

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 7, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Palm Room, Communications Building

Board of County Commissioners

Charlie Justice, Chairman

Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Rene Flowers

Pat Gerard

Kathleen Peters

Karen Williams Seel

ROLL CALL- 9:32 A.M.

Present: 5 - Chairman Charlie Justice, Dave Eggers, Rene Flowers, Pat Gerard, and Karen Williams Seel

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Janet C. Long, and Kathleen Peters

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney;
and Katie Poviones, Board Reporter

1. Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road 55/U.S. Highway 19 project from State Road 580 to Northside Drive.

(FDOT Financial Project No. 256774-2-52-01; County PID No. 001522A) Agreements approved for an amount not to exceed \$9,777,944.00, including contingencies. Planned date for construction to begin is September 2022. Agreements are effective upon full execution and will remain in effect until project completion.

Referring to both agenda items, Mr. Burton explained that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 Secretary David Gwynn requested to bring the agreements before the BCC today prior to the beginning of a new fiscal year to avoid any delays to the FDOT construction projects; and that the Board approval is required due to large cost of the associated utility work.

In response to queries by the members, Utilities Director Megan Ross related that the utility work was planned and budgeted in coordination with FDOT; that FDOT projects involve road improvements to U.S. Highway 19 from State Route 580 through County Road 95; and that while the County utility pipelines are in adequate condition, they must be relocated to facilitate the road improvements. She noted that in addition to relocation, any necessary system upgrades are being advanced in coordination with the projects; that the utility work would be funded through the County's Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds, pending Board approval; and that the only change to the original cost estimate is due to certain upgrades to replace faulty and leaking valves.

Upon call by the Chairman for public comment, David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, and Greg Pound, Largo, appeared and expressed their concerns.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Long, and Commissioner Peters

- 2. Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road 55/U.S. 19 project, from Northside Drive to County Road 95.

(FDOT Financial Project No. 256774-3-56-02; County PID No. 001523A) Agreements approved for an amount not to exceed \$7,075,777.50, including contingencies. Planned date for construction to begin is September 2022. Agreements are effective upon full execution and will remain in effect until project completion.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Long, and Commissioner Peters

ADJOURNMENT - 9:43 A.M.

Charles J. Seel

 Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Dee Lynn Lewis*

 Deputy Clerk

