

Meeting Recessed: 5:45 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:02 P.M.

COUNTY COMMISSION

29. WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, Program Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Program Year 2016-2017 Budget approved pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement between CareerSource and Pinellas County. Chairman authorized to sign the annual submission documentation.

Referring to the WorkNet Pinellas Planning Budget, Commissioner Seel questioned the loss of funding for the National Disability Institute, Home Builders Institute, St. Petersburg College, and BayCare Health Systems and the increase in funding for Gulf Coast NCEP, relating that she is uncertain of the acronym's meaning; whereupon, Commissioner Welch suggested that she submit her queries to Ed Peachey, President and CEO, CareerSource Pinellas.

Commissioner Welch related that he had served on the WorkNet Pinellas Board several years ago and rejoined this year, and requested that CareerSource provide information regarding its overall business plan; whereupon, Mr. Woodard indicated that because no CareerSource staff are present and because he is not prepared to answer questions regarding the topic, the members can approve the item today and have their questions answered in the near future, or defer the item until the next meeting.

Pointing out that July 1 begins the new fiscal year for CareerSource, Commissioner Welch related that he would prefer approving the item and awaiting the requested information, and Commissioner Long expressed her concerns regarding the members voting on an item presented at the last minute and not knowing what they are actually approving, and requested information regarding the Science Center; whereupon, in response to queries by Chairman Justice, Attorney Bennett indicated that as the local governing body, the members are required to approve the work plan and budget and cannot unreasonably withhold such approval, and discussion ensued.

Mr. Woodard related that he has requested that CareerSource place future items on the agenda prior to the last meeting in June; and that he will invite Mr. Peachey to the next BCC meeting in order to respond to queries by the members, and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Long, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the item be conditionally approved pending further information to be provided by Mr. Peachey. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morrioni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

30. Appointments to WorkNet Pinellas, Inc., d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas, Board of Directors.