# Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room*
*Clearwater, FL 33756*

## Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting**

## Board of County Commissioners

***Dave Eggers, Chair***
***Chris Latvala, Vice-Chair***
***René Flowers***
***Vince Nowicki***
***Kathleen Peters***
***Chris Scherer***
***Brian Scott***

**ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair Chris Latvala, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, Commissioner Chris Scherer, and Commissioner Brian Scott

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager; and Jessica Oakes, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

## INVOCATION by Commissioner Latvala

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Peters

## PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

**1.** Independence Day Proclamation:
Daughters of the American Revolution, Caladesi Chapter, NSDAR
- Joan Russell, Regent
- Lori Coffey, Past Regent
- Charlene Dzierzrawski, Second Vice Regent
- Barbara Backus, Member
- Sue Cimerman, Member
- Irma Anderson, Member

Chair Eggers invited Mses. Russell, Coffey, Dzierzrawski, Backus, Cimerman, and Anderson to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing July 4, 2026, as the 250th anniversary of the United States of America; whereupon, Ms. Coffey provided brief comments regarding the nation's 250th anniversary and her family's ties to the American Revolution and thanked the members for the recognition.

**2.** Juneteenth Proclamation:
- David Baldwin, grandson of Dan Henry, Founder of Dansville

Chair Eggers invited Mr. Baldwin and Friends of Ridgecrest President Wanda McCawthan to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth; whereupon, Mr. Baldwin expressed his appreciation for the recognition. Ms. McCawthan also provided brief information regarding Juneteenth events in the Ridgecrest community.

**3.** Waste & Recycling Workers Week Proclamation:
- Paul Sacco, Director, Pinellas County Solid Waste
- Willie Joseph, Sanitation Director, City of St. Petersburg
- Tracy Meehan, Corporate Communications Director, Waste Pro USA

Chair Eggers invited Messrs. Sacco and Joseph and Ms. Meehan to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing June 15 to 19, 2026, as National Waste and Recycling Workers Week; whereupon, Ms. Meehan and Messrs. Sacco and Joseph expressed their appreciation for the recognition and acknowledged the importance of the work conducted by Solid Waste employees and private and municipal partners.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

**4.** Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Joey Krasnoselsky, Largo
Dianne Duld, Largo
Greg Stockle, Largo
Lauren Mones, St. Pete Beach
Laura Lee Hansen, Largo
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Greg Pound, Largo
Aden Barnes, Largo
Kaitlin New, Palm Harbor
Linda Marcelino, Largo
David Happe, Tarpon Springs

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**5.** Case No. FLU-26-01 (Al Rahman, Inc.)
A request for a Future Land Use Map amendment from Residential Rural to Institutional, for approximately 2.69 acres located at 2577 Keystone Road in East Lake Tarpon.

Ordinance No. 26-18 adopted, approving Case No. FLU-26-01. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**6.** Case No. ZON-26-03 (Al Rahman, Inc.)
A request for a zoning change from R-A, Residential Agriculture, to LI-CO, Limited Institutional with Conditional Overlay, for approximately 2.69 acres located at 2577 Keystone Road in East Lake Tarpon. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 26-41 adopted, approving Case No. ZON-26-03. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**7.** Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

Resolution No. 26-42 adopted, approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for community planning and development and authorizing the following actions:

- Submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Chairman, or designee, to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest applications, certifications, grant agreements, Subrecipient and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and Amendments
- County Administrator, or designee, to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements, Subordinations, and Amendments
- Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, to serve as certifying officer for HUD environmental responsibilities and to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and administrative documents for administration of the Action Plan
- HCD to hold a public hearing on needs and performance in 2027 to initiate the Fiscal Year 2028 Action Plan process

No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Housing and Community Development Planning Section Manager Joe Riddle confirmed that, with the Board's approval, new annual entitlement allocations would take effect on October 1 of this year.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

## CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8 through 31 (Item Nos. 27 and 28 addressed under Regular Agenda)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

**8.** Minutes of the regular meetings held April 21 and May 5, 2026.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**9.** Vouchers and bills paid from April 26 through May 23, 2026.

<u>Period  - April 26 through May 2, 2026</u>
Accounts Payable - $37,882,162.85
Payroll - None

<u>Period  - May 3 through May 9, 2026</u>
Accounts Payable - $58,388,424.24
Payroll - $4,906,327.25

<u>Period  - May 10 through May 16, 2026</u>
Accounts Payable - $101,377.620.97
Payroll - None

<u>Period  - May 17 through May 23, 2026</u>
Accounts Payable - $22,033,890.23
Payroll - $4,918,725.86

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Reports received for filing:

**10.** Independent Auditor’s Management Letter, Pinellas County, Florida.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit and Comptroller and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**11.** Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Pinellas County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**12.** Annual Financial Report (AFR), Pinellas County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**13.** Citizens' Guide to Pinellas County Finances (PAFR), for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**14.** Debt Report, Pinellas County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**15.** Community Redevelopment Agency, Pinellas County, Florida, Financial Statements, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**16.** Pinellas County, Florida, Schedule of Passenger Facility Charges (PFC), Collected and Expended (as reported to the FAA), and related Compliance Reports, September 30, 2025.

*(Due to scheduling challenges, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Forvis Mazars will present the audit results at a July 2026 meeting.)*

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**17.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-12, dated April 30, 2026 - Investigation of Public Works Overtime.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**18.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-13, dated May 15, 2026 - Follow-up Audit of Utilities Meter Installation and Repair Process.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**19.** Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2026-14, dated May 15, 2026 - Follow-up Investigation of Airport Personnel Travel and Conflict of Interest.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

**20.** Southwest Florida Water Management District Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**21.** Clearwater Cay Community Development District Proposed Annual Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2027.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**22.** Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**23.** Florida Public Service Commission; Docket No. 20260046-EI.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**24.** Florida Public Service Commission; Docket No. 20260050-EI.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Construction and Property Management

**25.** Award of bid to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. d/b/a Daikin Applied for boiler maintenance and repair.

Contract No. 26-0107-ITB awarded to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. d/b/a Daikin Applied in the total not-to-exceed amount of $1,360,569.21 for a term of 60 months on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**26.** Declare surplus and authorize the sale or donation of miscellaneous County-owned equipment.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Public Works

**29.** Ranking of firms and agreement with WGI, Inc. for the Crystal Beach Drainage and Roadway Improvements - Professional Engineering Services project.

(Contract No. 25-0731-RFQ-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the amount of $1,193,200.82. Agreement is effective for 1,460 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed from the County.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Economic Development Authority

**30.** Award of bid to Air Mechanical & Services Corp. for STAR Center Air Handler Units 104, 161, and 162 replacements.

Contract No. 26-0306-ITB-C awarded to Air Mechanical & Services Corp. in the amount of $454,860.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY

**31.** Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

**28.** Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending May 29, 2026.

Commissioner Nowicki referred to a $115,000.00 loan for The Arc Tampa Bay under Resolution No. 21-22 and noted that he was unable to locate the resolution, which was referenced in the *June 16, 2026, Delegated Log* that was provided with the agenda item; whereupon, Mr. Burton related that he would follow up regarding Commissioner Nowicki's request for additional information prior to the end of the meeting.

Later in the meeting, at Mr. Burton's request, Housing and Community Development Planning Section Manager Joe Riddle indicated that $115,000.00 was utilized for renovations at the Anclote Group Home for The Arc Tampa Bay; and that Resolution No. 21-22 authorized the issuance of those funds through the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP); whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Nowicki, Mr. Riddle provided brief comments regarding the application process to qualify for affordable housing funding and the annual action plan for the utilization of SHIP funds.

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

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| **Aye:** | 5 - | Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Scherer |
| **Absent:** | 2 - | Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Scott |

Construction and Property Management

**27.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Fleischman and Garcia Architects and Planners, AIA, PA d/b/a Fleischman Garcia Maslowski for professional design services for the East Lake Community Library expansion.

(Contract No. 26-0124-RFQ-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of $765,193.00. Agreement is effective for 1,200 days from issuance of notice to proceed from the County.

In response to comments and queries by Chair Eggers, Assistant County Administrator Tom Almonte related that East Lake Community Library staff wishes to proceed with the expansion project; and that staff will be able to maintain the facility. Responding to additional comments and queries by Chair Eggers, the Library's Assistant Director and Head of Technical Services Dino Giallourakis indicated that the Library would continue to function and retain its core services should budget cuts reduce ad valorem tax revenues; whereupon, Mr. Burton confirmed that the project will be financed with Penny for Pinellas funds and $2,000,000.00 in funding raised by the Library, for a combined estimated cost of $7,500,000.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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| **Aye:** | 7 - | Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott |

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

**32.** Ranking of firms and agreements with four firms for the requirements of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport - Professional Engineering Services.

(Contract No. 26-0041-RFQ-CCNAC) Ranking of firms and agreements approved in the amount of $1,500,000.00 per vendor for a five-year total not-to-exceed contract amount of $6,000,000.00. Contracts to be used on an as-needed basis with no obligation to spend the full amount of the contracts or to spend in any given year.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Construction and Property Management

**33.** First Amendment Term Extension with Trane US Inc. for Central Energy Plant maintenance and services.

(Contract No. 23-0573-N) Amendment approved, increasing the contract amount by $912,540.00 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of $1,672,784.00. Contract extended through September 6, 2029.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**34.** Real property purchase and sale agreement with Patrick D. Haines, for the County’s sale of surplus land located west of 69th Steet North, between 49th Avenue North and 50th Avenue North, St. Petersburg.

Purchase and agreement approved for the County’s sale of surplus land to Patrick D. Haines for a sale price of $3,000.00, Board Chairman authorized to execute a County Deed to the buyer, and Real Property Division staff authorized to handle the transaction.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Vice-Chair Latvala, that Items 34, 35, 36, and 37 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**35.** Real property purchase and sale agreement with Melissa Schleit, for the County’s sale of surplus land located on 114th Avenue North, Seminole.

Purchase and agreement approved for the County’s sale of surplus land to Melissa Schleit for a sale price of $400.00, Board Chairman authorized to execute a County Deed to the buyer, and Real Property Division staff authorized to handle the transaction.

**36.** Real property purchase and sale agreement with James Parks, for the County's sale of surplus land located on 110th Terrace North, Seminole.

Purchase and agreement approved for the County's sale of surplus land to James Parks for a sale price of $111.00, Board Chairman authorized to execute a County Deed to the buyer, and Real Property Division staff authorized to handle the transaction.

**37.** Real property purchase and sale agreement with Nicole Graziano and Charles Kalbach, for the County's sale of surplus land located north of Colony South Drive, east of South Florida Avenue, Tarpon Springs.

Purchase and agreement approved for the County's sale of surplus land to Nicole Graziano and Charles Kalbach for a sale price of $151.00, Board Chairman authorized to execute a County Deed to the buyers, and Real Property Division staff authorized to handle the transaction.

Housing & Community Development

**38.** Resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to the 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan for the purpose of receiving a second allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing funds.

Resolution No. 26-43 adopted, as amended, approving the amendment and authorizing the following actions:

- Submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Chairman, or designee, to sign and the Clerk to attest applications, certifications, grant agreements, and Subrecipient and Land Use Restriction Agreements and Amendments
- County Administrator to implement Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Programs

Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, to serve as Certifying Officer for HUD Environmental Responsibilities and to sign and file forms, reports, and other administrative documents needed for the administration of the Action Plan.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Human Services

**39.** Agreement for Coordinated Access Model IT Platform Development Services with Ignyte Group, Inc.

(Contract No. 24-0552-RFQ) Agreement approved in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,321,819.93 for a period of approximately eight months, for the development, implementation, and support of the Mental and Behavioral Health Coordinated Access Model platform utilizing the County's existing Appian environment.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**40.** Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2025 Local Solicitation.

Certifications and Assurances approved. Funding in an amount not to exceed $190,948.00 is provided by the Fiscal Year 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and the City of St. Petersburg will each receive $95,474.00, with the PCSO serving as the applicant and fiscal agent for grant administration. This total does not include potential rollover funds. No match is required.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**41.** City/County Opioid Abatement Funding 2026-2027 Priority List recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners approval for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Revised priority list approved for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families, as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**42.** Funding recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2027 Human Services Social Action Grant Program.

Item deferred to the July 21 Board of County Commission (BCC) meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Flowers noted that she must recuse herself from voting since she serves on the Board for the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, which is one of the organizations recommended to receive Social Action funding.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Scherer, Human Services Planning and Contract Services Division Director Jennifer Artiaga explained that the Social Action Grant Program funding process operates on an annual application cycle; and that the recommended awards would apply only to Fiscal Year 2027.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of approval of the funding recommendations in relation to the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process; whereupon, Mr. Burton, with input from Ms. Artiaga, indicated that contract execution remains contingent upon approval of the budget. Chair Eggers then suggested that the item could be rescheduled to the July BCC meeting. Following brief additional discussion, Attorney White clarified that the item can be deferred without the need to re-advertise since it is not a public hearing. She also noted that most County contracts include fiscal non-funding clauses which specify that the contract is contingent upon funding actually being awarded.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scherer, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be deferred to the July BCC meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Flowers

Management and Budget

**43.** First Amendment to the purchase authorization with Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. for maintenance repair and operating services.

(Contract No.21-0474-PB) Amendment approved, increasing the contract amount by $1,300,000.00 for a revised agreement amount of $2,620,000.00, effective through December 31, 2026.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Nowicki, Mr. Burton confirmed that he will provide the members with a list of contracts which have been approved under the $250,000.00 threshold and have remained in effect for multiple years.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Scherer, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Public Works

**44.** Emergency Watershed Protection program grant agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for restoration and stabilization for various channels throughout unincorporated County.

Agreement approved in the amount of $29,442,604.40, as outlined in the Staff Report.

Agreement term ends June 1, 2028. No match is required.

Responding to a query by Chair Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy explained that the grant will fund restoration of channels damaged during Hurricane Milton; and that, through the grant, the Natural Resources Conservation Service will fund 100% of construction and construction oversight costs.

In response to additional queries by Chair Eggers, Ms. Levy indicated that the restoration work primarily involves repair of eroded channel banks in areas where the County has the necessary property rights or easements; that maintenance of channels located on private property is generally the responsibility of the property owners; and that County policy prohibits work on private property without the appropriate rights or authorization, including during a declared emergency.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**45.** Grant agreement with the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant for the Pinellas Advanced Technology for Traveler Information project.

Agreement approved, providing grant funding in the amount of $4,800,000.00 (County match, $1,200,000.00; total project cost, $6,000,000.00). Agreement term expires December 31, 2030.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**46.** Resilient Florida grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the 98th to 100th Way Drainage Improvements project.

(PID No. 003899A) Agreement approved, providing grant funding in the amount of $3,887,800.00, with a required local match of $3,887,800.00.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**47.** Resilient Florida grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Crystal Beach drainage and roadway improvements project.

(PID No. 003896A) Agreement approved, providing grant funding in the amount of $6,162,000.00, with a required local match of $6,162,000.00.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**48.** Resolution supporting the honorary designation of County Road 1, from State Road 586/Curlew Road to Tampa Road, as Sergeant Nicholas A. Flowers Memorial Road.

Resolution No. 26-44 adopted.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**49.** Second Amendment to the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District for Stormwater Facility Quality Improvements at Starkey M10.

(PID No. 003900A; SWFWMD Agreement No. 22CF0003715; SWFWMD Project No. W106) Amendment approved, reducing Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) grant funding by $119,880.00 and County match by $119,880.00, for a total project reduction amount of $239,760.00. Revised SWFWMD total funding amount is $204,120.00 and revised total County match is $204,120.00 for an updated project total of $408,240.00. The amendment also revises some sections of the initial agreement to align with the current cooperative funding agreement language and replaces the SWFWMD Contract Manager.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Scott, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

## Safety and Emergency Services

**50.** Sixth Amendment to the agreement with ImageTrend, LLC for Safety and Emergency Services Fire/Emergency Medical Services Records Management System.

(Contract No. 22-0748-N) Amendment approved, increasing funding in the amount of $1,630,526.03 for a revised total contract amount of $4,789,110.59 through November 14, 2027.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Utilities

**51.** Third amendment to the agreement with US Submergent Technologies LLC for grit removal services, extending the term and increasing the not-to-exceed maximum expenditure amount.

(Contract No. 21-0360-B) Amendment approved, extending the contract for an additional 24 months per the terms of the original contract to retain the same terms and conditions for an additional two years, and increasing funding in the amount of $1,320,00.00 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of $3,546,220.00 through August 23, 2028.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

**52.** Third Amendment with Unify, Inc. for Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone equipment and maintenance services.

(Contract No. 190-0127-SS) Amendment approved, extending the contract for an additional 36 months and increasing funding in the amount of $1,026,617.07, for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of $5,431,747.07.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Emergency Medical Services Authority

**53.** Issuance of 17 Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, certificates issued to 17 providers as set forth in the Staff Report. Certificates will expire on June 30, 2027.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

**54.** Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Seth Blount; County Court Case No. 26-004548-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animals.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**55.** Proposed settlement in the case of Theresa Roderick v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 25-002060-CI.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated June 16, 2026.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**56.** County Attorney Reports - None

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**57.** County Administrator Reports:

<u>Modified Fee Structure for Building and Development Review Services</u>

Resolution No. 26-45 adopted, approving an update to the building permit fee schedule in order to comply with House Bill 803.

Mr. Burton indicated that, as discussed during the Board's previous work session, staff is requesting approval of a modified fee structure for Building and Development Review Services in order to reflect changes resulting from House Bill 803; and that staff's recommendation regarding the fee modification and an associated resolution is included in the agenda; whereupon, at Mr. Burton's request, Commissioner Flowers made a motion to place the modified fee structure on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the modified fee structure be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Sand Key Erosion Control Line

Chair Eggers authorized to send a letter regarding the Sand Key Erosion Control Line.

Mr. Burton indicated that staff is requesting authorization for the Chair to send a letter regarding the Sand Key Erosion Control Line; whereupon, Chair Eggers clarified that the letter would be sent in opposition to the petition for recission of the Erosion Control Line in Belleair Shore.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the Chair be authorized to send a letter regarding the Sand Key Erosion Control Line. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

Upcoming Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act Hearing

Mr. Burton provided information regarding an upcoming Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act hearing for a request by Saint Paul's School, noting that the hearing will be held at the July 21 Board of County Commission meeting.

CDBG-DR Update

Policy recommendations with regard to the CDBG-DR program approved, with the exception of those related to reimbursement structure types, reimbursement award thresholds, and MHU relocation cases, which will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Disaster Recovery Program Manager Erica Henry provided an update regarding implementation of the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program, including application volume, outreach efforts, and approved awards; whereupon, responding to a query by Chair Eggers, Ms. Henry explained that while application volume has slowed since immediately following the Program's launch, staff continues to conduct outreach efforts throughout the County to encourage participation.

Ms. Henry compared the County's progress with that of other first-time CDBG-DR grantees and noted that Pinellas County continues to lead in program implementation. She also reviewed the geographic distribution of approved awards and outlined factors impacting applicant eligibility; whereupon, in response to additional queries by Chair Eggers, Ms. Henry explained that applicant eligibility may be affected by various factors, including geographic location, whether the property is a primary residence, applicant responsiveness, and voluntary withdrawal from the program; and that staff continues to identify service gaps and potential policy modifications to expand eligibility while maintaining compliance with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements.

In response to queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Scott, Ms. Henry, with input from Horne Director Ryan Flanery, discussed factors affecting applicant eligibility, documentation requirements, applicant responsiveness, and ongoing efforts to streamline the application process while maintaining compliance with HUD requirements. Mr. Burton also noted that the County's contract with Horne incentivizes approval of eligible applications while ensuring compliance with applicable requirements.

Responding to comments and queries by Chair Eggers, Building and Development Review Services (BDRS) Director Kevin McAndrew indicated that outreach efforts, including recent mailings, have resulted in an increased number of after-the-fact permit applications. He also noted that BDRS has partnered with the recovery team to communicate that obtaining an after-the-fact permit may allow eligible homeowners to qualify for reimbursement assistance.

Ms. Henry then reviewed program accomplishments and discussed proposed policy recommendations intended to expand applicant eligibility and expedite assistance to eligible applicants. In response to a comment by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton clarified incorporation of the proposed policy recommendations would not require approval by HUD; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Henry, with input from Mr. Flanery, provided additional information regarding the proposed policy recommendations, including those related to homeowner insurance requirements, homebuyer assistance awards, minimum property standards, and relocation assistance for certain mobile home owners.

Assistant County Administrator Matthew Spoor explained that two of the proposed policy recommendations would require an Action Plan update and subsequent Board approval while the remaining recommendations may be incorporated without further action; whereupon, Ms. Henry clarified that an additional recommendation, establishing a relocation pathway for certain mobile home owners under the Homeowner Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Program, would also require an Action Plan update.

Responding to comments and queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Scott, Ms. Henry provided additional information regarding the proposed policy recommendations; whereupon, Mr. Spoor indicated that the three recommendations requiring Action Plan amendments will be brought back for the Board’s approval; and that the remaining recommendations can be approved separately. Ms. Henry then identified the three recommendations requiring an Action Plan update as expanding reimbursement eligibility to multifamily structure types, increasing the maximum reimbursement award for mobile home units, and establishing a relocation pathway for certain mobile home owners under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Scherer, that staff’s policy recommendations regarding the CDBG-DR program, with the exception of those relating to expanding reimbursement eligibility to multifamily structure types, increasing the maximum reimbursement award for mobile home units, and establishing a relocation pathway for certain mobile home owners under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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| **Aye:** | 7 - | Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott |

Towing Update

Resolution No. 26-46 adopted, amending towing rates to reflect a base tow rate of $175.00, a mileage rate of $60.00, and a storage rate of $35.00.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Human Services Planning and Contract Services Division Director Tim Burns reviewed the history of the County's towing ordinance and rate adjustments, discussed implementation of a $250.00 State-level administrative lien release fee, and compared Pinellas County's current towing rates with those of neighboring counties. He also reviewed recommendations received from tow operators, including proposed adjustments to existing rates and additional fees not currently included in the ordinance.

Responding to comments and queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burns discussed implementation of the State administrative lien release fee, related consumer complaints, and ongoing litigation regarding Hillsborough County ordinance language restricting assessment of the fee during the first 48 hours following a tow. He also explained that staff is evaluating whether similar language could be incorporated into the County's ordinance.

Mr. Burns then reviewed staff's proposed ordinance revisions, including implementation of a 48-hour waiting period before lien-related fees may be assessed, annual Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based adjustments to towing rates, an emergency fuel surcharge, an after-hours gate fee, and various ordinance clarifications. He also reviewed recommended adjustments to towing rates, which are intended to maintain competitive rates while balancing impacts to consumers.

In response to additional comments and queries by the members, Mr. Burns, with input from Mr. Burton, provided additional information regarding various topics, including the proposed rate adjustments, the potential impact of the pending litigation associated with the Hillsborough County ordinance language, complaint trends, and the effect of the proposed recommendations on consumers and towing operators.

Mr. Burns also reviewed consumer complaint statistics related to towing services and compared examples of consumer costs under the current ordinance, the towing industry's recommendations, and staff's proposed recommendations. Responding to a query by Commissioner Nowicki, he indicated that many complaints received from residents involved lawful tows and did not result in enforcement action; and that staff can provide additional information to the members regarding citations and warnings issued to towing operators over the last several years.

Upon the Chair’s call for public comment, Justin Heller, St. Petersburg, appeared and expressed support for updating the County's towing rates; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Heller discussed increased operating costs experienced by towing operators, including expenses associated with insurance, equipment, and towing electric vehicles. Responding to queries by Chair Eggers, Mr. Heller also provided information regarding the potential cost of supplemental towing signage and the role of towing services in assisting property owners.

Commissioner Scherer expressed concern that approval of the proposed towing rate increases could effectively result in a doubling of fees if the pending Hillsborough County ordinance litigation upholds the State administrative lien release fee and questioned whether the rate increases could automatically revert; whereupon, Attorney White explained that she would recommend against that since it would be preferable for the Board to consider any future rate adjustments through subsequent Board action since the court's ruling may not provide a sufficiently clear basis for automatically triggering such a change.

Following lengthy discussion pertaining to the proposed towing rate adjustments and additional ordinance revisions, Commissioner Scott also expressed concern regarding implementation of the proposed towing rate adjustments prior to resolution of the pending litigation involving the State administrative lien release fee; whereupon, in response to comments by Chair Eggers, Attorney White indicated that adjustments to the existing base tow, mileage, and storage rates may be approved by the resolution included in the agenda packet; and that implementation of the remaining proposed ordinance revisions would require advertisement and consideration at a future public hearing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the Board move forward with a base tow rate of $175.00, a mileage rate of $60.00, and a storage rate of $35.00. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Peters

**Nay:** 3 - Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

## COUNTY COMMISSION

**58.** Appointment and reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Advisory, the Board approved the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals for two-year terms starting May 2026 and ending April 2028:

Appointment

- Christopher Hayes as a District 4 Citizen Representative

Reappointments

- Ty Dougherty as the District 6 Citizen Representative
- Mayors Woody Brown, Sandra Bradbury, Dave Gattis, and Anne-Marie Brooks as Mayors’ Council Representatives
- Division Chief Lindsay Judah and District Chief Lindsey Kensinger as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief’s primary and alternate representatives

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

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

**59.** County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The Commissioners reported on the activities of their assigned boards and committees and discussed various topics.

Letter Regarding Skyway Bridge Closure

Letter of non-opposition for the temporary closure of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge due to the SUNSKY 10k approved.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Commissioner Nowicki, that approval be granted to send a letter of non-opposition for the temporary closure of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge due to the SUNSKY 10k. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Latvala, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Nowicki, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Scherer, and Commissioner Scott

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

Commissioner Latvala

- Congratulations to Calvary Church Pastor Willy Rice for being named the Southern Baptist Convention President
- Juvenile Welfare Board

Commissioner Scott

- Resolution passed by the City of Indian Rocks Beach regarding short-term rentals

Commissioner Scott referenced a recent *Tampa Bay Times* article pertaining to a permit submitted for a data center in Pinellas Park and questioned whether the County could implement a moratorium with regard to data centers; whereupon, Attorney White explained that staff met to discuss the matter and determined that the County’s zoning Code does not currently allow data centers since uses that are not expressly permitted by the Code are prohibited. She also noted that the County has no jurisdiction over land uses within incorporated municipalities. Mr. Burton then added that staff will be meeting with the County Attorney's Office staff to further review the matter and determine whether additional action, such as a moratorium, is warranted.

Commissioner Nowicki

- 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence

Commissioner Peters

- Fundraiser for City of Pinellas Park honorary firefighter Cayden Riley
- Interest in implementing a moratorium regarding data centers in unincorporated Pinellas County

Thereupon, the members recognized Commissioner Flowers for her upcoming installation as President of the Florida Association of Counties and provided brief comments regarding her public service, leadership, and contributions to Pinellas County and communities throughout the State; whereupon, Commissioner Flowers expressed her appreciation for the recognition and thanked her family, colleagues, and staff for their support.

**ADJOURNMENT - 1:42 P.M.**

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Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By____________________________
Deputy Clerk