

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street, Palm Room
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting

Board of County Commissioners

Kathleen Peters, Chair

Brian Scott, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

René Flowers

Charlie Justice

Chris Latvala

Janet C. Long

ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathleen Peters, Vice-Chair Brian Scott, Commissioner Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Charlie Justice, Commissioner Chris Latvala, and Commissioner Janet C. Long

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

INVOCATION by Pastor Dr. James E. Fezell Jr., LIFT Ministries International, Largo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. National Engineers Week Proclamation:
 - Anita Wang, Engineer 2, Public Work
 - Travis Gennell, Engineer in Training, Public Works
 - Guillermo “Billy” Bay, Project Coordinator, Utilities

Chair Peters invited Ms. Wang and Messrs. Gennell and Bay to join her at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing February 18 through 24, 2024, as National Engineers Week; whereupon, the recipients and Mr. Burton provided brief comments.

2. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation:
 - Melinda Perry, Chief Operating Officer, Hope Villages of America

Chair Peters invited Ms. Perry to join her at the podium and read a proclamation recognizing February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; whereupon, John Long, Hope Villages of America, provided information regarding education and awareness efforts.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

3. Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

Gary Orr, Oldsmar (submitted documents)
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publications 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 24-01 - City of Clearwater**

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.54 of an acre more or less, located at 210 Meadow Lark Lane in Clearwater.

Ordinance No. 24-3 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-01. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

5. Case No. CW 24-02 - Pinellas County

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.19 of an acre more or less, located at 4685 Park Street in unincorporated Pinellas County.

Ordinance No. 24-4 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-02. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a query by Commissioner Justice, Planning Section Manager Scott Swearengen indicated that, per his Department's policy, land use designations on properties are not proactively solicited.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

6. Case No. CW 24-03 - City of St. Petersburg

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 0.41 acre more or less, located at 200 66th Street North.

Ordinance No. 24-5 adopted approving Case No. CW 24-03. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

7. Case No. CW 23-03 - City of Madeira Beach

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services, Resort, Residential Medium, and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center, regarding 27.0 acres more or less, in an area generally bounded by 133rd Avenue West to the west, John's Pass to the east, Boca Ciega Bay to the north, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south.

Ordinance No. 24-6 adopted approving Case No. CW 23-03. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. One letter and one phone call in opposition have been received.

Rodney Chatman, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager, referred to a PowerPoint presentation, provided contextual and historical information regarding the proposed amendment, and discussed locational criteria and standards applicable to the Activity Center subcategory. He elaborated on the proposed uses and described the surrounding area, indicating that approval of the amendment would allow for the establishment of an Activity Center in the John's Pass area and would correct long-standing inconsistencies between the Countywide Plan and the local comprehensive plan, noting that the current development form is non-conforming.

Mr. Chatman provided background information regarding the area, discussed the Countywide Plan Map and character district standards, and indicated that the request is consistent with the density and intensity standards and locational criteria for the Neighborhood Center subcategory; whereupon, he responded to comments and queries by Commissioner Justice regarding the subject property's history of non-compliance.

In response to the Chair's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following individuals appeared and expressed their concerns:

Michael Costa, Madeira Beach
Shelley Eckert, Treasure Island
Kenneth Weiss, Treasure Island

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Flowers, Mr. Chatman discussed the proposed density and potential legislation that could impact the ability of local governments to regulate new development.

Commissioner Long expressed concerns regarding beach erosion and traffic, relating that she will not support the proposed change; whereupon, Mr. Chatman provided information regarding trip generation rates utilized to measure the potential traffic impact of the proposed change. Later in the meeting, Commissioner Long clarified that she does not oppose redevelopment, but has concerns regarding errors made in the past related to Countywide Plan Map modifications.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Chatman discussed traffic impacts and the effect of parcel size on the likelihood for redevelopment; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers suggested that efforts related to land use, zoning, and redevelopment would be under the purview of the City and recommended that citizens discuss concerns with their local elected officials.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Latvala

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Long

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

8. Petition of Justin Aftanis, Dawn Aftanis, Marcel E. Feilinger, and Stephen S. Feilinger to vacate the 10-foot drainage easement lying within Lot 28 (334 Lagoon Drive) and Lot 29 (338 Lagoon Drive), Block E, replat of Third Addition to Ozona Shores, Plat Book 53, Page 18, lying in Section 11-28-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial)

