

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Charlie Justice, Chairman  
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman  
Dave Eggers  
Pat Gerard  
John Morroni  
Karen Williams Seel  
Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL**

9:33 AM

**Present:** 7 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, John Morroni, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

**Others Present:** James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Michael P. Schmidt and Laura M. Todd, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION by Kim Wells, Pastor of Lakewood United Church of Christ in St. Petersburg**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. Presentations and Awards:**

RESTORE Act – Susan Latvala, Pinellas County Director, Gulf Consortium

Engineers Week Proclamation

American Water Works Association Florida Section Water System Award Presentation

**RESTORE Act - Susan Latvala, Pinellas County Director, Gulf Consortium**

Former County Commissioner Susan Latvala provided historical background information and an update regarding the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act. She indicated that Congress passed the RESTORE Act in 2012 following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico; that embedded in the RESTORE Act was a way for the five Gulf States to receive a share of the funds to be awarded subsequent to the pending litigation against British Petroleum; and that those funds were slated to be used to help restore the Gulf of Mexico, the environment, the economy, and similar uses.

Commissioner Latvala related that U.S. Senator Bill Nelson determined that Florida would distribute its share of the funds in a different manner than the other Gulf States; that he created within the RESTORE Act, the Gulf Consortium, an organization made up of one County Commissioner from each of the 23 counties bordering the Gulf of Mexico; and that she has represented Pinellas County since the creation of the Consortium in late 2012, serving the entire time as Vice-Chairman; whereupon, she discussed some of the reasons why the process has been frustrating, reporting that although the Planning Grant was submitted to the Restoration Council last September, it has yet to be approved; and that until approved, no funding is available to pay the consultants and

legal counsel who have already been hired.

Commissioner Latvala related that due to a turn of events and an unforeseen settlement with the courts by the five Gulf States, the Consortium will now receive greatly reduced funding from what had been expected; and that after much discussion, the Consortium members decided to divide the money equally among the 23 counties, but how that is going to take place has yet to be determined; and that Pinellas County will receive \$12 million over a period of 15 years.

In response to queries by the members, Commissioner Latvala reported that the Restoration Council is a new organization created by the RESTORE Act comprised of federal appointees, and provided additional information regarding the settlement, indicating that while it is not currently known how the funding will be disbursed to Pinellas County, more will be known once work begins on the State Expenditure Plan; whereupon, Commissioners Long and Latvala presented information with regard to the National Association of Counties and the importance of the Gulf Consortium.

In response to query by Commissioner Long regarding whether Commissioner Latvala will continue to represent the County Commission, Commissioner Latvala related that she serves on the Gulf Consortium at the pleasure of the Board; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Welch, she agreed to provide a summary regarding Pot 3 funding under the RESTORE Act, and related that the Florida Association of Counties website contains a link where interested individuals can explore all Consortium activities since the first meeting.

Thereupon, Commissioner Latvala summarized the next steps, indicating that getting the Planning Grant approved is vitally important; that work on the State Expenditure Plan will take place subsequent to approval of the Planning Grant; and that the members will want to begin working with Environmental Services Manager and RESTORE Act Program Director Andrew Squires regarding the projects they wish to move forward.

#### **Engineers Week Proclamation**

Presented to Brad Foran, President of the Florida Engineering Society.

#### **American Water Works Association Florida Section Water System Award Presentation**

Past AWWA Section President Mark Lehigh, Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department, presented the award to Steve Soltau and Bill Peters, Pinellas County Utilities Department.

#### **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.**

## COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

2. Case No. CW 16-2 - Pinellas County  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Retail & Service, regarding 2.1 acres more or less, located at 5825 66th Street North (subthreshold amendment).  
Ordinance No. 16-07 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-2. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch
3. Case No. CW 16-3 - City of Clearwater  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Office, regarding 0.2 acre more or less, located at 2727 Daniel Street (subthreshold amendment).  
Ordinance No. 16-08 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-3. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Morroni, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch
4. Case No. CW 16-1 - Pinellas County  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium, regarding 4.9 acres more or less, located at 13101 South Belcher Road (regular amendment).  
Ordinance No. 16-09 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-1. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Morroni, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Aye:** 7 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch
5. Case No. CW 16-4 - City of Largo  
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Employment and Target Employment Center Overlay to Public/Semi-Public and Target Employment Center Overlay, regarding 9.2 acres more or less, located at 1551 Starkey Road (regular amendment).  
Ordinance No. 16-10 adopted approving Case No. CW 16-4. Pinellas Planning Council

recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

6. Petition of Louie and Kathy Kokkinakos, R. H. Wurz, Adirondack Services, Inc., Lisa Cunningham and Nathan Lilly to vacate two 15-foot platted alleys and two six-foot platted alleys in Conrade's Addition to Largo, Plat Book 10, Page 66.

Resolution No. 16-6 adopted granting the petition. Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Woodard reported that the item has been modified, and provided background information with respect to the change. He related that the original petition pertained to four rights-of-way, two to the north and two to the south; that a neighbor withdrew his earlier concurrence regarding vacation of the two northern rights-of-way; and that an amended resolution reflects the change; whereupon, he stated that the driving force behind the petition is that the property owner wishes to demolish Widow Brown's Restaurant and build an expanded restaurant on the site.

Director of Real Estate Management Andrew Pupke referred to an aerial photograph, pointed out the subject area, and related that Pinellas County does not presently require access to the two southern rights-of-way; and that no County utilities are sited in that location; whereupon, in response to queries by the members, he pointed out the restaurant and a neighboring apartment complex under construction, and presented further information regarding why the neighboring property owner withdrew support for the vacation of the northern 15-foot and 6-foot rights-of-way and discussed issues relating to access and enclaves.

In response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, Jonathan Damonte, Largo, and Kathy Kokkinakos, Seminole, appeared, expressed support for the item, and responded to queries by the members; whereupon, they each discussed why they are seeking the vacation of the southern 15-foot alleyway.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Eggers

7. Appeal of Site Plan No. 1858.11 (regular agenda item) (quasi-judicial item).

Attorney Bennett stated that the item is an appeal of a staff approval of Site Plan No. 1858.11, generally referred to as the Turtle Creek Site Plan; that because the proceeding is quasi-judicial, many of the courtroom protections regarding due process rights apply, including notice, an opportunity to be heard, and an unbiased decision maker; and that at the December 15, 2015 BCC meeting, the members decided a number of things so that the parties would be on notice, not only of the issues to be decided, but also the nature of the opportunity to be heard.

Attorney Bennett reported that the Board limited the issue as to whether the site plan was entitled to the exemption from the requirements of upland buffers adjacent to wetlands and from the upland preservation areas that are provided for by the Pinellas County Land Development Code. He related that the appeal cites the granting of the exemption as allowing an exemption from certain key environmental regulations and from a complete and current evaluation of the key areas of traffic, safety, and water quality; whereupon, he indicated that the singular issue before the members is whether the site plan is entitled to the exemption from those requirements.

Attorney Bennett discussed the provision for an opportunity to be heard, stating that the Board recognized that quasi-judicial hearings are exempt from the statutory right for public input, and found that there were three parties to the appeal - County staff, the Appellant, and the Intervenor; and that each will be provided 20 minutes to present testimony; whereupon, he discussed the requirement for an unbiased decision maker, relating that the members will base their decision entirely on the information presented today; and that resolution of the issue by the Board will result in a final decision, which may be appealed as provided by law.

In response to queries by Commissioners Eggers and Welch, Attorney Bennett presented further information regarding the Board's role in today's proceeding, relating that the members are not bound by the decision of staff; and that upon listening to all of the evidence, they will make an independent judgment regarding whether the appeal is approved or denied. He stated that he cannot recall receiving such an appeal during his 15 years of service on behalf of the County Commission; whereupon, he reiterated that the issue before the Board is whether the site plan applicant was entitled to an exemption from certain requirements regulating upland buffers and upland preservation areas, and related that staff will provide information with respect to its decision-making process.

Chairman Justice asked the members if they wished to allow general public comment other than that of the Appellant and the Intervenor and, following input by Attorney Bennett, related that such a decision would be made later in the meeting; whereupon, all persons planning to give testimony were duly sworn by the Chief Deputy Clerk.

County Staff Presentation

Development Review Services (DRS) Director Blake G. Lyon provided information regarding his department, relating that for the purposes of today's discussion, DRS represents a multidisciplinary group that is in charge of reviewing site plans; that Public Works, Engineering, and other partners contributed to the process; and that what is being presented today is an overall review of the process.

Mr. Lyon conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Turtle Beach, Appeal of Site Plan No. 1858.11*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and referring to an aerial photograph, a map, and the site plan, pointed out the location of the proposed project, presented chronological information regarding the Point Seaside Master Plan, displayed photographs of timeshare units and single family homes in the communities of Sutherland Crossing and Point Seaside, and discussed the defining characteristics of the neighboring Crystal Beach community; whereupon, referring to the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Atlas, he indicated that the lot configurations north and south of Florida Boulevard are very different.

Mr. Lyon presented information regarding the regulatory framework under which the current project was evaluated, noting that within the Residential Planned Development (RPD) District, the County zoning ordinance sets up and anticipates flexibility within the Land Development Code; that it encourages and promotes the ability to adjust home locations and alter site plans; that it establishes provisions that allow for deviations between master plans and subsequent site plans; and that it allows staff the opportunity to evaluate projects as they come in; whereupon, he discussed local infrastructure, environmental factors, conservation easements, upland buffers, erosion control, water quality, stormwater ponds, and tree protection, and indicated that there are detailed requirements with respect to tree and lot grading surveys, enhancement plantings to protect wetlands and upland buffers, and exotic species removal.

Mr. Lyon reviewed the following issues brought forward by the Appellant:

- Environment - Wetland Buffers/Agency Involvement
- Traffic
- Safety - Sidewalk Waiver
- Water Quality

Mr. Lyon related that the jurisdictional line completed in 1982 for the wetland delineation was approved by various state and federal agencies; that it is what is on record today; and that it is the baseline from which staff evaluated the project; whereupon, he discussed transportation impact fees, proposed sidewalks to be installed, retention pond configurations, and rear yard drainage swales.

Following the presentation and at the request of Commissioner Welch, Mr. Lyon agreed to provide the members with copies of the PowerPoint presentation.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Lyon referred to a plat titled "Limits of Proposed Upland Buffer/Conservation Easement" and discussed upland buffer and preservation area exemptions. He related that because the site plan was approved prior

to 1990, it is not subject to upland buffer requirements; that the staff position is that the applicant had an approved master plan; and that the site plan was subsequently developed and infrastructure built; whereupon, he explained the orange, green, and blue markings on the plat, relating that discussions between the County and the applicant yielded significant improvements from the original plan.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioners Seel and Eggers, Mr. Lyon reviewed the site plan and building permit processes and the construction of infrastructure at the site, relating that staff's objective has been to ensure that the proposed project is equal to or better than what was originally implemented. He indicated that three stormwater ponds have been expanded in size; that rear yard drainage has been added; and that an additional upland buffer has been included. Referring to the site plan, he pointed out where the 35 timeshare condominium units had been constructed at Sutherland Crossing, and identified the location of Lake Chautauqua, relating that private property surrounds the lake; whereupon, he discussed proposed lot sizes and configurations in the planned development.

#### Appellant

June Barwick, Crystal Beach, referenced a statement made earlier by Attorney Bennett, and related that she is not only addressing the exemption from the 1982 site plan, but that her appeal speaks to the improper review of the project as a revision, resulting in concerns for the environment, traffic, safety, and water quality; whereupon, she briefly discussed the original four grounds of the appeal, relating that only one of those grounds had been found to be under the jurisdiction of the County Commission; and that she did not recall the Intervenor requesting that no public comment be allowed.

Ms. Barwick presented further information regarding the appeal and expressed the following concerns:

- Neighbors signed an agreement stating no further objections to the plan in exchange for continued access to Lake Chautauqua.
- Violates aspects and principles of the Strategic and Comprehensive Plans.
- Residential platted subdivision differs from a land condominium.
- Applicant should be using contemporary wetland restrictions.
- Many developer responsibilities will shift to the homeowner.
- Some mangroves have been significantly pruned.
- Traffic volume will double on Vincent Avenue.
- Significant changes were made to the site plan.
- Application is not a simple revision.
- Local water quality may suffer.

Jon Hull, Crystal Beach, related that he is concerned that the project could have a negative impact on the local environment, and discussed issues relating to the two exemptions provided to the applicant and the length of time a site plan can remain in an active status; whereupon, he asked the following questions: (1) How can the County approve the revision of a site plan which long ago became void according to County



Code? and (2) why was the applicant not required to submit a new site plan without the two environmental exemptions?

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Lyon discussed site plan requirements and provided detailed information regarding construction activities, site plan modifications, length of time a plan can remain in an active status, and those factors involved in a staff review, and lengthy discussion ensued; whereupon, Robert Murray, Crystal Beach, indicated that he is an architect, and discussed the reduction in green space that will occur following construction of the homes.

#### Intervenor

Joel Tew, Esquire, Tew & Associates, indicated that he is land use counsel for Turtle Beach Land Company, LLC; and that the property owner is Marc Rutenberg of Marc Rutenberg Homes; whereupon, he provided background information regarding the case and discussed the following points:

- No issues exist re the exemption; the subdivision was accepted, platted, and built.
- The County Commission has never before reviewed a site plan decision.
- Staff has the technical expertise to review site plans; the BCC should not interfere.
- Dilapidated timeshare units will be razed and replaced with million dollar homes.
- Applicant voluntarily agreed to staff conditions regarding protecting the environment.
- A species study has been conducted and a gopher tortoise permit obtained.
- Applicant will comply with all state regulations; there are no traffic issues.
- The site plan approval process has taken two years.
- Lake Chautauqua will be accessible to the public.

John Landon, Engineer of Record, Palm Harbor, provided information regarding stormwater treatment, indicating that all Florida water standards have been met; that three retention ponds have been expanded; that swales have been included on most of the lots; and that acreage has been set aside for conservation areas and upland buffers; whereupon, Mr. Tew summarized his case, and related that if the appeal of Site Plan No. 1858.11 is approved, he will appeal all future site plan decisions where staff requests an applicant to make a revision.

In response to queries by Commissioners Seel and Welch, Mr. Tew related that Mr. Rutenberg is not the original developer; that 35 timeshare units were built under the original 1981 site plan and will be torn down; and that high-end single family homes will be constructed; whereupon, he discussed what has taken place at the site over the past three decades and why staff considers the site plan to be active and current.

In response to query by Chairman Justice, the members considered whether to allow general public comment; whereupon, following discussion, Chairman Justice related that each citizen would be allotted three minutes to address the Board.

#### Public Comment

Responding to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following individuals expressed support for the appeal and presented their comments and concerns:

Sue Conlon, Crystal Beach  
Bill Falls, Crystal Beach  
Alicia Donohue, Crystal Beach  
Dale Wallace, Crystal Beach  
Michael Miller, Clearwater  
Robert Hill, Crystal Beach  
Barbara Witlin, Crystal Beach  
Paul Ford, Crystal Beach  
Robin Bleier, Crystal Beach  
Steve Milian, Palm Harbor  
John Blaha, Palm Harbor  
Diane Carney, Crystal Beach  
Ken Barwick, Crystal Beach

Concerns expressed by the citizens included:

- Hurricanes will cause greater damage due to a loss of vegetation.
- Impervious surfaces will contribute to further stormwater runoff.
- Large homes do not reflect the character of Crystal Beach.
- Applicant should initiate and conform to a fresh site plan.
- Improper pruning of mangroves; lack of a tree survey.
- Effects of erosion on Sutherland Bayou channel.
- Changes in construction methods since 1982.
- Decaying timeshare units present a hazard.
- Environmental and wildlife considerations.
- Both short- and long-term traffic impacts.
- Inadequate buffering and setbacks.
- Potential overflow of sewers.
- Gag order on residents.

#### Board Discussion

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Attorney Bennett advised that in addition to the members deciding whether the applicant was entitled to an exemption from certain requirements regulating upland buffers and upland preservation areas, they may also consider those factors regarding Ms. Barwick's assertion that an improper review of the project as a revision took place, which resulted in concerns for the environment, traffic, safety, and water quality.

In response to further queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Lyon related that a tree survey is a requirement of the site plan; and that a habitat permit is required prior to any construction activity; whereupon, he reported that issues relating to channel access to Sutherland Bayou are under the purview of the Water and Navigation Department; and that although there are components within the site plan that talk about erosion control,

water quality, and runoff, his department has not reviewed those potential impacts in response to the site plan.

Mr. Lyon discussed buffer averaging, relating that while some areas received less treatment, other areas received more, which provided an overall net improvement; whereupon, following lengthy discussion, he related that given the latitude that is afforded in today's Code, his department is functionally applying today's standards to the site plan.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Lyon discussed the various permitted uses that would be allowed on the timeshare property; whereupon, Sandra McDonald, P.E., Utilities Department, reported that adequate sewer capacity exists to accommodate the local area.

In response to queries and comments by Commissioners Eggers and Long, Environmental Manager Clifford Still indicated that mangroves are regulated; that some trimming and maintenance of mangroves is allowed; that no trimming is planned for the present project; and that exotic plant species will be removed and replaced with native vegetation; whereupon, Mr. Lyon, with input by David Smith, P.E., Public Works, provided information with respect to runoff and water quality, relating that the three retention ponds have been excavated and meet Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) designation standards; that most backyards have swales in addition to upland buffer treatments; and that there is a net benefit to water quality from what was originally approved, and discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gerard stated that she resented Mr. Tew threatening to have every future site plan decision come before the Board, and in response to her queries regarding the setting of precedent, Attorney Bennett related that the County Code provides an opportunity for site plan decisions to be appealed; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Lyon indicated that within the original site plan, he saw no references regarding the square footage of structures or RPD-2.5 zoning; and that under the current site plan, homes can be 45 feet in height measured from base flood elevation.

Commissioner Seel related that a citizen had mentioned that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had recommended that the applicant go through the Environmental Resource Permitting process, and Mr. Lyon stated for the record that approval of the site plan does not absolve the applicant from meeting those standards; and that the applicant has that responsibility regardless of today's action; whereupon, he confirmed that Lake Chautauqua is owned by the County, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.

Commissioner Seel stated that the State of Florida preempts the County from establishing vacation rental standards in neighborhoods; and that rather than single family homes being constructed, the timeshare units could be used as ongoing rental properties and contribute to more traffic and noise in the surrounding area; whereupon, she related that she concurs with the staff recommendation regarding the various

components of the project, and Commissioner Eggers provided input.

Commissioner Long expressed support for the project, indicating that she is pleased with the increased buffer area; and that due to the County's efforts to improve stormwater treatment, citizens are saving millions of dollars on their homeowner insurance; whereupon, she requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss future policy regarding cases similar to the one just heard.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the appeal be denied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Meeting Recessed - 1:10 PM**

**Meeting Reconvened - 1:31 PM**

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

8. Public comment - None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA - Items 9 through 15 (Item 16 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Morroni, and Commissioner Welch

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Eggers, and Commissioner Seel

#### **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

9. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

10. Tampa Bay Water 2016 Board Meeting Schedule.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS**

##### Engineering and Technical Support

11. Award of bid to Pepper Contracting Services, Inc. for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 - 2018 countywide Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk, drainage, and roadway improvements.

Bid No. 156-0039-CP (PID No. 002394A) in the amount of \$6,945,112.50 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within three years. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

12. Award of bid to Walbridge Aldinger, LLC for construction of the new Keller Water Treatment Facility Operations Center.

Bid No. 156-0041-CP (PID No. 000815A/2093) in the amount of \$3,978,000.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work is expected to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days. Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

13. Ranking of firms and execution of negotiated agreements with 22 firms for roadway, drainage, structural, civil and traffic engineering services.

Contract No. 145-0342-CN approved with the following firms:

RS&H, Inc.  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.  
Volkert, Inc.  
H.W. Lochner, Inc.  
Kisinger Campo & Associates, Corp.  
ICON Consultant Group, Inc.  
Cumbey and Fair, Inc.  
Cardno, Inc.  
DRMP, Inc.  
The Heimborg Group  
CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.  
Faller, Davis and Associates, Inc.  
HNTB Corporation  
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.  
Land & Water Engineering Science, Inc.  
King Engineering Associates, Inc.  
Michael Baker International, Inc. (f/k/a Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.)  
CPH Engineers, Inc.  
Dewberry Engineers, Inc.  
Ayres Associates, Inc.  
Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$1,818,181.81 for each firm for a total of \$40,000,000.00; County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign the agreements and the

Clerk to attest.

14. Ranking of firms and agreement with Greeley and Hansen LLC for professional engineering consulting services for the redundant new force main project from Pump Station No. 016 to the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

Contract No. 145-0176-NC approved for a total expenditure not to exceed \$1,651,980.00 (contingency services not to exceed \$150,000.00); project design and permitting phase and construction phase are expected to be completed within 1,225 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

#### Risk Management

15. Quarterly report of claim settlements from October 1 through December 31, 2015.

Report of claim settlements requiring the mutual consent of the County Attorney and Risk Management in the range of \$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00 received for filing - no claims paid.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

#### Business Technology Services

16. Amendment No. 4 to the Enterprise License Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute.

Amendment to Contract No. 112-0313-N approved; total four-year renewal expenditure not to exceed \$2,420,000.00 for the term April 24, 2016 through April 23, 2020; revised eight-year contract amount not to exceed \$4,950,800.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

At the request of Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard provided a brief overview of the item, indicating that the agreement relates to the Geographic Information System (GIS), which is an important software application used by the County; that Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) technology powers the County's GIS; that the ESRI software is considered "best in class"; and that the amendment includes additional products and licenses.

Noting that the GIS is integrated in many County applications, Commissioner Welch acknowledged Property Appraiser Pam Dubov for her leadership in moving the technology forward and making it more collaborative Countywide.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Management and Budget

17. FY 2015 Board Budget Amendment to realign appropriation from the General Government (Reserve for Contingencies) cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Fiscal Year 2015 Board Budget Amendment No. 11 approved realigning appropriation in the amount of \$241,030.00 to capture expenses for electronic poll books and municipal goods received prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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

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

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

18. County Administrator miscellaneous:  
Advertisement of 2/23 TEFRA public hearing on behalf of Baycare Health System, Inc.  
Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act announcement of a public hearing to be held for issuance by the City of Tampa of revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$225 million on behalf of BayCare Health Systems, Inc.

In response to queries by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Woodard indicated that \$73 million of the bond proceeds would be used for construction and renovation costs at the Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater; that the balance would be used in Tampa or other locations that are part of the BayCare system; and that, to the extent the bond proceeds are expended in other counties, those Boards would be required to hold public hearings as well.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

**20. Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the appointment of Rev. Derek Young as a citizen representative; the reappointments of Dr. David Weiland, Jr. and Ms. Anissa Raiford as primary and alternate representatives, respectively, of the Pinellas County Medical Association; and the reappointment of Dr. Kenneth Webster to represent the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society, for two-year terms ending in February 2018.

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

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS****21. County Administrator reports - None.****COUNTY COMMISSION****22. County Commission miscellaneous.**

The members congratulated Commissioner Welch on his receipt of an award last Saturday.

Commissioner Morrone

Congratulated Commissioner Long's son, Logan Long, who was designated one of three *Officers of the Year* by the Clearwater Fraternal Order of Police for bravery.

Commissioner Eggers

Thanked Mary Scott Hardwick and the Florida Association of Counties for monitoring bills moving through the legislature.

Is looking forward to conversations with the federal legislators next Tuesday morning and discussions regarding the St. Pete Beach Community Redevelopment Area and spring training in the afternoon.

Commissioner Welch

Thanked the Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival, Suncoast Hospice, and Empath Health for bestowing the Legacy Award upon him.



Commissioner Long

Distributed a report regarding activities of the Charter Review Commission and invited the Board members to attend the next meeting, noting that the primary topic of discussion will be term limits.

Commented on a presentation by the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority at a recent Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting and discussed the rapid pace of emerging technologies with regard to transportation, and Commissioner Seel provided input regarding the distribution of toll revenue.

Commissioner Justice

Following concurrence by the members, appointed Commissioners Morrone and Gerard as County Commission representative and alternate representative, respectively, to the Gulf Coast Consortium; and Commissioner Morrone requested that a letter be sent to former Commissioner Susan Latvala in appreciation of her service on the Consortium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1:50 PM



ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Roman D. Loy*  
Deputy Clerk