regarding the selection of Vice-Chair of the BCC for 2025

Commissioner Scott

- Pinellas County Sheriff's Police Athletic League Annual Breakfast
- YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg 2024 Community Prayer Breakfast
- The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- American Legion Post 305 Veteran's Day celebration
- Visit to Creative Clay in St. Petersburg
- Largo Police Department ride-along
- Presentation of hurricane hero challenge coin to Rescue Pinellas
- Presentation of challenge coin to Yo Mama's Foods
- Tampa Bay Water

Chair Peters indicated that the LPA is having difficulty achieving a quorum at meetings due to some members not attending and requested approval of the removal of Audrey Henson as her appointment to the LPA due to a lack of attendance at meetings this year; whereupon, she also related that she would like to appoint LPA member Mattaniah Jahn, who currently serves as the Chair and was previously appointed by former Commissioner Charlie Justice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the removal and reappointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Chair Peters

- AGORA Edge ribbon-cutting ceremony
- YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg 2024 Community Prayer Breakfast
- Operation PAR, Inc. Everyday Miracles Luncheon
- Canvassing Board
- Briefing regarding beach renourishment with Senator Nick DiCeglie, Representative Linda Chaney, and Florida Chief Resilience Officer Wesley Brooks
- Beach renourishment updates
- Tourist Development Council
- Appreciation to staff and first responders for their hard work this fall
- Belated Happy Birthday to Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell

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 COUNCILSCountywide Planning Authority

- 40.** Case No. CW 24-17 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Retail & Services, regarding 2.28 acres more or less, located at 407 South Saturn Avenue.

Ordinance No. 24-34 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-17. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, George Thurlow, St. Petersburg, indicated that he represents the property owner.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 41.** Case No. CW 24-19 - City of St. Petersburg (being continued to December 17, 2024)

Item continued to the December 17 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Later in the meeting, Attorney White requested that the Board take a vote to continue Item Nos. 41 and 42 to the December 17 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, that the items be continued to the December 17 Board of County Commissioners meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 42.** Case No. CW 24-20 - City of Tarpon Springs (being continued to December 17, 2024)

Item continued to the December 17 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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- 43.** Brownfield Area designation of the Rainbow Village Green Reuse Area.

Resolution No. 24-86 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens

appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 44.** Ordinance amending Pinellas County Code Chapter 26, Article IX (Lobbying) modifying regulations related to registration of lobbyists and lobbying contacts.

Ordinance No. 24-35 adopted approving the amendments. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 45.** Ordinance amending Section 118-32 of the Pinellas County Code relating to the Tourist Development Plan.

Ordinance No. 24-36 adopted amending Section 118-32 of the Pinellas County Code relating to the Tourist Development Plan. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 46.** Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code regarding the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption process by amending Sections 118-181 to 118-191.

Ordinance No. 24-37 adopted amending Pinellas County Code Sections 118-181 to 118-191. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to queries by Commissioner Scherer, Economic Development Director Cynthia Johnson, with input from Chair Peters and Mr. Burton, provided a summary of the County's Tax Exemption Program and its purpose.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 47.** Resolution electing to not exempt property under Section 196.1978(3)(o), Florida Statutes, commonly known as the Live Local Act Property Tax Exemption.

Resolution No. 24-87 adopted. No correspondence has been received.

Attorney White indicated that the item would require a supermajority of two-thirds, or five votes, to pass.

Planning Division Manager Glenn Bailey, with input from Mr. Burton, provided information regarding property tax exemptions under the Live Local Act, the County's eligibility to opt out of providing a 75% tax exemption for properties serving households between 80% and 120% of the Area Median Income, and the potential impacts as a result of exercising the option.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Messrs. Bailey and Burton, with input from Attorney White, clarified details regarding the 75% exemption; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioners Peters, Scott, and Nowicki, Community Development Planning Division Manager Bruce Bussey briefly discussed market rents and the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies' 2023 Annual Report.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Nowicki, Attorney White indicated that if the Board does not take action regarding this item today, or at its December meeting, then the option will not be available again until the 2026 tax year.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Eric Garduno, Temple Terrace, appeared and expressed his concerns.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Latvala

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 48.** Amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget realigning reserves and funds and recognizing unanticipated receipt of funds for requesting departments.

Resolution No. 24-88 adopted recognizing and appropriating unanticipated revenue and realigning funds as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

- 49.** Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget to Realign Appropriations for Capital Projects in the American Rescue Plan Act and Capital Projects Funds and to Recognize Unanticipated Receipt of Funds in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

Resolution No. 24-89 adopted recognizing and appropriating unanticipated revenue and realigning funds as outlined in the Staff Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

50. Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for unanticipated revenue related to the issuance of debt for the Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball Stadium Project in St. Petersburg and realign appropriation from reserves in the Tourist Development Tax Fund for expenditures related to cost of issuance and debt service for the Tourist Development Tax Revenue Bonds.

Item deferred to the December 17 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:12 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk




Chair