Resolution No. 24-8 adopted granting the petition. Letters of no objection have been received from the appropriate parties. All interested individuals have been notified as to the date of the public hearing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton confirmed that there is no cost or potential future liability to the County if the petition is approved.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

9. Resolution to expand the boundaries of the County seat of Pinellas County (first public hearing).

First public hearing held. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to a request by Commissioner Eggers, Attorney White referenced a map included as part of this item's accompanying documents, which outlines the expansion of the County seat and pertains to the property recently purchased by the County for its new campus. She indicated that the item's proposed resolution does not change or move the County seat; that Florida Statutes provides for this process as a mechanism to expand the boundaries that the new boundaries would encompass the property where the new County headquarters will exist in the future and that no action is necessary today beyond holding the public hearing whereupon, Commissioner Eggers provided clarifying comments regarding the relocation of County facilities to the new property.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 10 through 31

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Scott, seconded by Commissioner Long, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

10. Minutes of the regular meetings held December 12, 2023 and January 16, 2024.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

11. Vouchers and bills paid from December 31, 2023 through January 20, 2024.

Period December 31, 2023 - January 6, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$24,072,736.75

Payroll - \$4,548,401.52

Period January 7 - January 13, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$13,804,304.28

Payroll - None

Period January 14 - January 20, 2024

Accounts Payable - \$11,026,997.03

Payroll - \$4,599,427.56

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Reports received for filing

12. Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Financial Statements, Year Ended September 30, 2023, with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

13. Pinellas County Property Appraiser Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

14. Pinellas County Tax Collector Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

15. Pinellas County Sheriff Financial Statements, September 30, 2023, with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended September 30, 2022.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

16. Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Financial Statements, September 30, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

17. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller - 2024 Inspector General's Annual Plan.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

18. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2024-01, dated January 25, 2024 - Investigative Review of the District Cooling and Central Energy Plant Operations and Maintenance Service Agreement.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

19. Pinellas County Purchasing Receipt and File Quarterly Report, Reporting Period October 1 through December 31, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

20. Quarterly Donation Listing of \$1,000 or Greater for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

21. Forward Pinellas Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendments of the Countywide Plan Map, to be held on February 14, 2024.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Administrative Services

22. Award of bid to JF Acquisition LLC d/b/a JF Petroleum Group for the U.S. Highway 19 fuel site renovation.

Contract No. 23-1167-ITB-C awarded in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$3,083,377.84 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

23. Quarterly report of claim settlements for the period of October 1, through December 31, 2023.
The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

County Administrator

24. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending January 31, 2024.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

25. Award of bid to Sea & Shoreline, LLC for the Weedon Island Preserve Salt Marsh Restoration - American Rescue Plan Act and other grant funded project.

Contract No. 23-1129-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$2,838,040.00 on the basis of being the only responsive, responsible bid received. All work to be completed within 400 consecutive calendar days.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

26. Ranking of firms and agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC for red tide generated marine life collection and disposal.

(Contract No. 23-0400-RFP) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the not-to-exceed contract value of \$5,000,000.00 for a term of 60 months.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Safety and Emergency Services

27. Ranking of firms and agreement with Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. for 9-1-1 core services.

(Contract No. 23-0568-RFP) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,139,900.00, effective for five years from issuance of the notice to proceed. This contract replaces a prior contract.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

28. Award of bid to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. for the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Exploratory Well Project.

Contract No. 23-1141-ITB-C awarded to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,954,550.00, on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 29.** Award of bid to Chinchor Electric, Inc. for the construction of the William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility electrical improvements.

Contract No. 23-1117-ITB-C awarded in the amount of \$21,451,561.00, to Chinchor Electric, Inc., on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 1,100 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 30.** Award of bid to New Era Electric, Inc. for the construction of the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility electrical switchgear replacement.

Contract No. 23-1080-ITB-C awarded to New Era Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$2,633,824.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All work to be completed within 450 consecutive calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 31.** Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

The item was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Convention and Visitors Bureau

- 32.** Termination of agreement with Bay Promo LLC and award of bid to On Time Marketing Corp. for promotional and novelty items.

Termination of agreement approved.

Contract No. 23-0605-ITB awarded in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$421,747.56 (total three-year not-to-exceed amount of \$1,265,242.67), effective for a period of 36 months, and on the basis of being the second lowest responsive, responsible bid received.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

County Administrator

- 33. East Lake Community Library Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Funding request approved in the one-time expenditure amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Eggers provided brief comments regarding correspondence received from the library's advisory group related to operational issues.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Housing & Community Development

- 34. Ranking of firms and agreements with twelve firms for requirements of Pinellas County Housing and Community Development support services.

(Contract No. 23-0749-RFP) Ranking of firms and agreements with the twelve highest ranked firms approved for a combined five-year total contract value not to exceed \$3,900,000.00, as outlined in the Staff Report.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Human Services

- 35. Funding recommendation by the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board for the Regional Opioid Abatement Leadership, Planning, and Coordination Solicitation.

Recommendation approved for funding in a not-to-exceed amount of \$478,000.00, based on the proposal submitted by the recommended vendor, Ernst & Young, LLP. Authority delegated to the County Administrator to sign the agreement and associated documentation with the vendor.

Chair Peters provided brief comments regarding the selection process for the vendor.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Public Works

- 36.** First amendment to the agreement with WSP USA, Inc. for the Forest Lakes Boulevard Phase III Professional Engineering Services Agreement.

(Contract No. 21-0004-NC) Amendment approved for an increase in the amount of \$1,098,983.91 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$1,557,947.62 for 1,630 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date.

In response to a query by Commissioner Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that the first phase of this three-phase project was for a preliminary engineering report, which was previously approved by the Board; that the amendment before the Board today is for design services, which were part of the same Request for Proposal; and that the costs are negotiated within the rates that are approved at the time of the contract.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 37.** Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Dunedin Causeway Resiliency and Adaptation Plan.

(FDEP Agreement No. 23PLN131) Agreement approved in the amount of \$600,000.00. No County match is required. Agreement term expires September 30, 2026.

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 Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 38.** Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Pinellas County dune restoration project.

(County PID No. 006241A; FDEP Grant No. 24PI1) Agreement approved in the amount of \$15,100,000.00 with a County match of \$15,100,000.00. Agreement term ends December 31, 2026.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 39.** Grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for north County stormwater improvements.

(FDEP Grant No. LPA0365) Agreement approved in the amount of \$9,500,000.00, providing \$2,374,000.00 for preconstruction activities and \$7,126,000.00 for construction activities for the following projects:

- Crystal Beach Drainage Improvements, PID No. 003896A
- Palm Harbor Regional Stormwater Facility Improvements, PID No. 004243A
- Bee Branch Erosion Control, Omaha to Outfall, PID No. 005587A
- Sutherland Area Drainage Improvements, PID No. 005585A
- Pinellas Trail Green Infrastructure, PID No. 005586A

No County match is required. Agreement term ends October 31, 2028.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Public Works Director Kelli Hammer Levy indicated that the projects are part of the County's Capital Improvement Plan, which was already approved; and that the grant funds would be distributed among the projects to offset Penny for Pinellas funding.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

- 40.** Ranking of firms and agreement with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC for engineering, construction and monitoring services for the Pinellas County Beach Nourishment Project.

(Contract No. 23-1078-RFP-CCNA) Ranking of firms and agreement approved in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,397,660.50 for 1,277 consecutive calendar days from the notice to proceed date. Agreement term may be extended through an amendment.

In response to a query by Commissioner Scott, Mr. Burton clarified that the proposed agreement is related to beach nourishment and would enable work to be done regarding design issues.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

41. State funded County Incentive Grant Program Agreement and corresponding Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation for design activities of the Intelligent Transportation System/ Advanced Traffic Management System on Duhme Road/113th Street from State Road 666/Tom Stuart Causeway to State Road 688/Ulmerton Road project.

(FDOT Financial Project No. 448509 1 34 0) Agreement approved in the total amount of \$660,300.00 (FDOT, \$277,300.00; County, \$383,000.00). Term ends December 8, 2026. Resolution No. 24-9 adopted authorizing the BCC Chairman to sign and the Clerk to attest the agreement.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

Utilities

42. First amendment to exercise a term extension to the agreement with Condy Holdings LLC d/b/a Carus LLC for the proprietary corrosion control chemical blend used in the Pinellas County Utilities water system.

(Contract No. 21-0694-N) Amendment approved for an increase in the amount of \$465,000.00, for a revised total contract not to exceed \$1,123,320.00, effective through June 30, 2025.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

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Business Technology Services

43. First amendment to the agreements with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Computer Aid Inc., Image Technology Resources Corp d/b/a IT Resources, Serigor, Inc., SoftSages, LLC d/b/a SoftSages Technology, and US Tech Solutions, Inc. for information technology staff augmentation services.

(Contract No, 22-0120-P) Amendment approved for an increase in the amount of \$7,500,000.00, for a revised total not-to-exceed expenditure of \$12,500,000.00.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Business Technology Services (BTS) Chief Technology Officer Bryan Zumwalt, with input from Mr. Burton, indicated that the amendment would allow BTS to continue funding staff augmentation through the next three years; that the County is increasingly augmenting work for positions that are difficult to fill and/or for project-related staffing; and that staff augmentation generally costs between 20 to 30% more than a full-time staff member.

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 Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

CareerSource Pinellas

44. Second renewal to engagement agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and GrayRobinson, P.A. for legal counsel.

Second renewal approved extending the engagement agreement for a one-year period effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Peters, Vice-Chair Scott, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Latvala, and Commissioner Long

COUNTY ATTORNEY

45. County Attorney Reports - None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

46. County Administrator Reports:

Mr. Burton introduced the 2023 Accomplishments Report and displayed a video highlighting the various accomplishments of the County and its employees throughout the past year; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers provided brief supportive comments regarding staff's efforts to ensure that residents have positive access to local government.

Mr. Burton referred to a request for comment regarding the gubernatorial appointment of District Six Medical Examiner Dr. Jon Thogmartin and indicated that, with the Board's concurrence, the Chair will send supportive comments provided by staff to the commission that oversees the appointment; whereupon, Chair Peters provided supportive comments of Dr. Thogmartin and his team.

COUNTY COMMISSION

47. 2024 Federal Legislative Program.

Van Scoyoc Associates Vice President Harry Glenn discussed Congressional updates and provided an overview of the County's priorities, including the National Flood Insurance Program, beach renourishment, offshore oil drilling, American Rescue Plan funding, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; whereupon, he briefly discussed legislation that could impact the County, such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Responding to comments and queries by Commissioners Eggers and Scott, Mr. Glenn provided clarifying comments related to two new federal bridge programs and impacts of new soot standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency; whereupon, Commissioner Justice and Chair Peters thanked Mr. Glenn for his efforts.

48. Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Appointment of Veronica Ettel approved to fill an existing vacancy.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Peters, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Flowers, Commissioner Justice, and Commissioner Long

Absent: 2 - Vice-Chair Scott, and Commissioner Latvala

49. Appointment to the Technical Management Committee.

Mr. Burton requested that the item be pulled from the agenda.

Withdrawn.

50. County Commission New Business:

Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business.

The Commissioners provided updates regarding their assigned boards and committees and discussed various issues, as follows:

Commissioner Flowers

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- Resiliency conference
- Selection of Daisy Corea as the new Chief Executive Officer for the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas
- Proposed legislation

Deviating from the agenda, Chair Peters addressed the following items:

Skyway Lighting Resolution

Resolution No. 24-10 approved supporting the Florida Department of Transportation lighting of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge in support of CHAMP1 Awareness Day on March 19, 2024.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Latvala

Chair Peters recognized that the Commissioners' Executive Aides received an award for a photograph showing their participation in The Great Tornado Drill.

Commissioner Justice

- Lealman Honey & Arts Festival
- Tampa Bay Estuary Program
- 2023 Accomplishments Report
- Appreciation to staff for budget presentation

Commissioner Eggers

- Food Emergency and Services Team Food Pantry groundbreaking in Palm Harbor
- Animal Services workshop
- AmSkills, Inc. Career Discovery Bootcamp
- Lincoln Cemetery cleanup
- State of the Region community luncheon at the University of South Florida
- Appreciation to staff for their work on the BCC Strategic Planning Workshop
- Future Charter Review Commission meetings
- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area leadership meeting
- Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony in Dunedin

Commissioner Long

- Pinellas Recovery Round Table
- Arts Conservatory for Teens
- State of the Region community luncheon at the University of South Florida
- Appreciation to staff for budget presentation
- Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area leadership meeting

Commissioner Scott

- Forward Pinellas
- Appreciation to staff for a great BCC Strategic Planning Workshop
- Tour of Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch
- Ribbon cutting of Foodie Labs
- National Association of Counties
- Tour of the U.S. Capitol
- Dunedin Causeway safety and traffic issues

Commissioner Peters

- BCC Strategic Planning Workshop
- Announcement of new aide, Jessica Morrow
- Appreciation to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office deputies for their presence at BCC meetings

ADJOURNMENT - 12:06 P.M.

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair