

# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, FL 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**

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

**5th Floor Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Charlie Justice, Chairman*

*Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair*

*Dave Eggers*

*Rene Flowers*

*Pat Gerard*

*Kathleen Peters*

*Karen Williams Seel*

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

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

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

**Others Present:** Barry Burton, County Administrator; Derelynn Revie, Board Records Manager;  
and Katie Poviones, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS****1. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation:**

- Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
- Valarie D. Lee, Public Health Service Manager
  - Lisa Field, Human Services Program Analyst
  - Sharon Haggans, Human Services Counselor 1
  - LaShun Williams, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Justice invited Ms. Lee and her staff to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; whereupon, she thanked her staff and expressed her appreciation for the support from the County.

**2. Fire Prevention Week Proclamation:**

- Chief Rick Graham, Lealman Fire Rescue and President of the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association

Chairman Justice invited Chief Graham to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October 9 through 15 as Fire Prevention Week, emphasized the importance of residents having a home fire escape plan, and thanked Pinellas County Fire Chiefs on behalf of the Commission.

**3. 2022 Pinellas County Fire Professionals of the Year Awards: Emergency Fire Dispatcher**

- Calvin Hunsinger, Pinellas County Regional 9-1-1 Supervisor Fire Professionals
  - Michael Ross, Firefighter/Paramedic, Palm Harbor Fire Rescue Special Operations:
  - Pinellas County Technical Rescue Team
- Pinellas Federal Credit Union
- Bruce Barnes, AVP of Finance and Accounting
  - Yariel Alvarez, Branch Manager

Following a video highlighting the hard work and achievements of the award winners, Chairman Justice introduced them and presented the awards, thanking all County Fire Professionals for their service; whereupon, Pinellas Federal Credit Union representatives provided each recipient with an award and thanked them for their hard work. Chairman Justice thanked the Credit Union for supporting the awards.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** - No public hearings were scheduled for this meeting.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor (submitted documents)  
Greg Pound, Largo

**CONSENT AGENDA - Item 5 through 13 (Item No. 10 addressed under Regular Agenda)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

5. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2022.  
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

6. Vouchers and bills paid from August 28 through September 17, 2022.

Period August 28 - September 3, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$36,390,105.29

Payroll - \$4,080,488.29

Period September 4 - 10, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$13,335,587.10

Payroll - None

Period September 11 - 17, 2022

Accounts Payable - \$12,867,476.00

Payroll - \$4,252,290.32

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

7. Interlocal Agreement by and between Hillsborough County, the City of St. Petersburg, and the City of Tampa for inter-city ferry service.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**
  
8. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### Development Review Services

9. Plat of LaRocca Estates; a private residential subdivision.  
**The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.**

### Management and Budget

11. Fiscal Year 2022 Board Budget Amendment No. 5 to realign appropriation from the Street Lighting Districts Fund Reserves and Street Lighting Districts Department operating budget for unanticipated Fiscal Year 2022 expenditures.

Amendment approved increasing \$200,000.00 in appropriations from the Street Lighting Districts Fund Reserves to the Street Lighting Districts Department, as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

### Solid Waste

12. Award of bid with American Water Chemical, Inc. for reverse osmosis membrane cleaning chemicals (high and low pH) and low pH cleaner for the microfiltration membrane at the Solid Waste Department.

Contract No. 22-0025-B awarded in the estimated annual expenditure of \$478,388.06 (24-month total contract expenditure not to exceed \$956,776.12) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Agreement provides for annual price adjustments, as set forth in the Staff Report.

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

Utilities

- 13. Award of bid with Revere Control Systems, Inc. for instrumentation control and monitoring system services for County water and wastewater system operations.

Contact No. 22-0427-B awarded in the estimated annual expenditure of \$167,282.00 (60-month estimated expenditure, \$836,410.00) on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. Contract provides for two additional 12-month periods and price adjustment at each renewal, as set forth in the Staff Report. This contract replaces the current contract expiring on September 23, 2022.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Human Services

- 10. Ranking of firms and agreement with the Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program for emergency shelter and case management services.

(Contract No. 22-0215-P) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$300,000.00, for an estimated three-year expenditure not to exceed \$900,000.00. Contract begins on October 1, 2022 and contains a provision for one 24-month renewal, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Mr. Burton introduced the item, noting that this is a new contract for the provision of emergency shelter and case management services for the Homeless Emergency Project and Zhon Butterfield, Westchase, appeared and expressed his concerns.

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

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

- 14. Suncoast Animal League Spay/Neuter Clinic Project Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Services

Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Funding request approved in the amount of \$19,971.00.

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

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

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

### Human Services

15. Award of contract to Unite USA, Inc. d/b/a Unite Us for the Pinellas County Behavioral Health Coordinated Access Model.

Contract No. 22-0101-P(DG) approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$9,158,372.76 for a 48-month term.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Human Services Karen Yatchum explained that the Coordinated Access Model is intended to streamline residents' access to mental health services; that it will expand the services provided by the County and its healthcare providers and partners, with an emphasis on clientele needs; and that all customer information will be protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Code of Federal Regulations 42.

Responding to a concern by Commissioner Flowers, Ms. Yatchum related that Unite Us has staff based in Pinellas County that will communicate with providers and develop an advertising campaign in conjunction with the County's Human Services communication team.

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

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

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

16. First Option of Renewal and Amendment 1 with 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. for call center operations.

First Option of Renewal and Amendment No. 1 approved providing funding in a not-to-exceed amount of \$536,250.00; effective from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.

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

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

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

17. Funding recommendations for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Grant funding recommendations by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board and execution of grant documents approved. Funding amount not to exceed \$237,081.00 to support six projects in Pinellas County; no local match required. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to complete the application process.

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

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

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

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

### Business Technology Services

18. First Amendment to the Purchase Authorization Agreement with SHI International Corp. for information technology solutions and services.

(Contract No. 21-0201-PB) Amendment approved extending authorization through February 28, 2025, and increasing the contract amount by \$6,550,000.00 for a revised contract total not-to-exceed amount of \$8,450,000.00 (SHI, \$7,500,000.00; CDW Government, LLC, \$950,000.00).

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the contract. Responding to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt confirmed that there will not be an increase in the rate, but the increase in cost is due to the extended length of the contract.

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

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

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

### CareerSource Pinellas

19. 2022-2024 Local Workforce Services Two-Year Plan Modification as submitted by WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Modification approved as required by the State, effective January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

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

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

### Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 20.** Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Rydepoint Medical Transport, L.L.C. for provision of non-medical wheelchair transport services.

Certificate approved and issued to Rydepoint Medical Transport, L.L.C., in accordance with Chapter 54 of the Pinellas County Code. Certificate to expire on June 30, 2023.

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

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

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

### Housing Finance Authority

- 21.** Resolution approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance a multifamily residential rental housing preservation project Creekside Manor.

Resolution No. 22-91 adopted allowing the Housing Finance Authority to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 for the benefit of Creekside Manor. No County General Funds are required; all lendable funds are generated from the sale of tax-exempt housing bonds and the sale of low-income housing tax credits from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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

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

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



Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority

- 22. Resolution for the execution and delivery of a First Amendment to Indenture of Trust relating to the prior issuance by the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority, d/b/a the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority, of its Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in an original principal amount of \$3,570,000.00 which was undertaken on behalf of Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.

Resolution No. 22-92 adopted approving the amendment to the original Indenture dated December 1, 2015.

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

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

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 23. Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Sharon Cline; Circuit Civil Case No. 22-004553-CI - action for injunctive relief.

Action ratified as taken by the County Attorney’s Office with advance approval of the BCC Chairman.

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

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

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

- 24. County Attorney Reports. - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 25. County Administrator Reports.

Mr. Burton spoke about the County response to Hurricane Ian and the result of declaring the local state of emergency, including coordinating services pertaining to shelters, long-term care facilities, mandatory evacuations, and national guard, noting that it was incredible to see an entire community come together; and that an after action plan review will be conducted to determine if any areas of improvement are needed.

Mr. Burton commended all the departments that have traveled to the impacted areas to assist in efforts; whereupon, Commissioners Justice and Eggers concurred, and Chairman Justice stressed the importance of residents planning and preparing for hurricanes.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

26. Appointment to the Educational Facilities Authority Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Ralph Reid appointed to serve a five-year term, following a ballot vote.

27. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business:  
- Skyway Lighting Resolutions (Commissioner Justice)

Resolution No. 22-93 approved supporting the Florida Department of Transportation lighting of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge in recognition of Go Red for Red Ribbon Week during October 24-30, 2022,

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Justice

- Commissioner Peters to serve on the National Association of Counties Board

Commissioner Seel

- Forward Pinellas
- Human Rights Board

Commissioner Eggers

- Pinellas County Law Library open house
- Forward Pinellas
- Oldsmar Bicycle Moto Cross Championship
- Tampa Bay Waterfront

Commissioner Gerard

- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority


Commissioner Flowers

- Job Fair on October 19, 2022
- National Council of Negro Women
- Pinellas Technical College Business Expo
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority

**ADJOURNMENT - 10:43 A.M.**

  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By   
Deputy Clerk

