

Pinellas County



Minutes - Final

Thursday, September 10, 2020

2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

Pat Gerard, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
Charlie Justice
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel
Kenneth T. Welch

ROLL CALL - 2:00 P.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Amelia Hanks, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt introduced himself and announced that he would be the Technology Moderator for the virtual meeting; and that Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell would serve as Process Moderator; whereupon, he conducted a roll call of the members.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**1. Public Comment.**

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
David Waddell, Clearwater
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Elena Levine, Dunedin
Karen Mullins, Dunedin
Nichole Mattheus, Dunedin
Alison Barden, Seminole
Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach
Greg Pound, Largo
Karen Nasello, St. Petersburg
Virginia Gasler, Largo (spelling uncertain)
Laura Edwards, Seminole (spelling uncertain)
Jake Geffon, Treasure Island
Carla Rudolph, St. Petersburg
Jay Getman, St. Petersburg
Kathleen Gozo, Tarpon Springs
Robert Helinger, Largo (spelling uncertain)

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 13 (Items Nos. 8 and 9 addressed under Regular Agenda)

In response to Chair Gerard's call for public comment, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his concerns.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

2. Minutes of the virtual regular meetings held July 7, 16, and 30 and the in-person and virtual regular meeting held July 21, 2020.
3. Vouchers and bills paid from July 19 through August 1, 2020.

Period: July 19 through July 25, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$22,987,677.88

Payroll - \$3,872,767.33

Period: July 26 through August 1, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$23,769,233.93

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

4. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-15 dated August 17, 2020 - Inspector General's Observation of the Planning Department's Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.
5. Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2020.
6. Quarterly Donation Listings of \$500 or More for the quarters ended June 30, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

7. Award of bid to Palmdale Oil Company Inc. and Pro Energy LLC for requirements of gasoline and diesel fuel - a Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative contract.

Bid No. 190-0360-B in the average annual amount of \$3,095,826.16 awarded for a five-year term total of \$15,479,130.80 based on being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received meeting specifications. Bids of James River Solutions and TAC Energy rejected as non-responsive for not meeting specifications.

Public Works

10. Joint Project Agreement with the Town of Kenneth City for roadway and stormwater improvements in conjunction with the construction of a recreational trail along 46th Avenue North from 61st Street North to 55th Street North.

(PID Nos. 003677A, 003888A, and 004184A) Agreement approved. Total County cost is \$610,814.66, including five percent, or \$29,086.41, in administrative and testing costs. Once executed, the Agreement will remain in place until the parties agree that all work has been performed satisfactorily.

11. Ranking of firms and agreements for requirements of roadway transportation, civil and traffic engineering services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 190-0015-CN approved for the upset limit amount of \$2,500,000.00 for each of nine firms over a five-year term, for a total contract value of \$22,500,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Utilities

12. Award of bid to Allied Universal Corporation for the supply of liquid chlorine cylinders.

Bid No. 190-0526-B in the annual amount of \$399,625.00 awarded for a five-year term total of \$1,998,125.00 based on being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

13. Countywide Plan Map adjustment submitted by the City of Clearwater.

Map adjustment received and accepted, as recommended by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Public Works

8. Award of bid to American Lighting and Signalization, LLC for the Advanced Traffic Management System/Intelligent Transportation System project-49th Street from State Road 60 to 46th Avenue North.

(PID No. 002600A) Contract No. 190-0240-CP in the amount of \$1,986,914.95 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received; all work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Director of Public Works Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that there are plans to expand the project into south St. Petersburg; and that she will provide more information regarding the matter.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

9. Award of bid to Preferred Materials, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 Countywide resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation paving requirements.

(PID No. 003873A) Contract No. 190-0462-CP in the amount of \$7,569,928.20 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received; all work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Seel, Mr. Burton indicated that the County will work with the Engineer of Record toward expanding the use of small businesses to subcontract ten percent of the contract, and Director of Public Works Kelli Hammer Levy briefly discussed the project scope.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

14. Purchase agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for an easement and a portion of a County-owned parcel in support of the U.S. Highway 19 North road improvement project from Northside Drive to north of County Road 95.

