

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

2:00 PM

Public Hearings at 6:00 PM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Charlie Justice

Janet C. Long

Kathleen Peters

Kenneth T. Welch

ROLL CALL - 2:01 P.M.

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

Others Present: Jake Stowers, Assistant County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Finance Division Director, Deputy Clerk; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Commissioner Welch**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. National Public Works Week Proclamation:
Public Works
 - Addie Javed, Director
 - Shea Jackson, Air Quality Division
 - Joe DeMoss, Construction Division
 - Glenn Goss, Construction Division
 - Sean Hannigan, Customer and Technical Services Division
 - Jessica Jones, Customer and Technical Services Division
 - Joseph Thames, Environmental Division
 - Rob Jones, Stormwater and Vegetation Division
 - Nathan Hitt, Survey & Mapping Division
 - Erin Lawson, Transportation Division
 - Nancy McKibben, Transportation Division
 - Casey Morse, Transportation Division
 - Alexis Sergeant, Transportation Division
 - Sean Tipton, Transportation Division

Chair Seel read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 19 through May 25, 2019 as National Public Works Week and discussed how the department contributes to the safety and well-being of county residents; whereupon, staff members introduced themselves, and Mr. Javed provided brief comments.

2. Superior Transit Access Recognition (STAR) Award Presentation:
 - Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, past Transit Rider Advisory Committee (TRAC) Chair
 - Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)

Ms. Corrigan related that the STAR award was created to honor organizations that have made significant efforts to provide safer access for transit riders in Pinellas County and expressed appreciation for a much improved bus stop in Clearwater; whereupon, Senior Engineer Tom Washburn and Program Coordinator David Deranzio provided brief comments and accepted the award on behalf of Public Works.

3. Partner Presentation:
Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO, RCS Pinellas, Inc.

Mr. Smith conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *RCS Pinellas - Hope & Help for People in Need*, which has been made part of the record, and provided information regarding the mission, vision, values, and priorities of the charitable organization. He presented financial and statistical information, discussed issues relating to hunger, homelessness, affordable housing, and domestic violence, and related the many ways that RCS Pinellas is helping those in need; whereupon, he discussed the importance of advocacy, volunteerism, and financial support, and efforts to increase affordable housing capacity, and Commissioner Welch provided input.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 19 (Items 16, 17, and 19 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

4. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 23, 2019.
5. Vouchers and bills paid from March 24 through May 4, 2019.

Period: March 24 through March 30, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$36,917,418.49

Payroll - None

Period: March 31 through April 6, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$43,857,991.34

Payroll - \$3,797,787.74

Period: April 7 through April 13, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$14,350,718.11

Payroll - None

Period: April 14 through April 20, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$14,433,138.12

Payroll - \$3,658,795.85

Period: April 21 through April 27, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$16,448,725.22

Payroll - None

Period: April 28 through May 4, 2019

Accounts Payable - \$55,055,764.98

Payroll - \$3,652,065.21

Reports received for filing:

6. Dock Fee Report for the month of April 2019.
7. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2019-08 dated April 3, 2019 - Unannounced Audit of the Heritage Village Petty Cash Fund.
8. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2019-09 dated May 2, 2019 - Unannounced Audit of the Code Enforcement Petty Cash and Change Funds.
9. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarters ended June 30, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
10. Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization Financial Statements, Supplementary Information, and Compliance Section for the year ended September 30, 2018, and Reports of Independent Auditor.
11. Pinellas County Sewer System Enterprise Fund Financial Statements for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

12. City of Clearwater Ordinances Nos. 9237-19, 9240-19, and 9243-19 adopted April 4, 2019, annexing certain properties.
13. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meeting held February 14, 2019.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

14. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending April 30, 2019.

Public Works

15. Ranking of firms and agreement with Cardno, Inc. for professional engineering services pertaining to the Fort DeSoto Bay pier and dock replacement project.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 178-0370-NC approved in the amount of \$897,980.25 (includes design, optional, and contingency services not to exceed \$621,262.90, \$201,717.35, and \$75,000.00, respectively); contract term is 1,395 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Risk Management

18. Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Public Works

16. Award of bid to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc. for the Park Boulevard Safe Routes to School sidewalk improvement project.

Bid No. 189-0092-CP (PID No. 001512A) in the amount of \$1,517,031.30 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 250 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Welch expressed support for the sidewalk improvement project and commented on how it will benefit the community. In response to his queries, Transportation Division Director Ken Jacobs provided information regarding grant programs and agreed to provide a project waiting list.

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

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

Real Estate Management

17. Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment and vehicles.

Authorization granted. Excluding any interested governmental entities, not-for-profit agencies, or Social Action Funding List designees, assets are to be liquidated through public auction conducted by GovDeals.com, Tampa Machinery Auction, and Manheim under provisions of the existing approved contracts. Distribution of proceeds approved as recommended in the Staff Report.

Chair Seel related that she will be having a conversation with Mr. Burton regarding the rationale for not donating vehicles to not-for-profit agencies, the proceeds received when selling end-of-life vehicles, and the prospect of ending the partnership with Suwanee County regarding surplus goods donations, and Commissioners Long, Eggers, and Welch provided input.

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

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

Human Resources

- 19.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Willis Towers Watson US LLC for employee benefits consulting services.

Contract No. 178-0396-P approved in an annual amount of \$275,000.00, for a 60-month term total of \$1,375,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Joseph Lauro, Purchasing Department, agreed to provide pricing information with respect to the Request for Proposal, indicating that RFP pricing is only 10 to 20 percent of the overall award criteria; whereupon, Human Resources Director Holly Schoenherr provided additional information regarding the contract, relating that the amount negotiated is competitive and comparable to similarly sized counties, and brief discussion ensued.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Economic Development

- 20.** Resolution approving B5121447367 as a qualified applicant for the Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund program.

Resolution No. 19-30 adopted approving Project B5121447367 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local County financial support (total local contribution amount, \$47,000.00, 50 percent of which will be paid by Pinellas County over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State).

Mr. Stowers provided background information regarding the item, indicating that:

- The company is in the aviation/aerospace manufacturing industry and is considering a project to consolidate its out-of-state production facility to Pinellas County.
- The project would include the construction of an approximately 40,000-square-foot facility and substantial equipment upgrades.
- An estimated 47 employees are projected to be hired with annual pay scales of at least 115 percent of the average annual wage for Pinellas County.

In response to queries by Commissioners Peters and Eggers, Senior Economic Development Manager Suzanne Christman related that the firm does not have a local competitor; that it serves a niche market; and that it plans to expand operations in the City of Largo, and discussed how worker salaries will average 115 percent of the average annual wage.

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

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

21. Resolution approving B5121447367 as a qualified applicant for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Resolution No. 19-31 adopted supporting Project B512447367 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, and authorizing the company to make improvements and/or tangible personal property additions before an Exemption Ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Stowers related that Items Nos. 20 and 21 are companion items; and that while the former is a State program, the latter is a County program to incentivize economic development.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Senior Economic Development Manager Suzanne Christman, with input by Chair Seel, discussed matters regarding confidentiality, disclosure, incentives, partnership with the City of Largo, tax exemptions, and program safeguards; whereupon, she related that approval of the resolution will allow the firm to proceed with its expansion plans prior to returning to the Board for approval of an Exemption Ordinance, and brief discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Seel, Vice-Chair Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Welch

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Justice

Human Services

22. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Suncoast Center, Inc. for the Behavioral Health High Utilizer Pilot program.

Amendment to Contract No. 156-0045-P approved increasing the amount by \$650,862.00 for a revised total of \$3,230,608.00 and extending the term through May 8, 2020. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Tim Burns, Human Services, provided extensive background information regarding the Behavioral Health High Utilization Pilot Program. In response to comments and queries by Commissioners Welch and Peters, Mr. Burns discussed the Crisis Stabilization Unit, patient demographics, and funding allocations, and related that he would review the reports of other successful state-funded programs.

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

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

Management and Budget

23. Amendment No. 3 to Hurricane Irma Grant Funding Agreement No. Z0141 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant.

Amendment No. 3 approved for anticipated federal and state funding in the amount of \$50,777.56 for reimbursement of disaster-related costs (obligated amount, \$58,031.49; County match, \$7,253.93). Chair authorized to sign the amendment.

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

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

Public Works

24. County Incentive Grant Program agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of an Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System project.

Resolution No. 19-32 adopted approving the CIGP agreement with FDOT for construction activities associated with the Phase 3 ATMS/ITS project at various locations throughout the county (FDOT Financial Project No. 437046-1-54-01; County PID No. 002601A). Grant amount, \$2,000,000.00; total estimated construction cost, \$4,000,000.00. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

25. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MISCELLANEOUS - None.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

26. County Attorney Miscellaneous.
- Conflict of interest waiver request from outside counsel.

Attorney White provided background information regarding the item, indicating that a conflict of interest waiver request was received from the Banker Lopez Gassler law firm and has been included as part of the members' backup materials. She related that the waiver is limited to the above law firm and attorney who will be attending the pre-lawsuit mediation conference; whereupon, she recommended that the members approve the request.

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

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

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

27. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Stephen Feilinger and the appointment of Dr. Matthew Nelson as emergency physician representative and emergency physician alternate representative, respectively, for two-year terms ending in April 2021.

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

28. County Administrator Reports - None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

29. Public Comment.

Ron Ogden, Palm Harbor, re transportation

Bruce Rumble, Clearwater, re North Pinellas Trail relocation

Scott Bressler, Clearwater, re route of Pinellas Trail expansion

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Florida's mathematics and science consultant

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re Statute 298.36, Book of Common Rebellion
(submitted documents)

Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas families

In response to concerns raised by Mr. Rumble, Assistant County Administrator Rahim Harji stated that the item is scheduled for discussion at the June 20 work session; and that an update will be provided on the project's website; whereupon, Chair Seel indicated that the work session will be open for public comment.

COUNTY COMMISSION

30. Appointment of alternate member to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Pamela Kern appointed for a four-year term following a ballot vote.

31. Appointment/reappointment to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Nadine Spring Nickeson and Brian Ryan appointed as Health Care Consumers, and MaryEllen Dennis, Grace Levy-Clarke, and Eric Smith appointed as Health Care Providers following discussion and a ballot vote.

32. Appointments to the Council for Persons with Disabilities (Individual Appointments by each Commissioner).

The following members were appointed for two year terms:

Jennifer C. Boggess - Karen Seel

Keli Mondello - Pat Gerard

Ross I. Silvers - Dave Eggers

Linsey Grove - Charlie Justice

James "Steve" Cleveland - Janet C. Long

Sarah Goldman - Kathleen Peters

Deborah Figgs-Sanders - Kenneth T. Welch

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

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

33. County Commission New Business Items - None.

34. County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items.

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

Commissioner Welch

- Census Complete Count Committee
- Passing of St. Petersburg "Courageous 12" Officer Freddie Lee Crawford

Commissioner Peters

- Weedon Island Preserve
- Marchman Act facilities
- Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Justice

- Area Agency on Aging
- Historic Preservation Board, Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Stormwater/Wastewater Task Force, Gulf Consortium
- Annual Law Enforcement Fallen Officer Memorial, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Tourism Luncheon, Quality of Florida Gala, Salvation Army Prayer Breakfast, Ruth Eckerd Hall Nancy and David Bilheimer Capitol Theater Naming Celebration, USF St. Petersburg Bill Heller Hall Naming Celebration
- Property designation to recognize the service of Commissioner John Morrioni

Commissioner Gerard

- CareerSource Pinellas Board, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- InterCultural Advocacy Institute/Hispanic Outreach Center luncheon

Commissioner Eggers

- Forward Pinellas Board, Tampa Bay Water Board
- Annual Law Enforcement Fallen Officer Memorial
- Veterans Suicide Prevention Survey, Veterans Counseling Veterans, Purple Heart Monument, Veterans Coalition, Honor Flights
- Transportation Forum
- Memorial Day ceremonies

Commissioner Long

- John Morroni Legacy Foundation
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- Forward Pinellas Executive Director annual review
- Florida Association of Counties and National Association of Counties annual conferences
- Panel discussion featuring International Water Affairs envoy for the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Annual Law Enforcement Fallen Officer Memorial
- Bill Heller Hall and Circle of Heroes dedication ceremonies

Chair Seel

- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, Juvenile Welfare Board
- St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport First Airline Monument
- Housing Finance Authority and Pinellas County Education Foundation Community Heroes Program
- Veterans proclamations
- Delta Airlines inaugural flight to Amsterdam

Meeting Recessed: 4:47 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

35. Youth Advisory Committee Year-End Presentation.

Committee members discussed their activities and initiatives during the 2018-2019 school year; whereupon, Commissioner Gerard thanked the students and presented them with certificates recognizing their participation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Educational Facilities Authority

- 36.** Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution for issuance by the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority of its Revenue and Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,300,000.00 on behalf of Pinellas Preparatory Academy, Inc.

Resolution No. 19-33 adopted approving the issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 37.** Petition of Anthony Mendillo and Jenee Mendillo and the Bayou Club Community Association, Inc. to vacate the northerly 5 feet of the 10-foot drainage and utility easement lying adjacent to the southerly boundary of Lot 2, Bayou Club Estates, Tract 5, Phase 1, Plat Book 111, Page 57-59, lying within Section 19-30-16, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Resolution No. 19-34 adopted granting the petition. Clerk authorized to attest and record the resolution. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

- 38.** Resolution revising retail water, wholesale water, retail sewer, wholesale sewer, retail reclaimed water, and wholesale reclaimed water rates.

Resolution No. 19-35 adopted approving a four-year schedule of retail and wholesale water rates. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Welch related that the members have discussed the matter extensively in workshops; whereupon, at his request, Jeff Dykstra, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., conducted a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of the utility rate analysis and proposed rate plans. Discussion ensued, and Utilities Director Megan Ross responded to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Long pertaining to reclaimed water metering, capital improvements, and water and sewer line studies.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT - 6:40 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk