

Pinellas County

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



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:00 P.M.

Present: 6 - Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kathleen Peters

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

INVOCATION by Commissioner Nowicki**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commissioner Flowers****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. 727 Day Proclamation:
 - Brian Lowack, President & CEO, Convention and Visitors Bureau

Chair Scott invited Mr. Lowack to join him at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing July 27, 2025, as 727 Day; whereupon, Mr. Lowack provided brief comments regarding the purpose of 727 Day and highlighted several related events.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

2. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Gary Orr, Oldsmar
Michelle Kier, Seminole
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Ron Walker, Largo (submitted documents)
Paver Pristash, Largo
Jessica Barnes, St. Petersburg

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3 through 17 (Item Nos. 4 and 15 addressed under Regular Agenda)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that the Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Peters

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

3. Vouchers and bills paid from May 25 through June 28, 2025.

Period - May 25 through May 31, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$33,911,795.08

Payroll - None

Period - June 1 through June 7, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$67,563,985.64

Payroll - \$4,900,463.15

Period - June 8 through June 14, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$28,060,091.55

Payroll - None

Period - June 15 through June 21, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$20,186,201.26

Payroll - \$5,152,184.02

Period - June 22 through June 28, 2025

Accounts Payable - \$58,146,758.39

Payroll - None

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

5. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2025-07, dated May 25, 2025, Unannounced Audit of the Contractor Licensing Department Change Fund.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

6. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2025-09, dated June 10, 2025, Follow-up Audit of the Quality Assurance Review Process.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

7. Report of Expenditures Incurred Under the Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26, Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 4.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

8. Clearwater Cay Community Development District Proposed Annual Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

9. City of Largo Notice of Public Hearing held June 3, 2025, to consider proposed Ordinance Nos. 2025-19 and 2025-22.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

10. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District, Approved Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2026.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

11. City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2025-03, adopted on June 16, 2025, annexing certain property.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

12. City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9822-25, adopted on June 5, 2025, annexing certain properties.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

13. Award of bid to Interconn Resources LLC for requirements of natural gas; a Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative contract.

Bid No. 25-0529-ITB awarded in the average annual amount of \$1,818,666.50 for a 36-month term total not to exceed \$5,455,999.50 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

County Administrator

14. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending June 30, 2025.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

16. Ranking of firms and agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran, & Thompson, Inc. for professional engineering services for 62nd Avenue North roadway improvements project.

(Contract No. 24-0902-RFP-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the amount of \$1,579,676.63. Agreement effective for 1,080 days from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. 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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Reports received for filing:

4. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2025-06, dated May 13, 2025, Audit of Capital Contracting and General Solicitation Process.

Referring to the *Audit of Capital Contracting and General Solicitation Process* report, Commissioner Eggers commended staff from the Division of Inspector General's office for their work, noting that ten suggestions were provided; and that management completely concurred with four and partially concurred with six.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Peters

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

15. Ranking of firms and agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the East Lake Road from Curlew Road to North Trinity Boulevard Project Development and Environment study.

(Contract No. 24-0175-RFP-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the amount of \$3,902,340.93. Agreement effective for 36 months from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that the study will ensure that the project is eligible for federal funding; and that the study will take approximately two years to complete; whereupon, she, with input by Mr. Burton, briefly discussed community engagement and ongoing efforts related to improvements in the East Lake corridor.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

18. Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and delegation of authority to accept Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2025 Funds-Entitlements-St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Project application approved for a request of \$647,143.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration. Authority delegated to the Chair to sign the Grant Agreement upon its receipt.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Convention and Visitors Bureau**19.** Fiscal Year 2026 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council.

Recommendations approved to fund the following Fiscal Year 2026 Elite Events and Destination Enhancement Events, for a cumulative total maximum expenditure of \$2,685,000.00, as outlined in the Staff Report:

Elite Events

Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg
Valspar Championship
The ANNIKA Driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
St. Pete Pride
The St. Pete Powerboat Grand Prix
The Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival
2026 Clearwater Offshore Nationals
Clearwater Jazz Festival
Sanding Ovations, The Gallery of Sand
World Champions Cup
ReliaQuest Bowl Clearwater Beach Day
Dunedin Highland Games & Festival
St. Pete Bike Fest
Reggae Rise Up 2026
Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival
St. Pete Run Fest
MLK Dream Parade
Festivals of Speed
Tampa Bay Blues Festival
John's Pass Seafood Festival
Savor St. Pete
33rd Annual Spring King of the Beach
NYE at the Pier
Tampa Bay Barbeque Festival
St. Pete Tacos & Tequila Festival
Dunedin Mardi Gras

Destination Enhancement Events

32nd Annual Fall King of the Beach
Holiday Lights in the Gardens
American Stage "Into the Woods" the Musical in the Park 2026
OCC Invitational Bike Show
SHINE St. Petersburg Mural Festival (contingent on receiving mural rights)
St. Petersburg Distance Classic

Winter Pride Saint Pete
Multiple Events (Tampa Bay Brewers Alliance)
SALSA at the District
Dunedin Celtic Music Festival
LOCALTOPIA, "A Community Celebration of All Things Local"
Merry Beach Market & Holiday Festival
Dunedin Pride Week
Tampa Bay Empanada Festival
Tide Fest
Palm Harbor Festival
Clearwater AquaX Grand Prix
St. Pete Pier Bundle (includes six events)

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Scott, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, and Commissioner Latvala

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Nowicki, and Commissioner Scherer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Construction and Property Management

- 20.** Declare a County owned property as surplus and authorize its conveyance to Pinellas County Housing Authority.

Resolution No. 25-59 adopted, declaring a County-owned property as surplus and granting authorization to donate the property to the Pinellas County Housing Authority. Chair authorized to execute the County Deed in accordance with Section 125.38, Florida Statutes.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

County Administrator

- 21.** Municipal Services Taxing Unit special project funding request for Neighborly Care Network to replace roof damaged by Hurricane Milton.

Funding request approved in the one-time amount of \$20,000.00. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to approve and execute the Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Services Taxing Unit Funding Agreement.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 22.** Palm Harbor Library Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request for library shelving.

Funding request approved in the one-time amount of \$20,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 23.** Palm Harbor Parks and Recreation Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request for portable sports field fencing.

Funding request approved in the one-time amount of \$20,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

24. Ranking of firms and agreement with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. for professional design services for the new government campus.

(Contract 25-0278-RFQ-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$21,570,203.00. Agreement effective for 1,460 days from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Assistant County Administrator Blaine Williams introduced Jonathan Rae and Kristine Bishop Johnson with Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, Inc. and Robert Shaw with CBRE Group, Inc.; whereupon, Mr. Rae and Ms. Johnson provided brief comments regarding their company and the project.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Eggers, Nowicki, and Scherer, Ms. Johnson, with input by Mr. Williams, provided information regarding the design process, including details related to associated costs and off-site utilities; whereupon, in response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton indicated that there will be opportunities for the members to provide input.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Shaw confirmed that the contract will cover the entire design scope of the campus.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Economic Development

25. Four applications for funding under the Penny for Pinellas Employment Sites Program.

Four applications for funding approved. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to negotiate and execute all agreements and associated documentation, as set forth in the Staff Report, for the following projects:

- BP Land Holdings West, LLC in the amount of \$3,250,000.00
- St. Joseph's Holdings LLC in the amount of \$400,000.00
- Monin Incorporated in the amount of \$3,544,079.00
- Pharmetric Laboratory in the amount of \$1,645,000.00

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Human Services

26. Grant funding agreement with Boley Centers, Inc. for the Florida Department of Children and Families Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness grant program.

Agreement approved for an annual allocation of \$400,000.00 for up to three years, totaling \$1,200,000.00, beginning February 28, 2025, and ending January 31, 2028. An in-kind match of \$400,000.00 per year is required.

In response to a query by Chair Scott, Mr. Burton provided clarifying information related to the average number of clients who will be served over the grant period.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

27. Funding recommendations for the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Grant funding recommendations by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved, and authority delegated to the County Administrator to execute grant documents. Grant provides funding in an amount not to exceed \$232,520.00 to support six projects in Pinellas County; no local match required.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Management and Budget

28. Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Environmental Remediation of the former Toytown Class I Landfill.

(FDEP Agreement No. TT001) Agreement approved in the amount of \$15,000,000.00. No County match is required. Agreement term ends on December 31, 2029.

In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Burton indicated that the funds may be utilized for identified purposes.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Public Works

29. Award of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2026 Pavement Preservation - Package 1.

Contract No. 25-0070-ITB-C awarded to Preferred Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$4,542,974.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days.

Mr. Burton indicated that the next three items are awards of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for the 2026 Pavement Preservation Package.

Commissioner Eggers referenced Item Nos. 29, 30, and 31 are under budget from the estimate that was originally completed; whereupon, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that estimates received have been less expensive than anticipated; whereupon, she noted that Business Technology Services has provided the members with access to a new pavement management dashboard.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton confirmed that the members may vote on Item Nos. 29, 30, and 31 simultaneously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Vice-Chair Eggers, that Item Nos. 29, 30, and 31 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

30. Award of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2026 Pavement Preservation - Package 2.

Contract No. 25-0071-ITB-C awarded to Preferred Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$4,867,264.01 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days.

31. Award of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2026 Pavement Preservation - Package 3.

Contract No. 25-0072-ITB-C awarded to Preferred Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$4,225,830.65 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days.

32. Grant agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Air Pollution Control Program Support.

(USEPA Grant Agreement No. A-00402125) Agreement approved in the not-to-exceed total amount of \$225,000.00 for the project period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026 (County match, \$829,290.00; total project amount, \$1,054,290.00).

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 33.** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for stormwater mitigation efforts.

(PIDs 002124A, 002124B, 003435A, and 006792A) Grant program applications approved, as outlined in the Staff Report. Total cost, \$45,003,925.00 (anticipated grant funding, \$33,752,943.00). Required County match, \$11,250,982.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 34.** Modification No. 1 and attachment L to the Subgrant Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for replacement of span wire supported traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals.

(PID 004183A; FDEM Agreement H0394 and Contract 4337-303-R) Modification No. 1 and Attachment L approved, increasing the federal funding amount by \$5,196,649.75, for a revised total maximum reimbursement amount of \$9,252,966.75, and extending the Subgrant Agreement term through July 31, 2026.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 35.** Resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(PID 001516A) Resolution No. 25-60 adopted, and staff authorized to electronically submit a grant application funding request. Grant application request is for \$43,544,521.00, with a County share projected at \$43,544,521.00.

Mr. Burton indicated that the next three items are related to the County's beach erosion control projects for the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, that Item Nos. 35, 36, and 37 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

- 36.** Resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(PID 002574A) Resolution No. 25-61 adopted, and staff authorized to electronically submit a grant application funding request. Grant application request is for \$5,191,839.62, with a County share projected at \$7,615,475.00.

- 37.** Resolution requesting inclusion of County beach erosion control projects in the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Long-Range Budget Plan of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(PID 004487A) Resolution No. 25-62 adopted, and staff authorized to electronically submit a grant application funding request. Grant application request is for \$722,162.50, with a County share projected at \$2,047,162.50.

- 38.** Road Deed Transfer Agreement and associated County Deed with the City of Treasure Island for certain property at Kingfish Drive.

Agreement and associated County Deed approved.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Utilities

- 39.** Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to the agreement with Rowland DE, LLC for the annual sanitary sewer repairs and extensions Fiscal Year 2024-2026.

(Contract No. 24-0384-ITB-C) Change order approved, increasing the total contract amount by \$5,000,000.00, for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$15,209,703.75.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

40. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications with the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Florida Division of Emergency Management for DR - 4828 (Hurricane Helene) and DR - 4834 (Hurricane Milton).

Grant program applications approved. Total requested grant funding, \$45,431,700.00, with a required County match of \$15,143,900.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

41. Resolution authorizing surplus and donation of parcel located in Hillsborough County to Tampa Bay Water.

Mr. Burton requested that the item be pulled.

42. Termination for convenience of agreement with New Era Electric, Inc. for SCB Replacement of Generator Controls and Switchgear.

Termination of agreement approved.

In response to comments and a query by Commissioner Flowers, Administrative Services Director Joe Lauro clarified that since the agreement was terminated for convenience, there will not be a suspension of the firm.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

43. Issuance of eight new 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 providers as set forth in the Staff Report. Certificates will expire on June 30, 2026.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

Medical Examiner

44. Purchase agreement with LineV Systems for the purchase of a full body x-ray machine for District Six Medical Examiner's Office.

Contract No. 25-0738-A approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$472,000.00 for a one-time purchase.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

COUNTY ATTORNEY

45. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Crystal Allen v. 2001 Develop, et al; HUD Case No. 04-25-7674-8; PC Case No. 25-006 - alleged housing discrimination.

Item withdrawn.

Attorney White indicated that Item Nos. 45 and 47 are being pulled; and that the cases are being actively mediated with Office of Human Rights staff.

46. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Lamyah Rumph; County Court Case No. 25-004937-CO - petition for custody of cruelly or neglectfully treated animal.

Initiation of litigation ratified.

Attorney White indicated that this item is a ratification of a case that has been filed related to animal cruelty; and that, since approval was received by the court, the dog has been seized and is being cared for by the County; whereupon, she provided information regarding the process followed in cases with proven cruelty, pointing out that the defendant in this case, as well as any individual who has received an ordinance violation related to care for animals, cannot adopt from Pinellas County Animal Services; and that, for cases filed in Circuit Court, a court order is obtained that enjoins the individual from owning animals in the future.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

47. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Morgan Davis v. Wayne C Rickert d/b/a Palm Grove Village MHP, et al; HUD Case No. 04-25-7946-8; PC Case No. 25-016 - alleged housing discrimination.

Item withdrawn.

48. Public Official Bond for Supervisor of Elections.

Public Official Bond approved for Supervisor of Elections Julie Marcus.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

49. County Attorney Reports:

Later in the meeting and deviating from the agenda, Attorney White indicated that the County Attorney's Office recently received a request for a conflict waiver from an outside counsel in order to represent a local mobile home park; and that she is recommending approval of the conflict waiver.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nowicki, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that the conflict waiver be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

50. County Administrator Reports:

Retirements of Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict and Assistant to the County Administrator Nancy McKibben

Mr. Burton congratulated Mses. Benedict and McKibben regarding their upcoming retirements.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Presentation

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *FY26 Proposed Budget*, Mr. Burton indicated that the proposed operating budget is slightly over \$3,600,000,000.00; whereupon, he provided information related to the budget process, proposed budget, challenges, efforts to absorb cost increases and find efficiencies, the importance of supporting infrastructure and providing essential services, property tax millages, and next steps.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Burton, with input by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Chris Rose, discussed various topics, including the following:

- Unfunded mandates
- Reserve levels
- 9-1-1 Telecommunicator salaries and staff retention
- Support for Animal Services
- Property tax millages
- Private Sewer Lateral Find and Fix Program savings

Chair Scott indicated that Penny for Pinellas funding had been previously allocated for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's Clearwater transit station; and that bids received are lower than anticipated, which may allow for recovery of funding; whereupon, in response to his query, Mr. Burton related that no action regarding this topic is needed today.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Latvala, Mr. Burton, with input by Mr. Rose, provided information related to reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the possible use of reserve funds toward relief for residents; whereupon, Commissioner Nowicki noted that he would like to discuss the potential to provide relief by reducing Municipal Service Taxing Unit and countywide millage rates at a future Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Maximum Millages

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *FY26 Maximum Millage Rates Consensus*, Mr. Rose indicated that the millage rates must be certified to the Property Appraiser's Office by August 4, 2025; that Truth in Millage notices will be mailed on August 18, 2025; and that the millage rates can only be reduced from this point; whereupon, he reviewed the maximum millage rates which are being proposed by staff, the required voting thresholds for approval, and the budget timeline.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Burton, with input by Mr. Rose, explained the factors considered when determining which millage rates should be reduced and increased and the process for increasing millage rates; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers related that he would like for the proposed millage rates to be the maximum in all cases.

Commissioner Flowers expressed support for the General Fund millage at its current rate and for the proposed millage rates for Municipal Services Taxing Unit districts; whereupon, Chair Scott indicated that there is consensus regarding the proposed millage rates.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 51.** Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

County Administration Community Coordinator B.J. Gavin appointed for a three-year term.

Mr. Burton noted that Mr. Gavin's appointment will replace Assistant to the County Administrator Nancy McKibben's appointment; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers expressed appreciation for Ms. McKibben's work with County departments and residents.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

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

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

Commissioner Nowicki

- Tours of the Admiral Farragut Academy, Haddy manufacturing facility, and ARK Innovation Center
- Ribbon-cutting reopening ceremony at The Frog Pond in St. Pete Beach
- Upcoming ribbon-cutting for a new veterinary facility
- 727 Day
- Potential upcoming discussions regarding the County's ordinances for lobbying, billboards, and fireworks

Commissioner Flowers

- National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition
- Ongoing communication between the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the Governor's Office regarding the potential removal of property tax
- Hiring of Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.'s new Director of Strategic Advancement, McKenna O'Neill
- Upcoming Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas 2025 Annual Luncheon
- Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas hurricane preparedness kits
- Forward Pinellas

- Upcoming Florida Regional Councils Association meeting
- Inability to attend Sand Key barbecue event
- Individual support for a community discussion regarding cuts to the Pinellas County Schools budget
- Upcoming memorial service for City of St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch's aunt
- St. Pete Youth Farm
- Upcoming anniversary event for McCabe United Methodist Church
- Reminder to drive safely as children return to school

In response to a query by Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Flowers indicated that a very small number of counties did not respond to the Florida Department of Government Efficiency's request for information; and that some smaller, rural counties had limited staff who were available to quickly gather the requested information.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Flowers also indicated that former Pinellas County Commissioner and NACo president Barbara Sheen Todd attended the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition.

Commissioner Eggers

- Recognition of resident for reaching out to Pinellas County Animal Services
- Recognition of Commissioner Flowers for her upcoming induction as FAC President
- Tours of the S.K. Keller Water Treatment Facility and Heritage Village
- Forward Pinellas
- Palm Harbor Centennial Festival
- Potential discussion regarding funding for the Palm Harbor Museum
- Appreciation to Chair Scott for attending the dedication of a historical marker at The Hartley House
- Presentation of a proclamation and medallions to Parks and Conservation Resources Department staff
- Tampa Bay Water
- Upcoming reopening of Chicken Salad Chick in Palm Harbor
- Upcoming Ridgemoor Boulevard bridge replacement Project Information meeting

Commissioner Scherer

- Meeting with Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas Executive Director Ann Marie Winter
- Meeting with REFORM Alliance State Campaign Organizer Tanaine Jenkins
- Dedication of Seminole Post Office Building to Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss
- Meeting with City of St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch
- Meeting with East Lake Special Fire Rescue staff
- Meeting with Pinellas County Economic Development Director Cynthia Johnson

Commissioner Latvala

- Recognition of Commissioner Flowers for her upcoming induction as FAC President
- Question and Answer session with Smith & Associates Real Estate
- Presentation of Fourth of July proclamation at Clearwater Celebrates America event
- Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB)
- Retirement party for JWB Chief Executive Officer Beth Houghton
- Trip to Toronto with Visit St. Pete-Clearwater staff
- Recognition of Deputy Jim Butterfield, Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict, and Assistant to the County Administrator Nancy McKibben for their retirement

Chair Scott

- Pinellas Trail Safety Task Force
- Forward Pinellas
- County Attorney Oversight Committee
- Meeting with Senator Ashley Moody
- Dedication of Seminole Post Office Building to Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss
- Presentation of Fourth of July proclamation to Gulfport Mayor Karen Love
- Presentation of County challenge coins to Indian Rocks Beach resident Marty Thomas and Pajano's Pizza & Subs owner
- Beach renourishment public information session in Treasure Island
- Presentation of welcoming remarks at the Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities' Annual Educational Conference
- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute government speakers panel
- Dedication of historical marker at The Hartley House
- Palm Harbor Centennial Festival
- Upcoming meeting with Representative Berny Jacques
- Upcoming Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority meeting
- Death of Ozzy Osbourne
- Analysis of fifth-floor office specialist position

Meeting Recessed: 4:49 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:01 P.M.

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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

53. Case No. ZON-25-01 (Todd's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, LLC)

A request for a zoning change from C-2, General Commercial & Services to E-2, Employment 2 on approximately 0.98 acres located at 16717 U.S. Highway 19 North in unincorporated Largo. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 25-63 adopted, approving Case No. ZON-25-01. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received by the Clerk.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

54. Case No. FLU-25-03 (Tarpon Development Properties, LLC)

A request to amend the Future Land Use Map of Pinellas County, Florida, by changing the land use designation of approximately 1.16 acres located at 2551 Tarpon Woods Boulevard in East Lake, from Residential/Office General to Commercial Neighborhood.

Ordinance No. 25-13 adopted, approving Case No. FLU-25-03. The Local Planning Agency (LPA) recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. Four letters in support and 145 letters in opposition have been received by the Clerk.

Zoning Division Manager Michael Schoderbock indicated that he will present information regarding Item No. 54 and companion Item No. 55 simultaneously; that Item No. 54 relates to a future land use amendment from Residential/Office General to Commercial Neighborhood; and that Item No. 55 pertains to a Development Master Plan Amendment, which would expand allowable on-site uses to include Commercial uses, since the current Master Plan limits on-site use to a Bank. He also related that there is no proposed change to the property's zoning classification of Residential Planned Development with a Wellhead Protection Overlay.

Thereupon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing photographs and maps, Mr. Schoderbock pointed out the location of the subject property and provided information regarding various topics, including the following:

- Current and proposed land uses
- Inclusion within the East Lake Tarpon Community Overlay District
- Potential traffic impacts and flood risk
- Inclusion within the Tarpon Woods Master Plan

Mr. Schoderbock indicated that the applicant has proposed adding a Master Plan condition that would provide additional buffer and screening, including a ten-foot-wide landscape buffer, a six-foot-tall wall with trees planted 20 feet on center, and a continuous shrub hedge line at a height of three feet and six inches; whereupon, he related that that the subject property is in an appropriate location for commercial use; that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the East Lake Tarpon Community Overlay District, and the Countywide Plan Rules; and that both staff and the LPA recommend approval.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Schoderbock briefly discussed landscape buffers that would be placed on the east and west sides of the subject property and confirmed that the Master Plan controls development of the property.

Upon the Chair's call for the applicant, Todd Pressman, St. Petersburg, appeared and indicated that the applicant's request is identical to the existing and predominant abutting future land use category at this particular intersection; that the request is the same business type that has operated on the abutting property for many years; and that the requested commercial business activity has operated throughout this particular intersection for a number of decades.

Thereupon, referring to a PowerPoint presentation containing photographs and maps, Mr. Pressman also pointed out the location of the subject property and provided additional details related to various topics, including surrounding land uses, nearby roadways, and expected traffic volume. He also reviewed a concept plan for a car wash featuring stacking of vehicles; whereupon, he referred to letters expressing support for the proposed amendments and briefly discussed noise reduction mechanisms and water recycling commonly found in newer car wash facilities.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Tampa, provided information regarding potential traffic impacts and peak hour data, indicating that, based on the calculated trip generation, an operational car wash on the subject property would result in ten more round trips during peak hour than an operational bank; whereupon, in response to a query by Chair Scott, Ms. Rodriguez also confirmed that these trips are anticipated to be local trips.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, the following individuals appeared and expressed their concerns:

Evelien Still, Palm Harbor
Faisal Dasouqi, Palm Harbor
Jerry Chomanczuk, Palm Harbor
Robert Gauler, Palm Harbor
Cheryl Josh, Palm Harbor
Erin Brady, Palm Harbor
Dennis Urban, Palm Harbor

In rebuttal, Mr. Pressman emphasized that the proposed amendments were reviewed closely by staff and the LPA. He also reiterated that the applicant's request is identical to the existing and predominant abutting future land use category; that the request is the same business type that has operated on the abutting property; and that the requested commercial business activity has operated throughout this particular intersection for many years; whereupon, Mr. Pressman addressed concerns raised by the opponents and indicated that the applicant's proposed plans for the subject property would provide improvements to stormwater, buffering, screening, and landscaping.

In response to queries by Commissioners Nowicki and Latvala, Mr. Pressman provided brief clarifying information related to land uses of abutting properties and the applicant's plans for the subject property.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Schoderbock discussed various topics, including the following:

- Surrounding land uses
- Intensity of the Commercial Neighborhood land use classification
- Details related to the Development Master Plan
- Access points and water recycling
- Steps taken during the site plan review process
- Specific use criteria pertaining to car wash facilities

Thereupon, Attorney White indicated that hours of operation do not appear to be something that the Board could regulate through the Development Master Plan; and that while a development agreement would allow the members to limit hours of operation, a development agreement is not currently before the Board for consideration.

Following brief discussion, Attorney White explained that these cases would need to be returned to the LPA and possibly to the Development Review Committee if the Board was to entertain potentially restricting hours of operation, which she would not recommend; whereupon, further discussion ensued, with input from Mr. Schoderbock and Attorney White, regarding the hours of operation of nearby car wash facilities and restrictions that can be implemented through a Development Master Plan.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

55. Case No. DMP-25-01 (Tarpon Development Properties, LLC)

A request for a modification of a Development Master Plan to change the allowable use on the property from Bank Use to Commercial Use(s, for the 1.16-acre Residential Planned Development zoned property located at 2551 Tarpon Woods Boulevard in East Lake (Quasi-Judicial.

Resolution No. 25-64 adopted, approving Case No. DMP-25-01. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. Four letters in support and 145 letters in opposition have been received by the Clerk.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

ADJOURNMENT - 7:16 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By
Deputy Clerk