Resolution No. 20-78 adopted declaring a portion of a County-owned parcel as surplus and authorizing its sale for a price of \$67,300.00 for the property and \$2,262,200.00 for the easement. Chair authorized to sign the Purchase Agreement, the two addendums, and the Easement document, and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and the deed.

In response to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton provided information regarding distribution of the sale proceeds.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

County Administrator

15. Rebuild Florida CDBG-MIT General Infrastructure program grant applications with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Three grant applications to the FDEO for funding to enhance hurricane readiness for the Utilities' infrastructure, increase community sheltering capacity, and improve stormwater management in Joe's Creek Greenway approved for submission. Grant amount is \$62,280,734.00 with leveraged funding totaling \$27,039,000.00. Submission deadline is September 14, 2020.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Convention and Visitors Bureau

16. Fiscal Year 2021 Elite Event funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council, including a waiver of the Elite Event Funding Program Guidelines scoring requirements.

Recommendations approved to fund the following Fiscal Year 2021 Elite Events for a total maximum expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, as delineated in the Staff Report: Valspar PGA Championship, Pelican Women's Championship (Fall), Pelican Women's Championship (Spring), Outback Bowl & Clearwater Beach Day, Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals, Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Weekend, St. Pete Pride, John's Pass Seafood Festival, King of the Beach (Fall), King of the Beach (Spring), Standing Ovations Masters Cup, Gasparilla Bowl, Localtopia, and Second Annual Pier Fest. The Tourist Development Council recommended that the BCC consider a waiver of the Guidelines as to the minimum scoring criteria for the Localtopia event. Convention and Visitors Bureau staff to negotiate the terms and final funding amounts for each agreement. County Administrator authorized to execute the agreements.

Chair Gerard and Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC) President and CEO Steve Hayes responded to Commissioner Welch's concern regarding setting a precedent by waiving the scoring requirement for Localtopia; whereupon, in response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Seel, Mr. Hayes expressed uncertainty as to how the events will be held and indicated that the application for the Enchant St. Petersburg event was withdrawn.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Jake Geffon, Treasure Island
Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach

In response to queries by the members of the public, Chair Gerard provided information regarding the Elite Event Funding Program.

Chair Gerard noted that she received several emails pertaining to the VSPC's Rise to Shine advertising campaign, and at her request, Mr. Hayes provided background information, indicating that it is aimed to restart tourism and raise awareness of the area's safety; and that mask illustrations used in advertisements are meant to convey the message relating to the County's safety measures. Chair Gerard commented that she is impressed by VSPC's research conducted in planning the campaigns.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 17.** Agreement with the District Six Medical Examiner for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory.

Professional services agreement between Pinellas County and District Six Medical Examiner Jon R. Thogmartin, M.D., P.A. in the amount of \$6,256,350.00 for Fiscal Year 2021, approved.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Dr. Thogmartin provided information concerning the DNA section of the Forensic Laboratory, indicating that it is a valuable part of the Medical Examiner's Office.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 18.** Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. to provide free legal aid to eligible residents of the county.

Agreement to provide legal assistance to eligible residents whose household income does not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines approved in the amount of \$385,122.00, payable in 12 monthly payments of \$32,093.50 each.

Later in the meeting, in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton explained that Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. provides free legal aid services; that 75 percent of the funding is collected from court fees; and that the remaining amount is covered by the General Fund.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

19. First Option of Renewal with the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc. for bridge housing.

Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021.

Later in the meeting, in response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton related that the organization provides bridge housing services for families, including emergency shelter beds and case management.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

20. Funding agreement with Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. for the Pinellas Hope Emergency Shelter.

Agreement approved providing funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that the organization provides temporary housing and support services.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his concerns.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

21. Second Option of Renewal with BayCare Home Care, Inc. for home healthcare for clients of the Pinellas County Health Program and Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Agreement approved providing funding in the amount of \$550,000.00, for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Planning

- 22.** First Amendment to the Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living for Community Development Block Grant funded facility improvements.

Amendment approved increasing the amount by \$42,041.00, for a revised total of \$146,245.00, and extending the term of the agreement to March, 31, 2021 and the term of the land use restriction to April 1, 2031.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 23.** Coronavirus Relief Fund Subrecipient Agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to receive housing assistance funds to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Subrecipient Agreement approved for grant funding in the amount of \$1,641,174.00 in the first round of Florida Housing Finance Corporation Coronavirus Relief Fund distributions for assistance to residents. Performance period is March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; funding to be expended by December 30, 2020. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest future Coronavirus Relief Fund Subrecipient Agreements and Sub-Grantee Agreements and Amendments; Housing and Community Development Department Director or designee authorized to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents.

In response to concerns voiced by Commissioner Eggers as to the funds distribution deadline of December 30, Mr. Burton related that several federal bills have been filed to extend it; and that staff will implement direct outreach to qualifying individuals or organizations to expedite the distribution process.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

David Waddell, Clearwater
Jake Geffon, Treasure Island

Responding to comments by Mr. Waddell regarding Agenda Item No. 16, Chair Gerard provided information regarding the Superbowl, indicating that it is unknown whether the event will take place in person; and that no request for funding has been made; whereupon, in response to query by Mr. Geffon, Mr. Burton encouraged him to review the plan for distribution of Coronavirus Relief funds posted on the County website, noting that staff is in the process of reviewing applications for funding.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Public Works

- 24.** Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Bayshore Construction, Inc. for the Fort De Soto Park Dune Walkover project.

(Contract No. 189-0489-CP; PID 003010A) Change Order approved increasing the contract amount by \$115,918.00 for a revised total of \$564,116.30 and extending the agreement term by 120 consecutive calendar days.

Mr. Burton indicated that the contract is being amended in order to address safety issues.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 25.** Grant application with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund for the Old Tampa Bay Philippe Park Seawall Enhancement project.

Application approved for grant funding in the amount of \$130,000.00, with a proposed matching contribution of \$196,000.00. Proposed grant period is January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the application, and Commissioner Justice indicated that the Tampa Bay Estuary Program is helping fund the project; and that the group is looking forward to its potential.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

David Waddell, Clearwater
Jake Geffon, Treasure Island

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 26.** Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Co-Permittees for the Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment program.

Agreement approved effective through December 31, 2025, with estimated expenditure and co-permittee reimbursement amounts as set forth in the Staff Report. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the item, indicating that the County and twenty-one municipalities participate and cost-share in the program.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Safety and Emergency Services

- 27.** Agreement with Gulfstream Outsourcing Specialized Billing for liability claims related to the ambulance transports pilot program.

Contract No. 190-0640-N approved for 18 consecutive calendar months from the notice to proceed date; net revenue in the amount of \$390,000.00 is projected based on a gross revenue of \$500,000.00 and a contingency fee of 22 percent. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Assistant County Administrator Lourdes Benedict and Mr. Burton clarified that Gulfstream Outsourcing Specialized Billing will receive a 22-percent fee on each collected claim.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Solid Waste

- 28.** Interlocal Agreement with Hillsborough County for limited solid waste processing services.

Agreement approved for a perpetual term, until terminated in writing by either party. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Burton indicated that it is a mutually beneficial agreement for assistance in contingency processing of solid waste, and in response to a comment by Commissioner Welch, he related that the services have been informally performed in the past.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Utilities

- 29.** Resolution to waive the Pinellas County Utilities Department customer late fees in connection with COVID-19.

Resolution No. 20-79 adopted waiving the late fees in an amount not to exceed \$668,320.48, accumulated from March 16, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his concern.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 30.** Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Project Agreement with the City of Largo for utility relocations along Rosery Road from the Pinellas Trail to Missouri Avenue.

(Project No. 004071A) Amendment approved increasing the amount by \$550,000.00 for a revised total cost of \$2,200,000.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

- 31.** Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following appointments and reappointments for two-year terms ending in August 2022:

Appointments

- Dr. Eric Carver as St. Petersburg College representative
- Dr. Aron Schlau as Pinellas County Medical Association representative
- Dr. Paul Anderson as Pinellas County Medical Association alternate representative
- Chief Ian Womack as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief representative
- Captain David Kadau as the City of St. Petersburg Fire Chief alternate representative

Reappointments

- Belleair Beach Mayor Joseph Manzo as a Mayors' Council representative
- Kenneth City Mayor Wanda Dudley as a Mayors' Council representative
- Largo Mayor Woody Brown as a Mayors' Council representative
- Tarpon Springs Mayor Chris Alahouzos as a Mayors' Council representative
- Larri Gerson as citizen representative for Commission District 2
- Gayle Guidash as Pinellas County Health Department representative
- Ashley Hoskins as Pinellas County Health Department alternate representative
- Nancy Hopkins as Emergency Nurses' Association representative
- Brenda McCarthy as Emergency Nurses' Association alternate representative

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

32. Appointment/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the following appointments and reappointments for two-year terms ending in August 2022:

Appointments

- Michael Irvin as Hospital Administrator representative
- Raynard Ware as Hospital Administrator alternate representative

Reappointments

- Dr. Roberto Bellini as Emergency Physician representative
- Dr. Joseph Namey as Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society representative

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Human Resources

33. Resolution to adopt the restated plan document and amend the Cafeteria Plan.

Resolution No. 20-80 adopted allowing for a special enrollment period for the Health Care Flexible Spending Account for 2020 due to effects of COVID-19 and increasing the maximum amounts for carryover and deferral permitted under federal law.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Tax Collector

34. Resolution approving the early extension of the 2020 tax rolls.

Resolution No. 20-81 adopted directing the Property Appraiser to extend the 2020 tax rolls and deliver them to the Tax Collector on or before October 9, 2020, upon authority of Section 197.323, Florida Statutes, and directing the Clerk to deliver the resolution to the Property Appraiser.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY ATTORNEY

35. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. David Roy Beard - action for injunctive relief.

Upon call by Chair Gerard for public comment, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his concerns.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

36. Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Sonian Va and Wendell Giles - action for injunctive relief.

Attorney White provided background information regarding the item, relating that, similar to the previous item, it is a code enforcement matter regarding non-compliant properties that are negatively impacting the surrounding properties.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

37. County Attorney Reports - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

38. County Administrator Reports.

- Gladys Douglas Hackworth Property

Mr. Burton indicated that there is a current contract in place between the estate and a potential buyer; that the County has been meeting with the City of Dunedin; and that at the end of the month, staff will be meeting with representatives of the estate; whereupon, he related that a number of factors have to be considered prior to purchasing the property, including zoning, density, and legal limitations due to the pending contract. He stated that he would provide an update at a future meeting as the County continues to explore what can be done to preserve the property.

Later in the meeting, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his support for preserving the property.

39. TVCA - MSTU Request (Commissioner Peters)

Commissioner Peters indicated that the request is for the Tierra Verde Community Association for community recreation projects.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

COUNTY COMMISSION

40. Appointment to the Feather Sound Community Services District, Inc. (Individual appointment by Commissioner Eggers).

Adam Shelton appointed to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Eggers expressed his gratitude towards Susanne Hebert for her years of service.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

41. Amendment to Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 11-78: Youth Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. 20-82 adopted approving modifications to Resolution No. 11-78.

Commissioner Peters indicated that the changes in the resolution would extend the term of appointment so that committee members could work over the summer. In response to query by Commissioner Gerard, she confirmed that students have to reapply each year to be a part of the committee.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

42. County Commission New Business Items.

The members commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Long

- Florida Association of Counties Select Committee on Water Policy and septic tanks

Commissioner Welch

- 2020 Census Complete Count Committee
- Property Assessed Clean Energy programs

Commissioner Eggers

- U.S. 19 road improvement project funding

Meeting Recessed: 4:19 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:01 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

43. Youth Advisory Committee Year-End Presentation.

Commissioner Peters and Executive Aide Ashley Overend, Commissioner Peters' Office, introduced Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Chair Madelyn Marcos, Vice-Chair Dillon Vann, and Parks and Conservation Resources Liaison Andrew Larsen; whereupon, Ms. Marcos referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Year End Presentation to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners* and discussed the following topics:

- Number of YAC applicants last year
- Tours of Pinellas County Government facilities, including Weedon Island, Animal Services, and the Botanical Gardens

- Planned short-term service projects
- Impacts of COVID-19 on service activities and additional learning opportunities
- Virtual YAC meetings
- Changes to the year-end project on mental health
- Weekly webinars on mental health topics such as substance abuse disorders and suicide awareness and prevention
- Creation of marketing and social media subcommittees

Mr. Vann discussed efforts to expand YAC's social media platform, indicating that YAC plans to develop a new logo and design; that they are looking to have a more representative membership on the committee; and that YAC will be communicating with the Pinellas County School Board to discuss revising how mental health days are conducted in public schools; whereupon, he provided information about YAC legislative actions.

Mr. Larsen provided information regarding his appointment to the Parks and Conservation Board, his observations regarding the meetings he has attended, and the impacts of the lengthened YAC term on his ability to represent youth on the Board.

Commissioner Peters thanked the members for their presentations, commenting that YAC does impressive work, especially through their YouTube videos and weekly webinars.

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Marcos, Mr. Vann, and Mr. Larsen discussed advocacy within their high schools, the utilization of virtual platforms for future projects, and their plans for college.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

44. Public Comment.

Aden Barnes, Largo
Sheryl Evarts, Redington Shores
Kimberly Joly, Largo
David Happe, Tarpon Springs
David Waddell, Clearwater
Sherry Fiorenzo, Largo
Jennifer Kerrigan, Seminole
Dawn Peters, Redington Beach
Isaiah Niel, Clearwater
Tracy Cutler, Palm Harbor
Tracy Sanders, Crystal Beach
Kelly Edwards, Tarpon Springs
Kevin Kennealy, Dunedin
Virginia Frizzle, Largo
Gabriella Barbarino, Tarpon Springs (spelling uncertain)

Ashleigh Gass, Clearwater
Barbara Walker, Palm Harbor
John Anderson, Seminole
Susan Mack, North Redington Beach
Dixie Ross, Dunedin
Jessica Gilley, Unincorporated Pinellas
Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
Meghan Panek, Clearwater
Courtney Schroeder, Tarpon Springs
Kristy Alvarez, Seminole

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

45. Local State of Emergency.

Mr. Burton indicated that the proposed resolution would extend the Local State of Emergency (LSE) from September 11 to September 18; that he is collaborating with neighboring counties on gathering data; and that it will take two to three weeks before data will be available regarding the impact that the opening of schools will have on COVID-19 numbers.

In response to queries by Chair Gerard and Commissioner Long, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe indicated that he is working closely with schools; that school boards are working with one another; and that while he would not be able to share specific information regarding quarantining, he could provide details regarding the process used to determine whether quarantine is appropriate; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that the County is actively pursuing data to better inform them of the impacts of mask mandates on different counties across the state.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Burton indicated that Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order allowing bars to open up at 50 percent capacity; and that Pinellas County has two restrictions in addition the gubernatorial order: the mask mandate and the requirement that an individual must be seated at a bar in order to be served.

Dr. Choe indicated that the COVID-19 percent positivity rate originally plateaued but has since increased slightly; that more young adults are testing positive for the virus; and that hospital capacity has improved; whereupon, the members discussed the following topics, and Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson provided input:

- Differences between COVID-19 and the flu
- Reimbursement of pandemic-related costs from the federal government under the LSE order
- Rolling 90-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Studies regarding the effectiveness of certain treatment methods
- Higher risk individuals who have chronic health conditions, are obese, or smoke

Commissioner Peters expressed her desire for a defined end date to the LSE and mask mandate, indicating that the curve has been flattened, hospitals are more prepared, and PPE is more readily available, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Commissioner Gerard, Mr. Burton indicated that he would have staff research comments made by members of the public regarding COVID-19 marketing on public busses; that he communicates daily with the Sheriff, Dr. Choe, and Dr. Jameson regarding data trends; and that additional data will be presented at a future meeting.

Following discussion and in response to queries by the members, Attorney White clarified that the action before the Board is the seven-day extension of the local state of emergency; that the mask ordinance is separate and apart from the LSE; and that the mask ordinance contains the language requiring individuals to be seated in order to be served. In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, she indicated that state statutes require a ten-day notice regarding any changes to an existing ordinance; and that it would take a few days to get an ad placed in the Tampa Bay Times; whereupon, Ms. Phillips related that the Board Records Department typically needs a draft advertisement at least seven days in advance of the publication date.

The members discussed whether to hold a public hearing regarding the mask ordinance in early October and concurred that they would discuss the topic further at the September 17 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-83 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on September 18, 2020.

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

- 46.** Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 110, Special Assessments including repealing Article II (Public Lake Improvements) of Chapter 130 (Waterways), revising Chapter 110 (Special Assessments) providing for lake improvements to be assessed using the Uniform Non-Ad Valorem Collection Method under Chapter 110, and providing for other revisions to Chapter 110 consistent with the Uniform Non-Ad Valorem Collection Method.

Ordinance No. 20-21 adopted, as amended, approving the changes to the Pinellas County Land Development Code. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Burton provided a brief overview of the request, indicating that there is a minor modification to the ordinance being recommended; whereupon, he introduced Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy.

Ms. Levy discussed the proposed ordinance, indicating that some changes are housekeeping in nature to bring the Code into compliance with state statutes; that others broaden the categories of special assessments that communities could petition the County for; and that the impetus for the updates are the activities around the Grand Canal project; whereupon, she relayed that the County would like to potentially utilize the non-ad valorem assessment for the project; and that a petition will be presented to the Board in the spring which will outline the anticipated cost.

Ms. Levy discussed a proposed modification to the drafted ordinance which would clarify the County's authority to assess parcels lying within an incorporated area of the county; and Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the ordinance with the amended language.

Upon Chair Gerard's call for public comments, the following individuals spoke:

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg
David Waddell, Clearwater

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

- 47.** Ordinance amending Chapter 122, Article IV of the Pinellas County Code relating to Golf Carts, revising Section 122-67 relating to Golf Cart Use on certain roadways in Ozona and Crystal Beach to allow for the inclusion of roadways in additional communities and to impose restrictions consistent with state law, revising Section 122-68 relating to Golf Cart Use on certain roadways in Highland Lakes to allow for the inclusion of roadways in additional communities and to impose restrictions consistent with state law, creating Section 122-69 providing for designation of roadways for golf cart use by ordinance or resolution, creating Appendix F and G of the Code identifying where golf cart use is permitted, and providing for applicability in unincorporated areas.

Ordinance No. 20-22 and Resolution Nos. 20-84, 20-85, 20-86, and 20-87 adopted approving the amendment to the County Code and designating new roads for golf cart use. No correspondence has been received.

Mr. Burton provided a brief overview of the request, indicating that it would allow for golf cart use under certain conditions in four separate areas of the county.

No one appeared in response to Chair Gerard's call for public comment on the proposed ordinance.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

In response to Chair Gerard's call for public comment on the proposed resolutions, David Waddell, Clearwater, expressed his support.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

48. Resolutions adopting tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 (first public hearing).

Public hearing was held regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 tentative millage rates and budgets for Pinellas County; resolutions adopted approving tentative millage rates (No.20-88) and budgets (No. 20-89) for the Pinellas County General Fund and Pinellas County Health Department Fund; resolutions adopted approving tentative millage rates (No. 20-90) and budgets (No. 20-91) for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Services District MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts.

Ms. Phillips reported that 49 phone calls have been received regarding the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices; and that no correspondence has been received regarding the tentative millages and budgets.

Chair Gerard indicated that a representative of the Property Appraiser's Office is available to respond to anyone having questions or concerns about the assessed value of their property or the information that appears on the TRIM Notice.

Chair Gerard reviewed the sequence of events for the evening's proceedings, relating that even though Florida Statutes provide that a taxing authority may adopt tax levies and budgets of all its dependent special taxing districts and municipal service taxing units by a single unanimous vote, members of the general public can request that the Board discuss and adopt any of those items separately; whereupon, in response to her queries, no citizen requested that an item be separately reviewed.

Thereupon, Chair Gerard opened the first public hearing on the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021.

Ms. Phillips reported that the public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes; and that the meeting has been duly noticed by the Property Appraiser's mailing of the TRIM notice.

Chair Gerard announced that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, the Dependent Special Districts, and the Municipal Service Taxing Units, as listed above, will now proceed with the public hearing.

Mr. Burton related that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets, over the rolled-back rate, based on the maximum rates on the TRIM Notice, to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 Tentative Budget is a 4.48-percent increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate; whereupon, he indicated that the primary purposes for the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate are as follows:

- In the General Fund including Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors, as well as maintain future stability of services in consideration of anticipated revenue decreases in future years due to economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In the Public Library Services District MSTU, the Palm Harbor Community Services MSTU, the Feather Sound Community Services MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, the East Lake Recreation Services MSTU, and nine Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.
- In three Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue decreases are due to those districts having sufficient reserve levels to provide for future planned capital along with property values that can support annual operations at a lower millage rate.

Mr. Burton indicated that a schedule of changes to the proposed budget was distributed to the Board on September 4, 2020; and that modifications include both Board-directed changes approved at BCC meetings or work sessions and technical adjustments related to accounting presentation, updated information, corrections, and other minor changes; whereupon, Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger, with input by Mr. Burton, conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *FY21 Tentative Budget*, a copy of which has been made a part of the record.

Following the presentation, Chair Gerard announced that the Board of County Commissioners will continue the hearing as the taxing authority for the BCC Countywide, Dependent Special Districts, and MSTU levies, as previously referenced, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

No one appeared in response to the Chair's call for persons wishing to speak.

Chair Gerard announced that resolutions will now be considered to set the tentative millage rates and budgets; and that the amounts will not be finalized until the public hearing on September 22, 2020; whereupon, Mr. Burton announced each of the resolutions separately, which have been made a part of the record.

Resolution No. 20-88 adopted approving the tentative millage rates for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Pinellas County General Fund and the Pinellas County Health Department Fund.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-89 adopted approving the tentative budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Pinellas County General Fund and the Pinellas County Health Department Fund.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-90 adopted approving the tentative millage rates for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Services District MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-91 adopted approving the tentative budgets for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Pinellas Planning Council, Unincorporated Area Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), Public Library Services District MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District, and the Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, High Point, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Tierra Verde Fire Protection Districts.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

At this time, Chair Gerard closed the first public hearing on the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021.

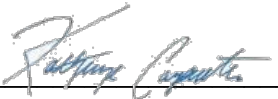
Mr. Burton stated that the County will advertise the Budget Summary and Notice of Tax Increase in advance of the second public hearing to be held on September 22; and that the notice will be published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 20.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:02 P.M.



Pat Gerard
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk