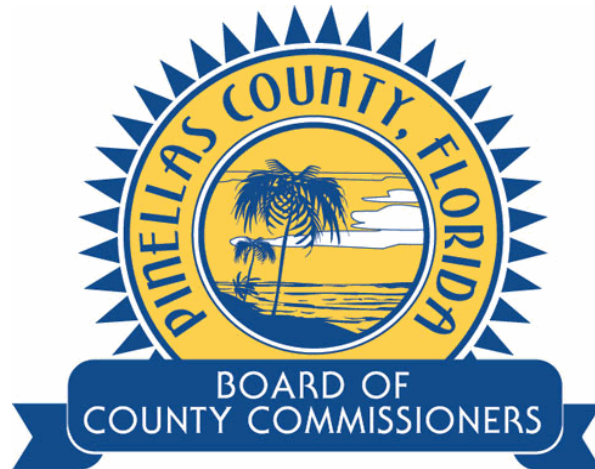


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
9:30 A.M.

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

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Jewel White, County Attorney
Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [25-1228A](#) National Community Planning Month Proclamation:
Housing and Community Development
 - Gregg Mims, Director
 - Tom Scofield, Principal Planner
 - Alan Shellhorn, GIS Applications Specialist
2. [25-1230A](#) 2025 Pinellas County Fire Professionals of the Year Awards:
Emergency Fire Dispatcher
 - Richard Minshall, Lead Public Safety Telecommunicator, Pinellas County Regional 9-1-1 CenterFire Professional
 - Fire Marshall Bob Hill, Pinellas Suncoast Fire RescuePinellas Federal Credit Union
 - Yariel Alvarez, Director, Branch Operations
3. [25-1229A](#) Fire Prevention Week Proclamation:
 - Craig Hare, Director, EMS & Fire Administration

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

4. [25-1234A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

5. [25-1346A](#) Case No. CW 25-04 - City of Treasure Island
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to
Recreation/Open Space, regarding 0.256 acre more or less, located at
the northeast corner of 112th Avenue A and 13th Street East.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 25-04, a proposal by the City of Treasure Island to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Medium to Recreation/Open Space, regarding 0.256 acre more or less, located at the northeast corner of 112th Avenue A and 13th Street East.

- The subject parcels are owned by the City of Treasure Island and have long functioned as part of Isle of Palms Park, also known as "Triangle Park."
- The City acquired the parcels in 2018 with financial assistance from the Florida Communities Trust (FCT). As a condition of the FCT grant, the properties must be maintained in perpetuity for conservation, open space, or outdoor recreation uses.
- The proposed Recreation/Open Space category ensures consistency between the grant agreement, the existing public use of the property, and the City's Comprehensive Plan and creates consistency across all three parcels that comprise the Isle of Palms Park.
- This amendment aligns with Countywide Plan goals for protecting recreational and open space resources and does not increase density or intensity on the parcels.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

6. [25-1348A](#) Case No. CW 25-05 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Retail & Services, regarding 13.92 acres more or less, located at 201 Highland Avenue North.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 25-05, a proposal by the City of Largo to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Public/Semi-Public to Retail & Services, regarding 13.92 acres more or less, located at 201 Highland Avenue North.

- The property is owned by the City of Largo and currently houses City Hall and associated government offices, but will become vacant following the relocation of civic operations to the new Horizon West Bay mixed-use campus.
- Portions of the site currently lack a Countywide Plan Map designation, reflecting historic rights-of-way and previously undesignated areas.
- The proposed Retail & Services designation would allow mixed-use redevelopment, including residential, office, retail, and service uses, while maintaining voter-approved restrictions against heavy commercial uses.
- The amendment supports infill redevelopment within an established urban area, aligns with Countywide Plan goals for activity centers and multimodal access, and promotes efficient land use.
- The amendment maintains existing residential density limits within the Coastal High Hazard Area and promotes resilient redevelopment practices by clustering uses outside flood-prone areas where possible.
- Forward Pinellas Board and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

7. [25-1355A](#) Case No. CW 25-06 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to
Public/Semi-Public, regarding 4.0 acres more or less, located at 2261
Tampa Road in unincorporated Palm Harbor.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance
approving Case No. CW 25-16, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend
the Countywide Plan Map from Residential Low Medium to
Public/Semi-Public, regarding 4.0 acres more or less, located at 2261
Tampa Road.

- The site is developed with an existing religious institution and two single-family residences.
- The property owner, St. Philopateer Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church, intends to expand the church facilities to meet the needs of a growing congregation.
- This amendment ensures consistency between the Countywide Plan Map and the established institutional use, aligns with the Scenic/Non-Commercial Corridor-Residential designation along Tampa Road, and maintains compatibility with surrounding residential and institutional development.
- Forward Pinellas Board and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

8. [25-1356A](#) Case No. CW 25-07 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail & Services,
regarding 1.16 acres more or less, located at 2551 Tarpon Woods
Boulevard in unincorporated East Lake.
- Recommendation:** Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance
approving Case No. CW 25-07, a proposal by Pinellas County to amend
the Countywide Plan Map from Office to Retail & Services, regarding
1.16 acres more or less, located at 2551 Tarpon Woods Boulevard.
- The site, formerly occupied by a bank that has been vacant for
over three years, is proposed for redevelopment to a car wash
use.
 - The current Office designation limits the range of commercial
activities allowed, while the requested Retail & Services category
would permit a broader variety of neighborhood-serving
commercial uses consistent with existing development patterns in
the area.
 - The site is part of an established commercial node at the
intersection of East Lake Road and Tarpon Woods Boulevard,
with adjacent parcels to the north and west already designated
Retail & Services and improved with active commercial uses.
 - The amendment maintains compatibility with surrounding
commercial and office uses and conforms to
Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor-Mixed Use policies that guide
development along East Lake Road.
 - Forward Pinellas Board and the Planners Advisory Committee
each unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 9 through 16

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

9. [25-1475A](#) Minutes of the regular meetings held August 19 and September 4, 2025.
10. [25-1476A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from August 24 through September 6, 2025.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

11. [25-1477A](#) City of Pinellas Park, Resolution No. CRA 2025-01, adopting the
Community Redevelopment Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
12. [25-1478A](#) Clearwater Cay Community Development District Annual Appropriation
Resolution 2025-04.

13. [25-1479A](#) City of Tarpon Springs Ordinance No. 2025-10 annexing certain property
14. [25-1480A](#) Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for the Town of Belleair, the City of Gulfport, the City of Indian Rocks Beach, the Town of Kenneth City, the City of Largo, the City of Safety Harbor, the City of St. Pete Beach, the City of South Pasadena, and the City of Treasure Island for the purpose of providing insurance through Public Risk Management of Florida, together with an Affidavit of Authenticity.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Human Resources

15. [25-1247A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with First American Administrators, Inc. and EyeMed Vision Care LLC for the requirements of Vision Benefit Services.

Recommendation:

Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with First American Administrators, Inc. and EyeMed Vision Care LLC for the requirements of Vision Benefit Services.

- This contract provides vision benefits and plan administration to employees and retirees under the Unified Personnel System.
- This Request for Proposal was issued to the market, which included 18 vision-specific insurance companies, but due to the low revenue generated, only one proposal was received; after discussion with the County benefits consultant, this proposal was deemed very beneficial from a price and coverage perspective.
- First American Administrators, Inc. and EyeMed Vision Care LLC, a US-based company administered within the US, are the incumbents. This contract will provide the same schedule of benefits.
- This contract will be effective for sixty months, commencing on January 1, 2026, with a total not to exceed contract value of \$3,080,139.00.
- Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget for the Employee Health Benefits Fund, administered by the Human Resources Department.

Contract No. 25-0106-RFP for a sixty-month total contract value of \$3,080,139.00, effective January 1, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

16. [25-0289A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company for disability benefits and Family Medical Leave Act Administration Services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company for disability benefits and Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Administration Services.

- This contract provides County employees with disability benefits and FMLA Administration Services paid on a per-employee-per-month basis.
- Seven firms submitted proposals; Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, as the highest-ranked firm, is recommended for award by the Human Resources Department.
- The agreement has a term of sixty months with a service start date of January 1, 2026, with a total expenditure of \$ 3,480,502.00.
- This contract will replace the current contract with UnitedHealthcare Services, expiring December 31, 2025.
- Funding for administration of the FMLA and Short-Term Disability benefits is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget for the Employee Health Benefits Fund. Funding for Long-Term Disability insurance coverage is included in each department's Benefits budget, within multiple funds.

Contract No. 25-0090-RFP in an average annual amount of \$696,100.40 for a sixty-month contract value of \$3,480,502.00 beginning January 1, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Administrative Services

17. [25-1422A](#) Tenth Amendment to the purchase authorization with Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts for the supply of vehicle and equipment parts.

Recommendation: Approval of the Tenth Amendment to the purchase authorization with Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts (NAPA) for the supply of vehicle and equipment parts.

- This purchase authorization provides the Fleet Management Division of Administrative Services with the parts required to support the maintenance and repair of vehicles in the County Fleet.
- The procurement of parts was outsourced approximately 12 years ago providing the County with many advantages and savings over internal sourcing and County management of parts including but not limited to; NAPA managed inventory control, elimination of part obsolescence and shrinkage, economy of scale price points, one monthly invoice (compared to 100s prior) and the elimination of over 40 contracts formerly required to stock the county managed parts room.
- This contract was competitively solicited through a governmental cooperative Sourcewell contract, 010511-GPC.
- The Tenth Amendment extends the purchase authorization to co-term with the Sourcewell contract extension with NAPA in the amount of \$8,920,000.00 for a revised contract total of \$29,203,826.00 through January 10, 2029.
- Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Department of Administrative Services in the Fleet Management Fund.
- Funding for future years will need to be proposed at the appropriate time. Should future budgets not be approved, the contract contains a fiscal non-funding clause.

Contract No. 134-0296-PB increase in the amount of \$8,920,000.00 for a revised contract value of \$29,203,826.00 with an annual amount of \$2,049,391.30; effective through January 10, 2029; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Airport

18. [25-1385A](#) Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for Fiscal Year 2026.

Recommendation: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for law enforcement services at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

- The Interlocal Agreement with the PCSO ensures full-time law enforcement officer (LEO) coverage at PIE, with 12 LEOs providing 24-hour coverage 7 days a week.
- A Transportation Security Administration unfunded federal mandate called the Aviation Worker Screening Program was implemented in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 that requires airports to implement airport-performed physical screening of aviation worker employees that have unescorted access to restricted areas.
- The cost of the 12 LEOs salaries, benefits, vehicle cost, supervision, and equipment is \$2,057,946.00 for FY26. This is a 5.4% increase over the FY25 Interlocal Agreement total cost of \$1,952,490.00.
- The cost of the 6 Airport Security Specialists is \$491,360.00. This is an 8.9% increase over the FY25 Interlocal Agreement's cost of \$451,038.00.
- The total cost of the FY26 Interlocal Agreement is \$2,549,304.00, which is a 6.07% increase over the total of the FY25 Agreement, which was \$2,403,528.00.
- Funding for this Interlocal Agreement is included in the FY26 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, funded by the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund, in the amount of \$2,644,000.00.

Approve the Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$2,549,304.00 for a one-year term commencing October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Construction and Property Management

19. [25-1313A](#) First Amendment to the agreement for AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for continuing construction engineering and inspection consultant services.

Recommendation:

Approval of the First Amendment to the agreements for AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for continuing construction engineering and inspection consultant services.

- The agreement provides for continuing construction engineering and inspection consultant services.
- The First Amendment with AECOM increases the contract expenditure by \$1,000,000.00 and extends the contract three hundred sixty-five days.
- This contract was awarded by the Board of County Commissioners on October 4, 2020, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 divided between three vendors.
- Work will be performed on and assignment by assignment basis, with the contract covering multiple years and multiple work assignments.
- The agreement is used on an as-needed basis with no obligation to spend the full amount of the contract or to spend in any given year. Funding for this amendment is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget in multiple Departments in multiple operating and capital funds. Funding for future years of this agreement will likely be included in future budgets.

Contract No. 190-0376-CN increases the contract by \$1,000,000.00 and extends it through October 6, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

20. [25-1235A](#) Third amendment to the agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for HVAC systems and related services.

Recommendation: Approval of the third amendment to the agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for HVAC systems and related services.

- The contract provides preventative maintenance and repair services for chillers at various County locations and provides for corrective maintenance of chillers and ancillary equipment (pumps, motors, and cooling towers)
- The Third Amendment is a request to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by \$6,792,782.00 to properly fund the agreement until its expiration. The revised contract not-to-exceed amount is \$8,111,935.00.
- Several unanticipated projects have depleted approved funding under the original agreement, and several upcoming projects will utilize these additional funds.
- The initial agreement was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on November 14, 2023, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,319,153.00. The first amendment was approved by the Director of Purchasing to modify terms of the Agreement and had no fiscal impact. The second amendment was approved by the Director of Purchasing on August 20, 2025, to extend the contract end date 12-months resulting in a new contract end date of August 13, 2026.
- Funding is derived through a combination of 2024 General Fund One-Time Lapse for Improvements, Capital Improvement Allocations, and future iterative Operational Budgets

Contract No. 23-0751-PB increase in the amount of \$6,792,782.00 for a revised contract not-to-exceed amount of \$8,111,935.00, effective through August 13, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Convention and Visitors Bureau

21. [25-1387A](#) Capital Project Funding Agreement with the Board of Trustees, St. Petersburg College for renovations to the Palladium Theater.

Recommendation: Approval of the Capital Project Funding Agreement with the Board of Trustees, St. Petersburg College (SPC) for renovations to the Palladium Theater that will transform the facility into one of the region's top theatrical performing and recording spaces.

- The agreement with SPC is for \$2,500,000.00 and supports renovations to the Palladium Theater as part of the Capital Projects Funding Program.
- Convention and Visitors Bureau staff negotiated the terms for a maximum return on investment for the County.
- Payment will be on a reimbursement basis at project completion.
- Tourist Development Council recommended five capital projects for funding on February 19, 2025, including the Palladium Theater renovation.
- Board of County Commissioners approved the five projects on March 25, 2025, for a total of up-to \$26,400,000.00 in funding.
- Funding for this Agreement is not budgeted in the Convention and Visitors Bureau FY26 Adopted Budget in the Tourist Development Tax Fund and would necessitate a budget amendment if this project is approved.

Agreement for a not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.00 is effective for three years from the date of execution by the County with construction anticipated to commence no later than July 31, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Economic Development

22. [25-1405A](#) Resolution and Fourth Amendment of Joinder to Interlocal Agreement approving the issuance of not-to-exceed \$30,000,000.00 of Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds by the Florida Development Finance Corporation for projects located in Pinellas County.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution and approve a Fourth Amendment of Joinder to Interlocal Agreement approving the issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds by the Florida Development Finance Corporation (FDFC) in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000,000.00 to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and improving certain solid waste disposal facilities for Waste Pro USA, Inc (Borrower) for projects located in Pinellas County.

It is further recommended that the Board delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute all future amendments to the Joinder to Interlocal Agreement with FDFC.

- The FDFC and the County previously entered into a Joinder to an Interlocal Agreement to permit the FDFC to issue revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 to finance projects within the jurisdictional limits of Pinellas County.
- The Borrower has requested the issuance of FDFC's Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (Waste Pro USA, Inc. project), to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities located throughout the State of Florida in an amount not to exceed \$362,500,000.00.
- The Borrower anticipates that some of the total bond proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 will be utilized to finance or refinance improvements to the facilities in Pinellas County at 5170 126th Avenue North, Clearwater, 4451 112th Terrace North, Clearwater, 11880 34th Street North, Clearwater and 765 Wesley Avenue, Tarpon Springs.
- The Fourth Amendment to the Joinder to Interlocal Agreement approves the issuance of the proposed Bonds by FDFC and the use of a portion of the proceeds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 for the purposes of financing the portion of the project in Pinellas County.
- There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund. The FDFC is a public instrumentality operating under state law. This financing does not pledge the County's credit. The County is not responsible for payment of the debt and does not guarantee the bonds. The County is simply allowing the FDFC to issue the bonds.

Human Services

23. [25-1227A](#) Renewal with the Public Defender's Office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit to support jail diversion, juvenile crossover case management and therapy, information technology staff, and the Pinellas County Mental Health Court.

Recommendation:

Approval of the renewal with the Public Defender's Office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Public Defender) to support jail diversion, juvenile crossover case management and therapy, information technology staff, and the Pinellas County Mental Health Court.

- This renewal continues funding to the Public Defender to support the Mitigation, Advocacy, and Treatment Team (MATT or jail diversion) Department, juvenile crossover services, and Mental Health Court. These programs prevent recidivism and stabilize clients by connecting them to services and community resources.
- The Board of County Commissioners previously approved funding to support MATT - adult jail diversion, juvenile crossover, and Mental Health Court programs on October 25, 2022, with the Public Defender file 22-1317A; the First Amendment was approved by the Director of Administrative Services on March 21, 2024, file 24-0194D.
- Funding for renewal of the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,831,340.00 is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget for the Public Defender within the General Fund. The agreement includes fiscal non-funding language, should funding be unavailable.

Management and Budget

24. [25-1370A](#) Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Public Library Construction grant application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, for the East Lake Community Library expansion project.

Recommendation: Approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal of a Public Library Construction grant application to the Florida Department of State (DOS), Division of Library and Information Services, for the East Lake Community Library expansion project.

It is further recommended that the Board delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the Florida Department of State construction grant application for the East Lake Community Library (ELCL) expansion project and any necessary certifications.

- The ELCL is requesting \$500,000.00 in grant funding from the DOS for the ELCL expansion project.
- Funding request will provide the ELCL with an increase of total square footage to approximately 15,000 square feet.
- The required one-to-one of match of \$500,000.00 is in the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program budget.
- The grant application deadline for submittal is October 10, 2025.
- The East Lake Community Library is not requesting additional funding from the County.
- Funding for this project is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan under the East Lake Library Expansion Phase II Project 004559A, funded by the Penny for Pinellas.

Public Works

25. [25-1396A](#) Donation agreement with Suncoast Redevelopment, Inc. and Pinellas County, for the donation of lands as depicted in Exhibit A, along the Cross Bayou Canal, from the donor to the County.

Recommendation: Approval of the Donation Agreement (Agreement) between Suncoast Redevelopment, Inc. (Donor) and Pinellas County (County), for the donation of lands as depicted in Exhibit A along the Cross Bayou Canal (Property) from the Donor to the County.

- The Agreement transfers fee ownership of the Property within the Cross Bayou Canal to the County.
- The Property is needed for access to the Cross Bayou Canal for the second phase capital improvement to stabilize channel slopes and restore storage capacity through sediment and invasive species removal.
- The Property is 21,763 square feet or .50 acres in size.
- The Property has an estimated market value of \$261,156.00 per the Property Appraiser.
- This Agreement has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

26. [25-1215A](#) Resilient Florida grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Cross Bayou Canal Improvements Phase 1 and 2.

Recommendation: Approval of the Resilient Florida grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Cross Bayou Canal (Canal) Improvements Phase 1 and 2.

- Grant agreement provides \$12,928,000.00. A County match of \$12,928,000.00 is required.
- Project will restore and enhance approximately 2.4 miles of the Canal and mitigate flooding issues in support of the Forward Pinellas Gateway Master Plan.
- Match funding of \$12,928,000.00 funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas). The project will include design, permitting and construction.
- Cross Bayou Improvements Phase 1 (002124A) and Cross Bayou Improvements Phase 2 (002124B) are budgeted in the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FY31 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by Local Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny for Pinellas) and State grant funding.

Grant agreement 25SRP23; PID 002124A and 002124B; Grant funding amount is \$12,928,000.00; Match amount is \$12,928,000.00; Agreement terms July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

27. [25-1421A](#) Second Amendment to the purchase authorization with Precision Sidewalk Safety Corporation for sidewalk trip hazard prevention and maintenance.

Recommendation: Approval of the Second Amendment to the purchase authorization with Precision Sidewalk Safety Corporation for sidewalk trip hazard prevention and maintenance.

- This purchase authorization provides a mechanism for the Public Works Department to improve sidewalks throughout the County by removing trip hazards and repairing uneven sidewalks. This process saves significant time and expenditure as compared to traditional sidewalk panel replacement and meets the requirements of the American Disabilities Act.
- This amendment extends the purchase authorization through September 14, 2026, to co-term with the entity contract the county is utilizing as per below and increases the contract value by \$500,000.00 for a revised not to exceed amount of \$1,545,000.00.
- Pricing is per the Florida Buy State Cooperative Purchasing, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium; RFP 21-18, Contract No. 22-139 effective through September 14, 2026.
- This purchase authorization was approved by the Board of County Commissioners January 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,045,000.00. The First Amendment was approved by the Purchasing Director on December 27, 2024, to extend the time of the authorization only.
- Funding for this amendment is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget of Public Works in the County Transportation Trust Fund.

Contract No. 22-0730-PB(AJM) increases the not to exceed amount of \$1,045,000.00 by \$500,000.00 for a revised not to exceed amount of \$1,545,000.00 through September 14, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Solid Waste

28. [25-1384A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with FCC Environmental Services, LLC for waste to energy facility operator.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with FCC Environmental Services, LLC (FCC) for waste to energy facility operator.

- This contract is to maintain operations at the Waste to Energy facility, which converts municipal solid waste into electrical energy.
- Three firms submitted to Phase I of the Request for Proposal (qualifications). Two firms were shortlisted to Phase II (pricing).
- Negotiations with the number one ranked firm, Reworld, were unsuccessful and terminated after a final and best pricing offer.
- The second ranked firm, FCC, is recommended for award by the Solid Waste Department.
- The recommended contract is effective for a period of ten years. There are optional provisions for two additional five-year extensions beyond the primary contract period.
- The agreement will be effective January 1, 2026. The current operator, Reworld, will operate for remainder of calendar year 2025.
- In the new agreement, the initial service fee is \$34.25 per ton of processed waste with an annual adjustment factor plus revenue sharing equal to 10% of the monthly average electricity sales and 50% of recovered metals sales. Reworld is currently being paid \$38.49 per ton processed plus revenue sharing.
- As part of this agreement, FCC will donate \$50,000.00 each year for community education and outreach relating to the waste diversion, recycling, and Waste-To-Energy.
- Funding for this agreement is available in the Solid Waste Revenue and Operating Fund, Waste-to-Energy Operations Cost Center, Contract Services - Other Account, included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Operating and Capital Budget, funded by Solid Waste Funds, in the amount of \$32,410,800.00. Funding for future fiscal years will be proposed in those future budgets.

Contract No. 24-1082-RFP in the not to exceed contract value of \$320,850,000.00 effective for ten years; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

29. [25-1320A](#) Award of sole-source agreement with Premier Magnesia LLC for magnesium hydroxide and equipment services.

Recommendation: Approval of the sole-source agreement with Premier Magnesia LLC for magnesium hydroxide and equipment services.

- This one-year contract provides an all-inclusive odor and corrosion control program utilizing magnesium hydroxide to the Utilities Department on an as-needed basis.
- Total estimated expenditure for one year in the amount of \$1,664,740.00.
- Notice of intent to sole source was advertised on July 1, 2025, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057(3)(a)(c). No responsive, responsible bidders were identified that met the advertised criteria.
- Premier Magnesia is the only vendor that provides Thioguard®, a proprietary magnesium hydroxide blend, and all necessary equipment, maintenance, and support.
- This agreement replaces a previous agreement with Premier Magnesia LLC, awarded by the Board of County Commissioners on October 20, 2020.
- This request is budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the Utilities Department in the Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund.

Contract 25-0590-SS in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,664,740.00 effective for one year upon execution; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

30. [25-1143A](#) Issuance of two new Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for provision of non-medical wheelchair transport services.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Expedited Medical Solutions LLC and Express Wheelchair Transport to provide non-medical wheelchair transport services.

- Both firms have completed an application and meet the Authority's requirement to operate as non-medical wheelchair transport providers.
- If approved, the two new COPCNs will be effective on October 7, 2025, and expire on June 30, 2026. Certificates approved during this period will be renewed in June 2026 as part of the annual batch renewal process.
- There are currently eleven firms providing non-medical wheelchair, three firms providing non-medical wheelchair and stretcher van, and two firms providing stretcher van transport services.
- Vehicle inspections are performed prior to issuing the COPCN, and records are kept on file.
- The issuance of these certificates will have no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. [25-1231A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

32. [25-1232A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

33. [25-1273A](#) Appointments/Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Recommendation:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

- Reappoint Mr. Richard Schomp as Sunstar Paramedics' primary representative. Current term ending October 2025.
- Appoint Ms. Shalisha Preston as Sunstar Paramedics' alternate representative. Ms. Preston is the Director of Operations for Sunstar.
- Reappoint Dr. Anthony Ottaviani as the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society representative. Current term ending October 2025.
- Appoint Chief Anthony Tedesco as the City of Clearwater's primary representative and Chief Chad Pittman as his alternate. This is due to the retirement of Chief Scott Ehlers.
- Reappoint Dr. Matthew A. Liao-Troth as the St. Petersburg College President's primary representative. Current term ending October 2025.
- Appoint Dr. Deanna Stentiford as the St. Petersburg College (SPC) President's alternate representative. Dr. Stentiford is SPC's Dean, College of Health Sciences.
- These appointments are being processed before the citizen position to keep the voting membership in good standing.

34. [25-1233A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

ADJOURNMENT