

Pinellas County

*Pinellas County Cooperative Extension
12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

*Dave Eggers, Chair
Charlie Justice, Vice-Chair
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Janet C. Long
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel*

ROLL CALL - 9:35 A.M.

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

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Board Records Manager; and Shirley Westfall, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION by Elder Anthony Shelton, St. John Primitive Baptist Church, Clearwater.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation:
 - Lariana Forsythe, CEO, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)
 - Kirk Smith, President & CEO, Hope Villages of America

Chair Eggers invited Ms. Forsythe and Mr. Smith to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; whereupon, Mr. Smith and Ms. Forsythe provided brief comments and thanked the Board for its support.

2. National Community Planning Month Proclamation:
 - Evan Johnson, Planning Division Manager, Housing and Community Development
 - Corey Gray, Planner, Housing and Community Development

Chair Eggers invited Messrs. Johnson and Gray to the podium and read a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as National Community Planning Month; whereupon, Mr. Johnson provided brief comments and thanked the Board for its continued support.

3. Employee Recognition Award:
 - Carlos Ceron, Maintenance Specialist, Utilities

Chair Eggers recognized Mr. Ceron for his dedication and commitment, outstanding service, and team support; whereupon, a video was shown highlighting the services he provides.

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.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

4. Case No. CW 21-10 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Residential High, regarding 1.14 acres more or less, located on the western terminus of 20th Terrace Southwest, approximately 330 feet west of Seminole Boulevard.

Ordinance No. 21-22 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-10. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Responding to the Chair's call for public comments, James Overheul, Clearwater, spoke in support of the amendment.

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

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

5. Case No. CW 21-11 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.69 acre more or less, located at 8119 46th Avenue North.

Ordinance No. 21-23 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-11. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received.

Responding to the Chair's call for public comments, Chad Jackson, Fort Myers, spoke in support of the amendment.

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

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

6. Case No. CW 21-12 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services to Residential Low Medium, regarding 0.65 acre more or less, located at 1201 Gooden Crossing.

Ordinance No. 21-24 adopted approving Case No. CW 21-12. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the 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 Long, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

7. Ordinance amending Part III of the Pinellas County Code, Land Development Code, Chapter 158 Floodplain Management providing the basis for all development that is wholly or partially in a flood hazard area. (Companion to Item No. 8)

Ordinance No. 21-25 adopted approving the amended Pinellas County Code. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Upon Attorney White's comments, Floodplain Administrator Lisa Foster indicated that the Manufactured Home Park definition should remain in the Ordinance.

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

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

8. Resolution for the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board to approve local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code, pertaining to floodplain management and flood damage prevention. (Regular Agenda Item that is Companion to Item No. 7)

Resolution No. 21-113 adopted aligning the Florida Building Code with the County's floodplain management regulations; the amendments adopt the latest flood hazard data and ensure consistency with State and Federal Floodplain Best Management Practices.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Floodplain Administrator Lisa Foster explained that the amendments will not affect anyone with a prior permit; and that meetings have been held with stakeholders.

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

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

9. Ordinance adopting a revised Stormwater Manual which is incorporated in the Pinellas County Land Development Code by Section 154-52.

Ordinance No. 21-26 approved adopting the revised Stormwater Manual. The Local Planning Agency recommended approval, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

At the request of Chair Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Levy referred to a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information on the revisions, including small site constraints, staff level adjustments, interpretation consistency, affordable housing, process improvements, and other matters. She indicated that they are based on the County's Strategic Plan for ensuring public safety, environmental stewardship, economic growth, and delivering first-class service to the public.

During discussion and responding to queries by the members, Ms. Levy provided information relating to water quality and comparisons to regional standards and stormwater requirements.

Assistant County Attorney Brendan Mackesey distributed copies of a newly revised draft ordinance to the members, and Attorney White related that the changes are to the codification section of the ordinance to clarify those portions that should be included in the Land Development Code and to Section 138-237 of the Code to remove an inconsistency.

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

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

10. Resolution approving the use of a Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment for the restoration of Hidden Cove II Oak Street Retention Pond in unincorporated Clearwater.

First public hearing held and Resolution No. 21-114 adopted approving the use of State Uniform Non-Ad Valorem collection method to fund restoration of the retention pond and directing staff to estimate project costs and develop assessment methodology for the two property owners who have agreed to participate in the assessment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard. Second public hearing to occur prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023.

Responding to a query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton indicated that the resolution is the first step in a 10-year process; and that consideration of the actual adoption of the non-ad valorem assessment will be presented to the Board at a later date; whereupon, Public Works Director Kelli Levy provided background information regarding the pond ownership and the need for and steps toward its restoration.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Peters

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

11. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor
Julie Vayne, Seminole
Aden Barnes, Largo

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 12 through 30 (Item No. 30 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

12. Minutes of the in-person and virtual regular meetings held July 13 and August 10, 2021. The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

13. Vouchers and bills paid from August 29 through September 18, 2021.

Period: August 28 through September 4, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$33,239,572.74

Payroll - \$3,958,840.46

Period: September 5 through 11, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$13,988,641.86

Payroll - None

Period: September 12 through 18, 2021

Accounts Payable - \$12,002,796.50

Payroll - \$4,166,485.04

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing:

14. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2021-17 dated September 2, 2021 - Investigation of Public Works Outside Employment and Procurement Practices.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

15. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2021-18 dated September 7, 2021 - Inspector General's Observations of Public Works Mosquito Control's 2021 Annual Physical Inventory of Fixed Assets.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

16. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2021-19 dated September 17, 2021 - Audit of Utility and Telecommunications Billing.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

17. Correspondence from the City of Dunedin regarding voluntary annexation of certain property.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
18. Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
19. Southwest Florida Water Management District Fiscal Year 2022 schedule of meetings and a map depicting the District's boundaries.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Emergency Management

20. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval of the award of contract to CDR Health Care Inc. d/b/a CDR Health Inc. for COVID-19 Vaccine Point of Dispensing.
Contract No. 21-0735-LI ratified; the expenditure not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 for a turnkey vaccination site, to include logistics, site oversight, staffing, supplies, and data management, and to provide a third dose of the vaccines for at least a 30-day period. The contract is effective through April 1, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

21. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Tarpon Springs for development of the Klosterman Bayou Watershed Management Plan.
(PID No. 004375A) Agreement approved. Estimated total cost of the project in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 to be shared among the County (\$133,935.00), the City (\$16,065.00), and Southwest Florida Water Management District (\$150,000.00). The County has retained Applied Sciences Consulting, Inc. to perform development, evaluation, and assessment services.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 22.** Ranking of firms and agreements for requirements of continuing material testing professional consulting services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0155-CN approved with an upset limit over the five-year term in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for each of the following firms, for a total of \$12,000,000.00. AREHNA Engineering, Inc. is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firm with Pinellas County; additionally, six of the subconsultants being utilized by the prime firms are also certified SBEs.

- AREHNA Engineering, Inc.
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- Drigger's Engineering Services, Inc.
- Professional Service Industries, Inc.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

- 23.** Award of bid to Metro Equipment Service, Inc. for construction services pertaining to the County Road 95 Force Main Relocation project.

Contract No. 21-0516-CP; PID No. 004532A awarded in the amount not to exceed \$728,077.00. All work to be completed within 290 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Housing Finance Authority

- 24.** Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2021-07 adopting and approving Fiscal Year 2020-21 Land Assembly Fund Operating Budget, as approved by the Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 25.** Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2021-10 adopting and approving Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund and Housing Trust Fund Budget Amendments, as approved by the Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

26. Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County Resolution No. 2021-11 adopting and approving Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund, Housing Trust Fund, and Land Assembly Fund Operating Budgets, as approved by the Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Human Resources

27. Ranking of firms and agreement with Aetna Life Insurance Company for requirements of group Medicare advantage personnel benefits.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0162-P approved in the annual amount not to exceed \$6,933,333.33 for a 36-month contract value not to exceed \$20,800,000.00.

Responding to a query by Chair Eggers, Human Resources Director Kimberly Crum indicated that plans and percentage reimbursements are different for retirees, especially those grandfathered in prior to 2011.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

28. Ranking of firms and agreement with Cigna Health and Life Insurance for requirements of dental benefit administration services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0179-P approved in the annual amount not to exceed \$2,431,000.00 for a 60-month contract value not to exceed \$12,155,000.00.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

29. Ranking of firms and agreement with Cigna Health and Life Insurance for requirements of group medical, employee assistance and managed behavioral and mental health benefits.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0162-P in the annual amount not to exceed \$1,808,000.00 for a 60-month contract value not to exceed \$9,040,000.00, plus one-year stop-loss rider estimated at \$1,419,000.00.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Human Resources

- 30.** Ranking of firms and agreement with Express Scripts, Inc. for requirements of prescription drug administrative services.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 21-0180-P approved in the annual administrative services amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for a 60-month administrative services contract value not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, for a total estimated expenditure of \$68,000,000.00. Contract start date is January 1, 2022.

Commissioner Seel expressed her dissatisfaction with Express Scripts and stated that she will not vote in favor of the agreement. In response to a query by Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Seel confirmed that she met with staff regarding the way Express Scripts manages its systems and the benefit of having a person to contact directly when there are issues. Human Resources Director Kimberly Crum indicated that the issues experienced with Express Scripts are no greater than any other prescription drug benefit plan; and that Express Scripts has offered a representative to be a direct point of contact for County employees to assist with issues.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

- 31.** Airline Operating and Use Agreement with Sun Country Airlines for the operation of scheduled commercial air service at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Agreement approved for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026, providing approximately \$652,971.00 in revenue over the five-year term.

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

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

32. Award of bid for rental car concession services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Contract No. 21-0413-R awarded to the following firms on the basis of being the highest responsive and responsible firms meeting the specifications of the bid; total revenue estimated at \$11,789,134.76 (including \$813,173.76 contingency revenue); contract effective through September 30, 2024 and includes a provision for two 12-month extensions.

- Enterprise Leasing Company of Florida, LLC d/b/a Alamo Rent A Car
- Enterprise Leasing Company of Florida, LLC d/b/a Enterprise Rent A Car
- Enterprise Leasing Company of Florida, LLC d/b/a National Car
- Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC d/b/a Avis and Budget

The Purchasing and Risk Division received a protest regarding the outcome of the bid results. In coordination with the County Attorney's Office, the protest procedures under Section 2-162 of the County Code were followed, and the protest was denied.

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

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

33. Award of bid to Eveland Brothers, Inc. for the purpose of replacing Portal Gates 7-11 at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Contract No. 21-0585-CP (PID No. 004351A) in the amount not to exceed \$854,298.12 to replace the portals with state-of-the-art exit lane technology awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days from the notice-to-proceed date.

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 Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

Convention and Visitors Bureau

34. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 funding recommendations from the Tourist Development Council, including a waiver of the Elite Event Funding Program Guidelines' evaluation committee requirements.

Amendment approved moving the St. Pete BikeFest event from funding level category 3 to category 2, increasing the funding amount of \$25,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the event, and increasing the Fiscal Year 2022 Elite Event funding by \$50,000.00 to a new cumulative total of \$1,050,000.00.

Commissioner Seel recommended that the event's performance and attendance be monitored in order to qualify for the increased subsidy, and Chair Eggers concurred.

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

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

County Administrator

- 35.** Resolution designating the Airport Director position within the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System.

Resolution No. 21-115 approved designating the Airport Director position for membership within the Senior Management Service Class, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Discussion ensued regarding setting a precedent for other specialized positions, comparable compensation, and employee retention. Commissioner Seel noted that the difference in the retirement contribution is significant, indicating that it is 29.07% for the senior class and 10.74% for the regular service class, and Mr. Burton provided input.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Economic Development

- 36.** Employment Sites program funding approval of a sum not-to-exceed \$275,000.00 to the National Forensic Science Technology Center at the Florida International University for the purchase and installation of a shared Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

Funding request approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$275,000.00. The funding agreement will be on a reimbursement basis for the actual purchase and installation cost of the Multi-Use Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, and Commissioner Peters

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Emergency Management

37. Resolution adopting the County's 2021 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Resolution No. 21-116 approved adopting the Plan pursuant to the requirements of Florida Administrative Code 27P-6.

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

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

Human Services

38. Agreement with 211 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. for administration of the Adult Emergency Financial Assistance Program.

Contract No. 21-0398-LI awarded in the average annual expenditure amount of \$405,589.65 for a 60-month total cost of \$2,027,948.29; contract effective through September 30, 2026.

Responding to a query by Chair Eggers, Mr. Burton confirmed that the contract was put out for bid; and that it was awarded to the sole bidder.

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

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

39. Grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant.

Grant award approved providing an award of \$499,999.00 per year for up to four years and a total award of \$1,999,996.00. No match or cost sharing required.

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 Eggers, Vice-Chair Justice, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, and Commissioner Seel

40. Pinellas County Health Program Hospital provider agreements.

Agreements approved in a total funding amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 and providing partial reimbursement for ambulatory and inpatient hospital care-related services for authorized clients actively enrolled in the Pinellas County Health Program and the Health Care for the Homeless program, as follows:

- Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc., d/b/a AdventHealth North Pinellas: Second Option of Renewal and Amendment 3 in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.00 for a period of 12 months.

- BayCare Health System, Inc.: Updated Funding Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,172,000.00 for a period of three years.
- OHI West, Inc., formerly Bayfront HMA Medical Center, LLC: Second Option of Renewal and Amendment 4 in an amount not to exceed \$756,000.00 for a period of 12 months.

In response to a request by Chair Eggers, Human Services Director Karen Yatchum provided an overview of the agreements, indicating that the health care services covered encompass primary, specialty, dental, and behavioral health care; and that eligible clients are those experiencing homelessness and those at 100% of the federal poverty level; whereupon, responding to a query by Commissioner Seel, she indicated that quarterly meetings are held with the three health care systems; and that, to date, none have requested an increase in funding.

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

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

Management and Budget

- 41.** Resolution amending the Countywide Donated Funds Policy to facilitate the more efficient processing and handling of donated funds to support County programs and facilities; amend Donation Agreement for use with Restricted Gifts as defined in the Donation Policy.

Resolution No. 21-117 adopted amending the Countywide Donated Funds Policy, the Donation Agreement, and Resolution No. 08-9, as set forth in the Staff Report.

Mr. Burton indicated that the policy requires adjustment for compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 84; and that the donation threshold related to reporting requirements has increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

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

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

Public Works

- 42.** Agreement with Team Savage, Inc. d/b/a Cycle Springs Powersports to resolve a dispute regarding an obstructed stormwater pipe in a County drainage easement.

Agreement approved resolving the dispute as set forth in the Staff Report and providing for the decommissioning of the existing stormwater pipe, construction of a replacement, unobstructed stormwater pipe, a wider easement, and a share of costs between the parties. County to pay an estimated \$323,250.00 of the estimated \$574,086.00 total costs. Work to be completed within 365 days of Cycle Spring's payment or the recording of easements necessary for the project, whichever occurs later.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Assistant County Attorney Brendan Mackesey provided background information regarding the dispute, indicating that the repair permit was issued in error; that a full site plan review would have flagged the drainage easement; and that it is his understanding that steps have been taken to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

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

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

- 43.** First Amendment to the Grant Funding Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Red Tide Management for and within the County.

(FDEP Contract No. RT001) First amendment approved providing an additional reimbursement-based funding amount of \$2,097,500.00 for a grant total of \$3,000,000.00. No matching funds are required. Agreement term extended by 90 days to January 15, 2022.

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

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

Utilities

- 44.** Change Order No. 1 with Garney Companies, Inc. d/b/a Garney Construction for design-build services for the new Headworks and Grit Removal Facility, located at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

(Contract No. 178-0001-NC) Change Order approved increasing the contract amount by \$2,223,862.00 for a revised total of \$29,384,015.00 and extending the term by 30 calendar days for a substantial completion date of September 23, 2022.

Mr. Burton introduced the item and indicated that the change order request is for a modification to the design-build services and will combine three projects into one; whereupon, responding to comments and queries by Chair Eggers and Commissioner Peters, Utilities Director Megan Ross provided information regarding the purpose of the change order and the scope and costs of the associated projects, noting that they meet the Board's strategic initiative to increase capacity and resiliency of the water systems.

Responding to a query by Commissioner Peters regarding a possibility of utilizing the American Rescue Plan funding for the above projects instead of raising the utility rates, Mr. Burton related that options for utilization of the plan funds are being evaluated; and that recommendations for projects will be forthcoming for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Peters noted that legislation could be forthcoming regarding the management of stormwater; and that she believes the County should be looking at the long-term solutions prior to the possible passage of an unfunded mandate.

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

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

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CareerSource Pinellas

- 45.** Appointment to the WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Elizabeth Siplin appointed to serve as a Business representative for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2022.

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

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

Educational Facilities Authority

- 46.** Appointments to the Educational Facilities Authority Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Diana Silveria and Grace Smith reappointed to each serve a five-year term ending October 25, 2026.

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

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

- 47.** Resolution for issuance by the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority of its Revenue Bonds in an increased aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,200,000.00 on behalf of Athenian Academy, Inc.

Resolution No. 2021-118 adopted approving the bond issuance in an increased aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,200,000.00 to accommodate a request for an additional \$200,000.00 due to a larger amount than previously authorized for acquisition of the facility currently leased by Athenian Academy, Inc.

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

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

48. County Attorney Reports:
- Redistricting Update

Attorney White provided the following Redistricting Board updates:

- Virtual community meetings will be held on October 13, 14, 20, and 21 at various times and pertinent information will be posted on the County website.
- Two remaining Redistricting Board meetings will be held October 27 and November 3.
- The Board's recommendations will be provided for consideration at the November 9 BCC meeting.
- Should the BCC require additional time for discussion of the recommendations, it could be accommodated at the work session scheduled for December 2.
- BCC adoption of districts is anticipated to occur on December 7.

Responding to comments by Chair Eggers, Attorney White related that the virtual community meetings are to provide the opportunity for public input; whereupon, Chair Eggers confirmed that the October 13 and 14 meetings will be held at 2:00 and 6:00 P.M., respectively.

Commissioner Flowers noted that while the public has the opportunity to offer their thoughts, the process for redistricting must be followed; whereupon, Attorney White concurred and specified that, as part of general law regarding redistricting, the four single-member districts need to be roughly the same size, as do the three at-large districts.

Discussion ensued, and Attorney White confirmed that the Redistricting Board's recommendations, including maps, will be presented at the BCC's November 9 meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 49.**
- County Administrator Reports.
- Covid 19 Update
 - Tampa Bay Rays
 - ARK relocation to St. Petersburg
 - McMullen Booth Road Closure

Mr. Burton reported that the County continues to see welcoming trends regarding COVID, including the most recent seven-day percent positivity at 5.2%, decreasing new cases per day, a 3% decrease from the prior week's hospital admissions, and decreased COVID-related emergency transport usage. He noted that booster shots continue to be administered; that 64% of the 12 years and older population are fully vaccinated and 72% have received one dose; that 66% of the eighteen and older population are fully vaccinated and 73.9% have received one dose; that the number of tests being done has decreased, with the mid-county testing site remaining open; and that tests are still available at the Center for Health Equity in St. Petersburg and the community health centers.

Mr. Burton provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with the Tampa Bay Rays regarding the possibility of a new stadium, noting that recent meetings with the Rays and City of St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman have become focused on the financial component; whereupon, responding to comments and queries by the members, he indicated that based on the productivity of conversations thus far, he hopes to have something more definitive to report within the next two months; and that the consultant hired by the County has been involved in the discussions and has prior experience working with local governments and with transactions involving stadiums.

Noting that a request had been made for an update regarding ARK Investment Management LLC (ARK), Mr. Burton introduced Economic Development Director Cynthia Johnson, who reported that ARK has chosen the City of St. Petersburg for its corporate headquarters relocation and has purchased naming rights to the County-owned Tampa Bay Innovation Center incubator, which will be known as the ARK Innovation Center; and that it is anticipated that construction of the new center will begin in the first quarter of 2022; whereupon, she introduced Tampa Bay Innovation Center President and CEO Tonya Elmore, noting that she helped to secure the \$2 million for the naming rights.

Ms. Elmore indicated that it is believed that the project will positively impact the community for decades; that ARK will collaborate with the incubator to work with start-up businesses and will look for opportunities to foster its five innovation platforms of artificial intelligence, robotics, blockchain technology, genomics, and energy storage.

The members congratulated Ms. Johnson and Ms. Elmore on their efforts, and responding to queries by Commissioners Seel and Justice, Ms. Johnson related that the additional \$3.8 million request to the United States Economic Development Administration is due to the rise in construction costs for the new center; and that ARK will maintain a presence in the innovation center and will have its corporate offices in downtown St. Petersburg.

In response to comments by Commissioner Flowers, Ms. Johnson confirmed that she will attend a community update session at the Enoch D. Davis Center on October 28; and that there are plans to develop innovation clusters throughout the county.

Commissioner Long opined that an economic development summit may be beneficial at this point; whereupon, Mr. Burton indicated that economic development strategies are currently being reviewed; and that consideration will be given to holding a summit, particularly with regard to regional strategies.

Chair Eggers requested that an overview of the new center be part of a future work session.

At the request of Mr. Burton, Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard reported that the City of Clearwater's repair of the sewer pipe at McMullen Booth Road is in progress; and that the County is working with the City to schedule restoration of the road following completion of the repair.

COUNTY COMMISSION

- 50.** Appointments to the Historic Preservation Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole and Individual Appointment by Commissioner Peters).

Ramona Pletcher appointed to fill an existing term to expire on December 31, 2023, following a voice vote.

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

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

Chair Eggers noted that the ballot worksheet reflects that two of the three applicants for the alternate seat do not meet qualifications; whereupon, Commissioner Justice related that the alternate seats do not require the same level of qualifications as those members in regular seats; and that the current Historic Preservation Board members possess the required qualifications.

Following brief discussion, Allison Dolan was appointed as an alternate to fill an existing term expiring on December 31, 2023, following a ballot vote.

- 51.** Appointment to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Miles Croom appointed to serve the remainder of an existing term ending July 31, 2022, following a ballot vote.

52. County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations, Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and Other New Business.

Youth Advisory Committee

Commissioner Peters requested that the appointment of a Youth Advisory Committee representative to the Parks and Conservation Resources Advisory Board be delegated to the Committee; and that BCC approval of the appointment be waived. Responding to a query by Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters confirmed that the Committee has identified a candidate to fill the seat.

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

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

The Commissioners reported on the activities of their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Flowers

- Fort De Soto Park Baskets for Beaches pilot program

Commissioner Long

- Clearwater Ferry

Commissioner Eggers

- Appointment of Commissioner Justice to the Weedon Island Advisory Group
- Recognition of Mr. Burton’s three years of service with the County

ADJOURNMENT - 12:20 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk