

Pinellas County



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

Pat Gerard, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel
Kenneth T. Welch

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

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

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

Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt introduced himself and announced that he would be the Technology Moderator for the virtual meeting; and that Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell would serve as Process Moderator; whereupon, he conducted a roll call of the members.

MOMENT OF SILENCE**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 1 through 7**

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

1. Minutes of the emergency meetings held March 19 and March 25 and the regular meetings held April 2 and April 7, 2020.
2. Vouchers and bills paid from March 29 through April 11, 2020.

Period: March 29 through April 4, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$63,466,017.74

Payroll - \$4,010,121.22

Period: April 5 through April 11, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$10,196,953.28

Payroll - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

3. Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

Public Works

4. Award of bid to Highway Safety Devices, Inc. for the ATMS Phase 3 Expansion project.

Bid No. 190-0081-CP (PID No. 002601A) in the amount of \$957,796.30 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 270 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

5. Award of bid to Tamco Electric, Inc. for repairs, electrical-industrial equipment and related services.

Bid No. 190-0186-CP in the amount of \$916,404.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for a three-year term with a provision for one two-year extension. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

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Sheriff's Office

6. Receipt and file report of Sheriff's Office grants received and service contracts for the quarter ending March 31, 2020.
7. Receipt and file report on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the quarter ending March 31, 2020.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

8. Local State of Emergency.

Referring to a chart titled *Executive Policy Group Daily Briefing Report for Pinellas County*, Mr. Burton provided statistical information pertaining to the number of COVID-19 cases throughout Pinellas County, the number of testing sites, and the availability of hospital beds and ventilators. He indicated that the situation will continue to evolve and recommended extending the Local State of Emergency.

Sheriff Gualtieri provided a breakdown of law enforcement staffing throughout the opening of the Pinellas County beaches. He thanked the public for their cooperation; whereupon, he indicated that the presence of law enforcement throughout the beaches will continue for the next week and then be reevaluated.

Sheriff Gualtieri related that he has requested that the State consider increasing capacity parameters for parks in an effort to prevent traffic congestion on entry roads and access points. He noted that any increased capacity will have to allow for adequate social distancing; that an increase may not be viable; and that additional measures to control traffic on necessary ingress and egress accesses are being taken. He provided visual representations taken throughout the day, noting the differences in perception between ground level and aerial images; whereupon, Mr. Burton noted the addition of signs along the beaches depicting social distancing requirements and rules of the beach.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton, with input from Department of Health (DOH) in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe, provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases in long-term care facilities and discussed the various measures and protocols in place as it pertains to infection control.

Commissioner Welch thanked Sheriff Gualtieri for his efforts to keep residents safe and enforce social distancing requirements throughout the beaches and parks; whereupon, he discussed the data available on the DOH website and requested that information be searchable by zip code, race, and other demographics to better quantify who is being tested throughout the various communities, and discussion ensued.

Mr. Burton, with input by Dr. Choe, noted the challenges of acquiring the requested data pertaining to demographics due to varying sources and a lag in receiving information. Dr. Choe indicated that he will share reports pertaining to demographics with the Board, and Mr. Burton related that a weekly update will be provided every Friday on any changes in the long-term care community and discussed recent additions in public service announcements to communicate safety measures and preventive practices throughout the County.

In response to queries by Commissioners Gerard and Seel, Mr. Burton provided the location of each of the Community Health Centers accepting walk-in testing, and Dr. Choe discussed the intention of the DOH to add additional testing sites and explore outreach opportunities; whereupon, he clarified that the turnaround times on test results vary based on the lab being used, and discussion ensued.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton provided an update on the status of the Pinellas CARES programs pertaining to the number of applications submitted, approved, and pending for both individual and small business assistance.

Following discussion, Mr. Burton indicated that he is asking the Board to extend the Local State of Emergency originally adopted on March 13, 2020, and Commissioner Welch made a motion to that effect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 20-40 adopted ratifying, restating, readopting, and extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16, as well as all resolutions and orders issued pursuant thereto, unless expressly rescinded by another action of the Board, until 3:00 P.M. on May 15, 2020.

Economic Development

9. Resolution approving C0040838316 as a qualified applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.

Resolution No. 20-41 adopted approving Project C0040838316 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local County financial support (total local contribution amount, \$20,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

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

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

Management and Budget

10. Resolution to supplement the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in various funds for unanticipated revenue from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, and the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund.

Resolution No. 20-42 adopted appropriating unanticipated revenue in the General Fund, the EMS Fund, and the Community Development Grant Fund.

Mr. Burton provided a breakdown of the unanticipated revenue received and the intended use of those funds; whereupon, he related that an Expenditure Contract or Request for Proposal will come before the Board for approval prior to allocation.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Welch, Mr. Burton indicated that, upon the completion of phase one of the Financial Assistance and Small Business Grant programs, non-profits, home-based businesses, food pantries, and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will be considered for phase two of assistance at the Board's direction and clarified that under the program, CDBG entitlement communities will have a separate allocation of federal funds.

Responding to Chair Gerard's call for public comment, Marilyn Turman, Clearwater, stated her concerns.

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

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

Public Works

11. Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Pepper Contracting Services, Inc. for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase II project (west of Pine Avenue to west of Race Track Road).

(Contract No. 178-0423-CP; PID No. 002110A) Change Order approved increasing the contract amount by \$4,105,371.00 for a revised total of \$16,130,707.10 and extending the term by 70 calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Burton indicated that the request represents a significant increase in the project cost due to unforeseen ground conditions.

Responding to comments by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Public Works Kelli Hammer Levy, with input by Mr. Burton, provided a brief history of the development of the project area and related that the original geotechnical report and process are under review to determine if the recommendations were followed.

In response to comments by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Levy indicated that the proposed change order allows for the project to be geotechnically reinforced to prevent future problems and noted that the cost increase is to rectify deficiencies from the unsuitable soil that were not previously identified.

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

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

12. Grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the National Infrastructure Investments under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development program.

Grant application approved for funding in an amount up to \$25 million for replacement of the Dunedin Causeway Bridges (County PID No. 000423A; total estimated project cost, \$86,909,867.00). Chair authorized to sign a letter of support and the Clerk to attest; staff authorized to electronically submit the application.

Mr. Burton discussed the proposed grant application and indicated that upon obtaining the funds from the grant, a gap analysis will be performed to determine the additional funding needed to complete the project.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Levy indicated that no funding has been received from the City of Dunedin and discussed other funding possibilities through stimulus dollars from the Federal Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Levy provided the timeline of the project, indicated that she is hopeful the stimulus funds will offset the reduction in bridge funding, and noted that the bridge design is a mid-level bascule.

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

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

Safety and Emergency Services

- 13.** Attestation to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding, and comply with outlined terms and conditions associated with the United States of America Department of Health and Human Services' distribution of the initial \$30.0B to healthcare system providers.

Staff authorized to electronically submit attestation to accept funding in the amount of \$1,605,741.68.

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

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

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Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 14.** Appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

The Board approved the appointment of Mayor Chris Alahouzos to fulfill the existing term vacated by Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, expiring in August 2020.

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

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 15.** Proposed settlement in the case of Valerie Craig and Brian Craig, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-003731-CI-7.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated May 5, 2020.

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

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

16. County Attorney Reports - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

17. County Administrator Reports.

Indicating that May 3 through May 9 is Public Service Recognition Week, Mr. Burton thanked all public employees for their hard work and dedication during the Coronavirus Pandemic and throughout the year.

COUNTY COMMISSION

18. County Commission New Business Items.

The members commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Welch

- Feeding Tampa Bay

Commissioner Eggers

- Community respect

Commissioner Long

- Pinellas Mega Pantry at Tropicana Field
- Redington Long Pier demolition

ADJOURNMENT - 10:41 A.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Richard Caputo*
Deputy Clerk



Pat Gerard
Chair