

Pinellas County

*Sheraton Sand Key Resort
1160 Gulf Boulevard
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767*



Minutes - Final

Thursday, September 11, 2025

1:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

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

ROLL CALL - 2:02 P.M.

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

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**1. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.**

Margaret Murray, St. Petersburg

Deviating from the agenda, Attorney White indicated that the County Attorney's Office (CAO) received a conflict waiver request from Carlton Fields, P.A. in order for one of their attorneys to represent The Dali Museum in its conversations with the County regarding funding; that the CAO is recommending approval of the conflict waiver; and that the waiver will allow a different Carlton Fields, P.A. attorney to speak with staff regarding the funding agreement.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS****Solid Waste****2. Annual certification of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll with no rate increase.**

Certificate approved, authorizing the Tax Collector to collect a non-ad valorem assessment from Lealman Community residential property owners for Solid Waste collection. Chairman authorized to certify the roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2025.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that the assessment fee previously approved by the Board for this year's budget cannot be applied due to notice issues.

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

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

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.

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3. Resolution for the Surface Water Assessment within the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County.

Resolution No. 25-118 adopted, overriding previous rate Resolution No. 17-63 and proposing a 7% rate increase in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) and up to 5% annually thereafter, not to exceed \$179.11. Annual Surface Water Service Assessment rate will be \$133.65 per Equivalent Residential Unit in FY26. Eleven emails in opposition and one email of concern have been received by the Clerk.

Upon the Chair's call for public comment, Dean Jarvis appeared and expressed his concerns; whereupon, Chair Scott indicated that staff will follow up with him.

Mr. Burton indicated that the Surface Water Assessment must be certified by September 15; whereupon, in response to queries by Chair Scott and Commissioner Eggers, he provided clarifying information regarding the impact of unfunded mandates and the proposed rate increase.

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

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

4. Agenda Briefing

Referring to the agenda of the September 18 BCC meeting, Mr. Burton and staff, along with Attorney White, provided information regarding the agenda items and responded to comments and queries by the members.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:51 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk