BCC Commissioners Priorities Review





Our Vision:

To Be the Standard for Public Service in America

Aligning Priorities for FY25 & FY26



- At the February 6, 2025 Strategic Planning Workshop, the BCC identified approximately 35 priorities for the next two fiscal years.
- County staff has reviewed these priorities.
- To facilitate a focused discussion, we have categorized these items into three key areas:
 - **Strategic Policy Discussions –** High-level policy decisions that will shape long-term direction.
 - Projects & Operational Issues Specific initiatives and service delivery improvements.
 - Parking Lot Items Topics requiring further exploration or resource assessment.

Strategic Policy Discussions



- Form of County Government
- Penny Vote 2026 or 2028
- Evaluate Tourism Development Tax (TDT) funding for beach, parks, and community infrastructure improvements
- Conduct a long-term budget sustainability assessment
- Prioritize Penny capital expenditures for the next renewal
- Restructure local transportation infrastructure funding with a goal of eliminating the three (3) transportation related millage rates
- Traffic Mitigation/Congestion- Enhance transportation system for efficiency, capacity, and safety.
- Streamline Building Permitting Process, with an emphasis on rapid-same day reviews
- Renourish County Beaches

Projects & Operational Issues (continued)



- Enhance flood monitoring for inland waterways and improve targeted communication strategies for impacted residents
- Complete Short Term Rental Ordinance
- Review Animal Rights Ordinance
- Investigate Land Use Review for streamline opportunities with municipal partners and Forward Pinellas in the land use application approval process
- Work with the Stormwater Wastewater taskforce to evaluate opportunities to enhance regional stormwater management, including regional coordination and public/private stormwater infrastructure investment
- Review public private partnerships in Human Services
- Assess incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into County's processes and operations to increase efficiencies and effective measures

Projects & Operational Issues



- Evaluate and report back on short and long-term housing availability in Pinellas County, with an emphasis on home ownership vs. rental units
- Work session on future MPO and Regional Transportation Collaboration
- Increase employment opportunities, job training, and business recruitment
- Research additional storm hardening and barrier opportunities for county facilities and leverage facility improvement planning to increase storm responsiveness and recovery
- Research opportunities for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), commonly known as passenger drones, at PIE
- Enhance community outreach to improve awareness and accessibility of CAM services
- Update the naming policy and discuss Bayside Bridge future naming opportunity

Parking Lot Items



- Staff Succession Planning
- Convention Center and indoor mixed use exhibit hall/sports center in downtown St. Petersburg
- Add a Spring Training Facility
- Improve regional airport carrier coordination between PIE and TPA
- Implement across the board 2% budget cuts
- Contracting for capital improvement projects- a cost sharing reduction incentive program for project contractors
- Improve Countywide debris removal, substantial damage inspections and permitting by adding third party capacity in each process.
- County Remote Work Policy
- Utilities- Private Laterals (Sewer Laterals- SB1208/HB 1187)
- Gas Station Generators required (Florida Statute 526.143)
- Emergency Gas for Employee Vehicles