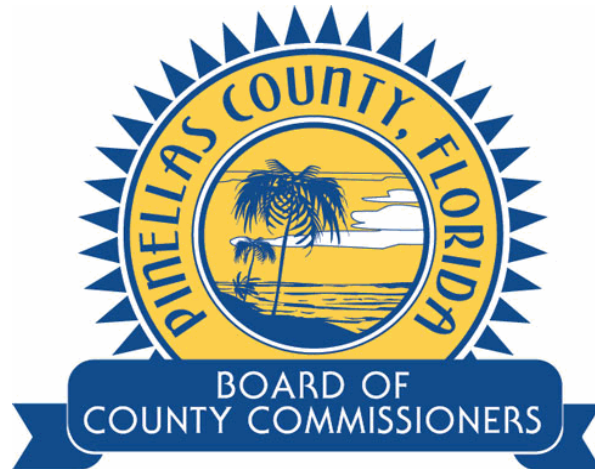


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 19, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

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

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION by Reverend Robert Martin, St. Pete First United Methodist Church, St. Petersburg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [24-1531A](#) 2024 Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Outstanding Service Award:
 - Kelli Levy, Director, Public Works
 - John Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator, Public Works
 - Zach Westfall, Environmental Specialist, Public Works
 - Pepper Uchino, President, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association
2. [24-1481A](#) 2024 Pinellas County Fire Professionals of the Year Awards:
 - Fire Professional
 - Lieutenant George Hill, Madeira Beach Fire Department Special Operations
 - Lieutenant Bob Keane, Clearwater Fire & Rescue Emergency Fire Dispatcher
 - Sandy Stoinski, Public Safety Telecommunicator Lead, Pinellas Regional 9-1-1
3. [24-1480A](#) Fire Prevention Week Proclamation:
 - Craig Hare, Director of EMS & Fire Administration, Safety and Emergency Services
 - Yariel Alvarez, Assistant Vice-President of Support Services, Pinellas Federal Credit Union
4. [24-1482A](#) National IT Professionals Day Proclamation:
 - Jeff Rohrs, Chief Information Officer, Business Technology Services
5. [24-1624A](#) National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation:
 - Zero Suicide Partners of Pinellas

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

6. [24-1476A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA- Items 7 through 19**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

7. [24-1555A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from July 28 through August 10, 2024.

Reports received for filing:

- 8. [24-1556A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of July 2024.
- 9. [24-1557A](#) Quarterly Report of Routine Dock & Dredge/Fill applications received from January 1 through March 31, 2024.
- 10. [24-1558A](#) Quarterly Report of Routine Dock & Dredge/Fill applications received from April 1 through June 30, 2024.
- 11. [24-1559A](#) Quarterly Report of Docks & Dredge/Fill Permits issued from April 1 through June 30, 2024.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- 12. [24-1560A](#) City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2024-13 adopted on August 19, 2024, annexing certain property.
- 13. [24-1561A](#) Correspondence from the City of Oldsmar regarding voluntary annexation of certain property.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

14. [24-1552A](#) Declare surplus and authorize the sale of County-owned equipment and vehicles.

Recommendation: Declare surplus and authorize the sale of equipment and vehicles via auction on the attached lists. Approve distribution of the proceeds from the sale of vehicles and equipment sold to the funds from which the assets were purchased, typically the Fleet Vehicle Replacement or a specific enterprise fund.

- This action declares the listed items as surplus and authorizes their sale via auction to the highest bidder.
- The usefulness of the identified equipment and vehicles has been exhausted.
- Unlike other surplus items, surplus vehicles and rolling stock are not available for donation because the proceeds are owed to the Fleet Vehicle Replacement Fund or specific enterprise fund for vehicle replacement.
- Breakdown of assets for disposal as follows:
 - a.) 4 - Utility carts
 - b.) 9 - Sedans, SUV's, and Vans
 - c.) 7 - Light and medium-duty trucks
 - d.) 1 - Heavy trucks
 - e.) 1 - Boat and Outboard Motor
 - f.) 5 - Zero-turn mowers
 - g.) 3 - Agricultural tractors
 - h.) 2 - Trailers
 - i.) 2 - Miscellaneous heavy equipment

County Administrator

15. [24-1579A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending August 30th, 2024.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Human Services

16. [24-0974A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with athenahealth, Inc. for Electronic Health Record for Low Income and Homeless Healthcare Programs - Human Services American Rescue Plan Act.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm, athenahealth, Inc., for Electronic Health Record (EHR) for Low Income and Homeless Healthcare Programs - Human Services American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), as needed by the Business Technology Services Department (BTS) and Human Services (HS).

- This contract will provide for a modern EHR to allow for proactive health service delivery, community care coordination, service planning, oversight, decision support, and effective communication and patient engagement.
- Eleven submittals were received, with BTS and HS recommending award to the top ranked firm athenahealth, Inc. for EHR for Low Income and Homeless Healthcare Programs.
- The contract has a term of ten years with a not-to-exceed value of \$3,507,208.75. This includes \$55,983.75 in contract capacity for unforeseen owner-directed project needs.
- Funding in the amount of \$5,700,000.00 for the first year of this contract is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Adopted Budget and in the FY25 Proposed Budget in the ARPA Fund. This \$5.7M is a combination of three contracts, including this contract with athenahealth, Inc. Funding for future years will likely be requested in future budgets.

Contract No. 24-0330-RFP(AJM): not-to-exceed contract value of \$3,507,208.75 for the duration of the ten-year contract; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Public Works

17. [24-1433A](#) Award of bid to Preferred Materials for Fiscal Year 2025 Pavement Preservation - Package 2.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Preferred Materials for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Pavement Preservation - Package 2.

- The proposed FY25 Pavement Preservation Package 2 contract consists of milling and resurfacing, pavement marking, detector loops, and traffic control required to complete the following four projects:
 - 49th Street Resurfacing from Roosevelt Overpass to Bayside Bridge 005648A
 - Local Group 113 Resurfacing 006215A (Clearwater)
 - Local Group 56 Resurfacing 006210A (Seminole)
 - Local Group 131 Resurfacing 005684A (Seminole)
- Four bids were received with an award recommendation to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Preferred Materials, in the amount of \$4,130,555.68 who was 18.27% under the engineer's estimate of \$5,053,873.86.
- The Small Business Enterprise commitment is 5% for this contract.
- All work will be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days.
- Funding for subprojects, 49th Street Resurfacing Roosevelt Overpass - Bayside Bridge 005648A, Local Group 113 Resurfacing 006215A, Local Group 56 Resurfacing 006210A, and Local Group 131 Resurfacing 005684A is budgeted under the Road Resurfacing and Rehabilitation PIV Project 004192A, funded by the Penny for Pinellas, and the Transportation Millage Capital Resurfacing Program Project 005700A, funded by the Transportation Millage.

Contract No. 24-0756-ITB-C, in the amount of \$4,130,555.68, with all work to be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

18. [24-0140A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Signalization Improvements Design at Various Locations - Professional Engineering Consulting Services.

Recommendation: Approval of ranking of firms and agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Signalization Improvements Design at Various Locations - Professional Engineering Consulting Services.

- This contract is for the upgrade to mast arms at the signalized intersections.
- Ten firms submitted proposals and were evaluated with a recommendation to award to the top ranked firm, HDR Engineering, Inc., in a not to exceed amount of \$1,386,777.42 in accordance with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), per Florida Statute 287.055.
- This agreement will be effective for eight hundred consecutive calendar days after receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the County.
- Three certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) sub-consultants are included in the award to HDR Engineering, Inc., AREHNA Engineering, Inc., Cumbey & Fair, Inc., and Harbor Coordination Solutions, Inc. for a total SBE fees in the amount of approximately 7% of the total award amount.
- Funding for subprojects, Tampa Road at 19th Street (005750B), Belcher Road at Lancaster Drive (005750C), Belcher Road at 142nd Street (005750D), West Bay Drive at 20th Street (005750E), West Bay Drive at 14th Street (005750F), West Bay Drive at Pinellas Shopping Center (005750G), Park Boulevard at 137th Street (005750H), Park Boulevard at 131st Street (005750I), and Park Boulevard at 125th Street (005750J) is budgeted under parent project; Signalization Improvements Project 005750A included in the Capital Improvement Program, funded by the Penny for Pinellas and federal grant funding.

Contract 24-0078-RFP-CCNA in the amount of \$1,386,777.42 for eight hundred consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. [24-1527A](#) Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Building and Development Review Services

20. [24-1511A](#) Demolition of the fire-damaged structure on vacant property located at 4510 44th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714.

Recommendation: Approval for Code Enforcement to initiate demolition of the unsafe and nuisance structure located at 4510 44th Street North, St. Petersburg 33714.

- The Special Magistrate has authorized and ordered the demolition of the property pursuant to Pinellas County Code of Ordinances Section 22-278.
- Funding from Community Development Block Grants is available in an amount up to \$19,004.00 to pay for demolition costs.
- The County will seek reimbursement through the lien foreclosure process. Should the demolition not occur in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, these funds will be requested to be carried forward into FY25.

The subject property is vacant, and the severely fire-damaged structure has been condemned by the Housing Official, finding the property was unsafe and unfit for human habitation due to one or more of the following conditions: severe fire damage, lack of connection to an approved water and electric source, overgrowth, dilapidated, insanitary, unsecured, vandalized, and or otherwise unsafe conditions at the property. The property owner is deceased, and all next of kin have been notified. To date, no persons have shown interest in or attempted to acquire the property. The property currently stands as a residential home within the Lealman CRA and is zoned for single-family use only.

Human Services

21. [24-1327A](#) Funding Agreement with OHI West, Inc. d/b/a Orlando Health Bayfront Hospital for the Pinellas County Health Program.

Recommendation: Approval of the Funding Agreement with OHI West, Inc. d/b/a Orlando Health Bayfront Hospital (Bayfront) for hospital services for the Pinellas County Health Program (PCHP) and Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCH).

- Funding provides partial reimbursement for ambulatory and inpatient hospital care services for authorized clients who are actively enrolled in the PCHP/HCH programs.
- The total funding available across 3 hospital agreements is \$3,000,000.00. Based upon reported service level data received, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 breakdown is as follows: Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Advent Health North Pinellas receiving 2.16%, BayCare Health System, Inc. receiving 69.83%, and Bayfront receiving 28.00% of the funding allocation.
- Funding in an amount not to exceed \$840,083.80 is allocated to Bayfront. The total hospital allocation of \$3,000,000.00 has been included in the Human Services proposed General Fund appropriation for FY25. The agreement contains the ability to terminate should funding not be available. The remaining 2 hospital agreements will be submitted for approval separately.

Parks and Conservation Resources

22. [24-1290A](#) Annual agreement with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by Environmental Lands Unit Deputies.

Recommendation: Approval of the annual agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for law enforcement services by the Environmental Lands Unit (ELU) from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

- Contract provides for two assigned ELU deputies to patrol County preserves and parks at a cost of \$387,230.00 per year, including personnel, vehicle, operating, and training expenses.
- ELU deputies are critical to deter poaching of wildlife and cultural artifacts from County environmental lands and assist park rangers upon reports of suspicious activities.
- This partnership with PCSO has existed since Fiscal Year (FY) 2001.
- Costs for the services are included in the FY25 Proposed PCSO Budget within the General Fund (\$298,167.10). Utilities will contribute \$89,062.90 for its portion of land at the Brooker Creek Preserve.
- This agreement is contingent upon the adoption of the FY25 Budget.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Metropolitan Planning Organization

23. [24-1509A](#) Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the creation of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization d/b/a Forward Pinellas.

Recommendation: Approval of the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the creation of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and appointment of four commissioners to the resulting new Forward Pinellas Board that will be seated in January 2025.

- This amendment will update the 2014 interlocal agreement, which established the MPO for Pinellas County.
- MPOs are governed by federal and state law and are required to exist in each urbanized area greater than 50,000 residents, as designated by the census.
- Following each decennial census, each MPO is required to review its membership composition and to reapportion it as necessary, with the agreement of the Governor and the affected local governments within the MPO boundary.
- Since the merger of the MPO and the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) in 2014, with the PPC as the hosting agency for the MPO, the board membership is the same for both agencies and the combined board is better known as Forward Pinellas.
- The current MPO Board has 13 voting members. The proposed Board expansion will add six seats, totaling 19 members, to better represent St. Petersburg and Clearwater's populations and to provide local municipalities with more frequent opportunities to serve.
- The local governments, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and the Florida Department of Transportation District Seven are required signatories on the amended agreement. All signatures and appointments must be accomplished by October 7, 2024, per Florida Statutes. The new board will be seated in January 2025.
- This item has no fiscal impact.

Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency**24.** [24-1333A](#) Fiscal Year 2025 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Work Plan.**Recommendation:**

Sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Work Plan.

- The proposed Work Plan includes \$3.515 million of Tax Increment Financing spending for projects and programs in FY25.
- The Lealman CRA Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed Work Plan at their 6/26/24 meeting and recommends approval, the County Commission reviewed the proposed Work Plan at the 8/28/24 workshop.
- Changes proposed to the FY25 Work Plan:
 - A change in the Home Investment Program to reflect the entire contract amount of \$1,500,000.00 through Habitat for Humanity for the 3-year period versus the annual amount of \$500,000.00/year.
 - Expand the Mural Program to a Public Art Program.
 - Decrease the Gateway & Wayfinding Program to \$10,000.00 to maintain the signage as needed due to the program being completed.
 - A reduction in the Lealman Exchange Strategic Plan Implementation from \$200k to \$175k per the agreement with the St. Petersburg Foundation.
 - Reduced Phase 2 Lealman Park enhancements to reflect adjacent pond beautification as the only remaining project to be completed in FY25.
 - New Projects/Programs:
 - \$50,000.00 Implementation of Joe's Creek Industrial Area Master Plan
 - \$500,000.00 Land Acquisition for a public purpose
 - \$100,000.00 LEX Digital Monument Sign off of 54th Avenue
 - \$40,000.00 46th Avenue Playground Amenities
 - \$25,000.00 Demolition Funds
 - Funding for this Work Plan is included in the FY25 Proposed Budget in the Lealman CRA Trust Fund.

25. [24-1334A](#) Fiscal Year 2025 Lealman Community Redevelopment Trust Budget.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency), transmit the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Trust Budget to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation to approve.

- Staff is seeking a motion from the Agency recommending that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed FY25 Lealman CRA Trust Budget.
- The proposed FY25 total budget for the Lealman CRA Trust is \$12,719,810.00 and is comprised of:
 - A projected beginning fund balance of \$7,548,530.00 carried over from FY24
 - \$4,814,440.00 in Countywide and Municipal Services Taxing Unit Tax Increment Financing collections
 - \$286,840.00 in interest earnings, and
 - \$70,000.00 via a passthrough grant from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to the St. Petersburg Foundation.
- This CRA Budget is consistent with the Pinellas County FY25 Proposed Budget and is contingent upon its passage.
- There are needed infrastructure improvements, especially those impacting Joe's Creek Industrial Park that will utilize funds within the CRA fund over the next several years.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

26. [24-1529A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. dba Florida Blue - action for recovery of damages.

Recommendation:

Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation against Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. dba Florida Blue.

27. [24-1479A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

28. [24-1478A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

29. [24-1331A](#) Appointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve one appointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for a three-year term, beginning on October 1, 2024.

- List of applicants can be viewed on the attached ballot/worksheet.
- Ballot/worksheet will be provided by the Clerk.

30. [24-1569A](#) Appointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (Individual appointment by Commissioner Peters).

Recommendation: Approve reappointment to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for a three-year term, beginning on October 1, 2024.

- Approve reappointment of Commissioner Brian Scott.
- No ballot needed/voice vote will suffice.

31. [24-1477A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations,
administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

32. [24-1587A](#) Amendment by resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget recognizing unanticipated revenue for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund.

Recommendation: Approval of the amendment by resolution to reverse and repeal the amendment portion of Resolution 24-51 and supplement the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget by recognizing unanticipated revenue for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund.

- Reverse and repeal the budget amendment portion of Resolution 24-51 due to a clerical oversight.
- Conduct a public hearing and adopt the attached resolution recognizing unanticipated revenues for the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 in the Solid Waste Department's FY24 Adopted Budget.
- Appropriate funding to Operating Expenses (\$150,000.00) and Reserves (\$150,000.00) to maintain fund solvency.

33. [24-1430A](#) Ordinance providing for the amendment of Section 126.302 of the Pinellas County Code for adjustments to the procedure for converting septic system to public sanitary sewer connection within County sanitary sewer service areas.

Recommendation: Approval of the ordinance providing for the amendment of Section 126.302 of the Pinellas County Code for adjustments to the procedure for converting the septic system to public sanitary sewer connection within County sanitary sewer service areas.

- Provides for the County to construct at its own cost a sewer service connection line to a property boundary when the property owner has applied for septic system abandonment and connection to the County's public sewer system.
- The parcel owner is responsible for other costs associated with connecting to the sanitary sewer.
- Public hearing required. Advertisement of public hearing notice requirement is 15 days prior to the public hearing date.

34. [24-1282A](#) Resolutions to adopt final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2025 (second public hearing).

Recommendation: Following a public hearing, adopt resolutions approving the final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

- On July 16, 2024, the County Administrator delivered the FY25 Proposed Budget to the Board of County Commissioners (Board).
 - The schedule of changes proposed was presented to the Board.
- The maximum ad valorem millage rates were then certified to the Property Appraiser on July 30th, 2024, for inclusion in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices.
- The TRIM notices were mailed to all county property taxpayers on August 19, 2024.
- The first public hearing to adopt the tentative millage rates and budgets for FY25 took place on September 5, 2024.
- The meeting has been duly noticed by the "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase" and the "Summary of Proposed Budget" legal ads, that were published in the September 15, 2024, edition of the Tampa Bay Times.

ADJOURNMENT