

# **Pinellas County**



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Virtual Regular Meeting**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

## ROLL CALL - 2:00 P.M.

**Present:** 7 - Chair Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, Manager, Board Records Department; and Jenny Masinovsky, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt introduced himself and announced that he would be the Technology Moderator for the virtual meeting; and that Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell would serve as Process Moderator; whereupon, he conducted a roll call of the members.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

## 1. Public Comment.

Chair Gerard requested that the speakers make comments pertaining only to items not listed on the agenda; and that any comments relating to Items Nos. 20 and 21 be reserved until those items are considered later in the meeting; whereupon, the following citizens addressed the Board:

Dave Waddell, Clearwater  
Michael Fox, St. Petersburg  
V. Anita Holifield, Tierra Verde  
Robert Amaio, Clearwater  
John Benincasa, Oldsmar

**CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 19**

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

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

## CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

2. Minutes of the virtual regular meetings held May 14 and May 19, 2020.

3. Vouchers and bills paid from May 10 through May 23, 2020.

Period: May 10 through May 16, 2020  
Accounts Payable - \$8,958,149.15  
Payroll - \$3,930,240.43

Period: May 17 through May 23, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$16,936,211.21

Payroll - \$6,740.70

Reports received for filing:

4. Division of Inspector General, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Report No. 2020-11 dated May 28, 2020 - Investigation of Airport Rescue and Firefighting Misuse of Resources.
5. Dock Fee Report for the month of May 2020.
6. Juvenile Welfare Board Certified Annual Financial Report dated May 18, 2020 and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2019.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

7. City of Seminole Ordinance No. 03-2020 adopted April 28, 2020, annexing certain property.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

### County Administrator

8. Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending May 31, 2020.

### Parks and Conservation Resources

9. Award of bid to Commercial Landscape Professionals, Inc. d/b/a Trimac Outdoor for landscape and irrigation maintenance services.

Bid No. 189-0354-B in the annual amount of \$307,380.00 for a five-year total of \$1,536,900.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

### Public Works

10. Award of bid to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for 131st Street North at 82nd Avenue North and 86th Avenue North Intersection Improvements project.

Bid No. 190-0126-CP in the amount of \$5,651,295.28 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 435 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

11. Award of bid to RJP Enterprises, Inc. for guardrail repair services.

Bid No. 190-0211-CP in the amount of \$937,765.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract is for 36 months with a provision for a 24-month extension.

12. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for drainage and roadway design, post-design services, and construction of culvert replacement and channel improvements at 102nd Avenue North over the Cross Bayou Canal.

(PID No. 004473A) Agreement approved. County to pay the City an amount not to exceed \$470,452.85, which includes design and post-design services and 50 percent of the anticipated construction costs. Agreement is for a two-year period from the notice to proceed date. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

### Utilities

13. Award of bid to Himes Electric Company, Inc. for South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility lighting upgrades.

Bid No. 190-0241-CP (PID No. 003756A) in the amount of \$2,337,028.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 365 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest. Bid of L&S Enterprises LLC rejected as being non-responsive as the firm is not prequalified with the County.

14. Award of bid to Harris - McBurney Company for the Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement project-54th Avenue, St. Petersburg.

Bid No. 190-0158-CP (PID No. 003123M) in the amount of \$941,125.24 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. All work is expected to be completed within 305 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

15. Joint Project Agreement with the City of Belleair Bluffs for the construction and relocation of County water distribution mains and gravity sewer mains in conjunction with the proposed City of Belleair Bluffs roadway construction and drainage system improvements along Dolphin Drive from Mehlenbacher Road to South Winds Drive.

(PID No.004450A) Agreement approved. County to pay to the City an amount not to exceed \$286,000.00, which includes all construction costs and an additional ten percent cost of \$26,000.00 for miscellaneous administrative fees. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

16. Ranking of firms and agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc. for professional engineering services pertaining to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System Master Plan Update.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 189-0464-NC approved in the amount of \$289,008.00, including \$25,000.00 for contingency services. The Master Plan is expected to be completed within 330 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Alexis Proude Campbell v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-002472-CI-13 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.
18. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Third Street Holdings d/b/a/ JWags Saloon, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-002400-CI-11 - temporary injunction.
19. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Helen Ribeiro v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-001917-CI-15 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

20. Local State of Emergency.

Mr. Burton introduced the item, relating that it pertains only to extending the Local State of Emergency from June 23 to July 3.

Responding to Chair Gerard's call for public comment, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg  
Dave Waddell, Clearwater  
Patricia Cox, Largo  
Elena Levine, Dunedin  
Michael Fox, St. Petersburg  
Barbara Walker, Palm Harbor  
Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach

**A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Resolution No 20-53 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on July 3, 2020.

**21. Emergency Ordinance requiring face coverings.**

Chair Gerard related that over 800 e-mails were received by the Commission regarding the proposed ordinance and as many as possible have been read, noting that it is not necessary for those citizens who have already written on the matter to comment during the meeting. Mr. Burton indicated that the measures proposed in the ordinance, such as mask wearing, social distancing, and limiting large gatherings in bars and restaurants, intend to address the continuing spread of COVID-19 in the community, demonstrated by the rising number of positive cases; whereupon, he provided an overview of three ordinance versions presented to the Board for consideration.

Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided an update regarding the COVID-19 data trends, including case counts, deaths, and percent positivity, indicating that the metrics reflect a steep increase; that test positivity has reached 12 percent; and that occupancy of Intensive Care Unit and hospital beds has also increased. He discussed the importance of protecting the vulnerable populations, taking precautions such as wearing masks in combination with social distancing, and limiting large gatherings to no more than 50 people, stating that mask wearing has been advised by Florida Surgeon General Dr. Scott A. Rivkees and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and that there is an increasing amount of medical literature regarding its effectiveness in protecting the general public from the virus spread; whereupon, he cautioned that continuing upward trends may ultimately overwhelm the healthcare system.

Responding to query by Chair Gerard, Mr. Burton provided information relating to the Governor's recent press release; whereupon, discussion ensued among the members, Dr. Choe, Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson, District Six Medical Examiner Dr. Jon Thogmartin, and Sheriff Bob Gualtieri regarding the following topics:

- Possible lingering health effects of the virus
- Exponential case growth
- Enforcement of the proposed ordinance
- Need for recognition of the seriousness of the problem by the public and voluntary compliance with the rules
- Increased death count; average age of the deceased
- Importance of mask wearing in indoor spaces where social distancing is an issue

- Mask wearing effects on health and effectiveness against the virus spread
- Hospital capability tracking and surge plans
- COVID-19 impacts on the human body as seen through autopsies
- Ordinance provisions regarding indoor capacity limit, violation penalties, and various face covering requirements and exceptions
- Factors contributing to the virus spike
- Contact tracing

Attorney White stated that the proposed measures were presented in the form of an emergency ordinance to reflect the Commissioners' preference for civil penalties associated with potential violations; and that in order to pass the ordinance today, notice provisions set forth in Chapter 125 of the Florida Statutes, which were not followed due to the emergency nature of the topic, must be waived first; whereupon, she recommended receiving public comments as to the notice waiver and the ordinance prior to taking action on those matters.

Responding to Chair Gerard's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following individuals expressed their concerns:

Dawn Bohler, St. Petersburg  
Jeremy Dolan, Gulfport  
Len Kishter, Palm Harbor  
Yvette Gaugh, St. Pete Beach  
Dave Waddell, Clearwater  
Maegan Chapman, Clearwater  
Vanessa Alabarces, St. Pete Beach  
Bonnie DiMartino, Clearwater  
Patricia Cox, Largo  
Heidi Olsen, Dunedin  
Teresa Pablo, Dunedin  
Sharon Calvert, Tierra Verde  
Lucinda Johnston, St. Petersburg  
Amy Boretti, Largo (spelling uncertain)  
Aaron Byard, Palm Harbor  
Trevor Burgess, St. Petersburg  
Tiffany Beach, Clearwater  
Michael Fox, St. Petersburg  
Christine Hubbard, New Port Richey  
Cliff Nokes, Palm Harbor  
Matt Winter, Tarpon Springs  
Elena Levine, Dunedin  
Orlando Acosta, St. Petersburg  
John Kurzman, St. Pete Beach  
Johanna Perez, Dunedin  
Norma Wood, St. Petersburg  
Karen Mullins, Dunedin

Kaitlin Noethen, Clearwater  
Alison Barden, Seminole  
Stephanie Young, Largo  
Robert Amaio, Clearwater  
James Shaw, Safety Harbor  
Liam and Evan Oliver, St. Petersburg  
Jamie Lewis, Clearwater  
Zachary Seko, St. Petersburg  
Nicholas Eddy, Clearwater  
Meghan Armstrong (city not provided)  
Margaret Gibbs, Largo (spelling uncertain)  
Rikki Cushing, Palm Harbor  
Kyle Wells, Houston, Texas  
Robert Wallace, Largo  
Tommy Frain, Tarpon Springs  
Eunic Ortiz, Palm Harbor  
Brittanie Pope (city not provided)  
David Katsaros, Palm Harbor  
Barbara Walker, Palm Harbor  
Kay Fitt, Clearwater  
John Ferguson, Largo (spelling uncertain)  
Marcus Ellen, Seminole (spelling uncertain)  
April Thanos, Gulfport  
Grace Harrison (city not provided)  
Timothy Nixon, Pinellas Park  
Morgan Spinks, Clearwater  
Ralph Angel, Nashville, Tennessee (spelling uncertain)  
Nick Carey, St. Petersburg  
Gianna Tsesmelis, St. Pete Beach  
Sara Viola, Clearwater  
Jerry Purno, Tarpon Springs (spelling uncertain)  
Amy Cox, Clearwater (spelling uncertain)  
Kelly Johnson, Dunedin  
Laura Clark, Clearwater (spelling uncertain)  
Diane Lebedeff, Safety Harbor  
Gloria Lindenburg, Crystal Beach  
Antonia Green, Largo  
Robert Salta, Gulfport  
Daniele Sheeler, Clearwater  
Karl Conyers, Dunedin  
Kathleen Gozo, Tarpon Springs (spelling uncertain)  
Michael Lebovitz, Palm Harbor  
Echo Thomas, Indian Rocks Beach  
Melanie Fort, St. Pete Beach  
Jennifer Harmon, Dunedin



Jennifer Stracick (city not provided), representing ALPHA House of Pinellas County  
Alexandria Johnson, Tarpon Springs  
Ariela Yasova-Zaffros, Seminole (spelling uncertain)  
Joshua Ellis, Seminole  
Daniel McAllister, Eastlake  
Zack Stephenson, St. Petersburg  
Cindy Churchward, Clearwater  
Lani Walker, Palm Harbor  
Michael Fridovich, Gulfport, Vice-Mayor  
Miles Katsaros, Palm Harbor (spelling uncertain)  
Katie Jamesman, Clearwater  
Kelly Edwards, Tarpon Springs  
Kristen Ward, St. Petersburg (spelling uncertain)  
Christopher VerKuilen, St. Petersburg  
Leah Walker, Palm Harbor  
Steve Pizzano-Prevuznak, Palm Harbor  
Rich Graham, Seminole  
Ryan Thompson (city not provided)  
Anne Hutchinson, Clearwater  
Don White, Clearwater  
England Miano, Safety Harbor  
Alison Otunambe, Tarpon Springs (spelling uncertain)  
Alex Eckelberry, Bellair  
Debra Williams, Tarpon Springs  
Mitchell Cook, Safety Harbor (spelling uncertain)  
Terry Weeks, St. Petersburg (spelling uncertain)  
Andrea Kugelman, St. Petersburg

**Meeting Recessed: 6:58 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 7:30 P.M.**

Responding to query by Commissioner Eggers, Attorney White explained that the effective date and duration of the ordinance are based on the Local State of Emergency, noting that repealing of the ordinance would involve a separate action by the Board.

During discussion, the members voiced concerns regarding the increasing COVID-19 case numbers, and Commissioners Long, Eggers, Justice, Welch, Seel, and Gerard expressed support for the most comprehensive “universal” version of the ordinance with regard to the face covering requirement. They indicated that their decisions are not partisan, but are based on the recommendations from the doctors and the best interests of the public health and safety; that wearing masks is important in protecting others; and that the ordinance provides exceptions for those who cannot wear them. Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Burton provided information pertaining to the availability and distribution of masks to the public.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Peters, Drs. Jameson and Choe explained the difference in function and effectiveness of face shields and masks. Commissioner Peters expressed her concerns regarding the safety and effectiveness of cloth masks and opined that there should be more handwashing signs in public restrooms; and that the ordinance should indicate that concealed weapon carriers can wear masks. She stated that she will not be supporting the ordinance and moved that should the masks be required, parents have discretion over children wearing them; and that shields be an allowable alternative to masks. The motion died for lack of a second, and Attorney White reminded the members that notice requirements must be waived before actions regarding the ordinance are taken.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Long, Attorney White recommended including the effective date of the ordinance in its language and clarified that the ordinance is countywide; and that government facilities are exempted, and Mr. Burton discussed options for informing the citizens of the ordinance.

**Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the notice provisions under Section 125.66(2), Florida Statutes, be waived; and that an emergency exists to justify the waiver. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Peters

Responding to queries by the members, Attorney White and Mr. Burton clarified that the universal version of the ordinance would apply to indoor public places only; and that churches and childcare facilities would be included.

During discussion regarding various amendments to the universal ordinance, Attorney White pointed out that no action needs to be taken on the individual amendments. After further deliberation, the members reached a consensus on amendments regarding the following matters:

- Parental discretion with regard to mask wearing for minors (using the language of the ordinance regarding mask wearing adopted in St. Petersburg)
- Modifying the social distancing exception currently under Section 3(2)c to be applicable only to groups of ten or less
- Inserting an exemption regarding religious rituals if social distance is maintained (using the language from the St. Petersburg ordinance)
- Modifying the definition of "face covering" to include the use of face shields
- Specifying that the ordinance will be effective on June 24 at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Peters stated for the record that while she supports the idea of wearing masks, she is against mandating it.

**Commissioner Seel moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the proposed ordinance be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Peters

Ordinance No. 20-14 adopted setting indoor public safety requirements, mandating that individuals wear a face covering in public indoor places, and establishing exceptions.

**Meeting Recessed: 6:58 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 7:30 P.M.**

### Administrative Services

- 22.** Contract for sale and purchase with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc. for the sale of 27 vacant parcels located in the Dansville neighborhood.

Resolution No. 20-56 adopted authorizing conveyance of the properties. Contract approved at the sale price of \$455,000.00. The Board previously declared the parcels as surplus and authorized their sale and conveyance for housing development by Resolution No. 16-27. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the County Deeds and Land Use Restriction Agreements.

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

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

- 23.** Agreement with Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, LLC for the County Jail F wing sliding door retrofit project.

Contract No. 190-0419-N approved in an amount of \$3,084,480.00 for the two-phased project; all work is expected to be completed within 446 consecutive calendar days.

**Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### Economic Development

- 24.** Resolution expressing support of Beckwith Electric as a qualified applicant for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

Resolution No. 20-54 adopted supporting Beckwith Electric as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, and authorizing the company to make

improvements and/or tangible personal property additions before an Exemption Ordinance is adopted.

Commissioner Seel stated that she would abstain from discussion and voting on the item, and in accordance with the provisions of the Standards of Conduct Law, a Memorandum of Voting Conflict form has been filed and made a part of the record.

Responding to query by Chair Gerard, Commissioner Seel provided information relating to other qualified applicants for the exemption.

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Seel

### Human Services

- 25.** Agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant.

Grant Agreement approved for funding in the amount of \$400,000.00 per year over three years for a total award of \$1,200,000.00 to fund the Road to Success project, an expansion of the Public Defender's Crossover for Children program. A 100-percent match totaling \$1,200,000.00 will be provided by the Public Defender's Office and Ready for Life, Inc.

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

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

### Safety and Emergency Services

- 26.** Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for provision of Helicopter Ambulance Service in Pinellas County.

Renewal Certificates issued to Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Bayflite, and Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Air Life, in accordance with Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code and Florida Statutes, Section 401.25. Chair authorized to sign the certificates.

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

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

27. Third amendment to the Agreement with Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. for Next Generation 9-1-1 networking services.

Amendment to Contract No. 123-0283-P approved increasing the amount by \$5,487,335.00 for a revised total of \$11,372,425.68 and extending the term through August 31, 2025 (first and final term extension). Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

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

### Solid Waste

28. Second amendment to the agreement with Covanta Projects, LLC for Waste to Energy Facility Operator Technical Recovery Plan projects.

Amendment to Contract No. 134-0171-P approved, providing for the addition of nine new projects at a total estimated cost of \$11,332,487.00, with no increase to the total contract amount of \$566,327,899.00 through November 2, 2024. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to Chair Gerard's call for persons wishing to be heard, V. Anita Holifield, Tierra Verde, expressed her concerns.

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

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

### Utilities

29. Second Amended Consent Order between the County Utilities South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(FDEP OCG File No.18-0112) Consent Order approved defining interim limits for disinfection byproducts and extending the current Consent Order to May 31, 2025. Utilities Department to pay FDEP \$500.00 for investigation costs and either pay \$6,000.00 in civil penalties or implement an in-kind project with an equivalent value of at least \$9,000.00.

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

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

## AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

- 30.** Agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Agreement approved for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Department will provide funds in consideration for CareerSource Pinellas' (Subrecipient) satisfactory performance under the Agreement, contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

Chair Gerard called for persons wishing to be heard on Items Nos. 30 through 32, and responding to queries by Samantha Willis, Dunedin, provided information regarding the functions of the CareerSource Pinellas organization and the Board's role in its operations.

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

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

- 31.** Memorandum of Understanding between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas and the Pinellas County School District.

Memorandum renewed through June 30, 2021 to align expiration dates with the other Memoranda of Understanding in the Local Workforce Development Plan.

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

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

- 32.** Program Year 2020-2021 Planning Budget for WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas.

Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2020 approved for submission to the State Workforce Board.

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

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

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

Michael Ramsey and Patty Sawyer approved as replacement appointments for Community College and Pinellas Opportunity Council seats, respectively, for one-year terms expiring on June 30, 2021.

The following appointments were approved to serve as Business Category representatives upon a roll call vote: Chris Owens, Andrea Cianek, Michele Mathews, and Rebecca Arvin for two-year terms expiring on June 30, 2022, and Ivonne Alvarez for a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2021.

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

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

**34.** Reappointments to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Chair Gerard recommended that the reappointments be approved, noting that four members have left the CareerSource Pinellas Board.

Amy VanNess, Jody Armstrong, Celeste Fernandez, David Fetkenher, Mark Hunt, Kay McKenzie, Kenneth Williams, Rebecca Sarlo, Russell Leggette, and Glenn Willocks reappointed for two-year terms expiring June 30, 2022.

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

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

Emergency Medical Services Authority

**35.** Fourth amendment to the agreement with Paramedics Logistics Florida, LLC for requirements of ambulance services.

Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved the amendment to Contract No. 134-0452-P, increasing the contract amount by \$20,888,191.00 for the current term and extending the contract from September 15, 2020 through September 14, 2023 (estimated three-year expenditure, \$191,908,850.00). Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Safety and Emergency Services Director Jim Fogarty provided information explaining the contract increase.

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

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

Supervisor of Elections

- 36.** Fiscal Year 2020 Board Budget Amendment No. 2 to realign appropriation from the General Government cost center to the Supervisor of Elections cost center within the General Fund.

Amendment approved realigning \$596,930.00 for costs related to the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 Primary Election.

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

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

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 37.** Proposed settlement in the case of Leighanna Staley v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-000979-CI-15.

Settlement approved in accordance with the confidential memorandum dated June 23, 2020.

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

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

- 38.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Gregory Blais v. Bayway Isles - Point Brittany Three Corporation, Inc.; HUD Case No. 04-20-0295-8; PC Case No. 20-009 - alleged housing discrimination.

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

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

- 39.** Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Peter Trott - action for injunctive relief.

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

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

- 40.** Resolution regarding the Pinellas County School Board's proposed referendum question to continue an additional one-half mill levy.



Resolution No. 20-55 adopted placing a measure on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election proposing a four-year extension of the one-half mill ad valorem tax levy for School District operating expenses.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Peters and Eggers, Kevin Hendrick, Pinellas County Schools, indicated that pursuant to state legislation, Charter Schools will now be included as recipients of a proportionate share of the additional one-half mill levy, and Attorney White explained that the Commission's access to the ballot is the reason for its action on the matter.

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

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

**41. County Attorney Reports - None.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**42. County Administrator Reports.**

Mr. Burton provided information regarding the June 30, July 7, and July 16 Commission meetings, indicating that the Governor's Executive Order allowing virtual meetings has been extended through July; and that he needs clarification on whether the July 16 meeting will be in-person, and Chair Gerard and Commissioner Justice provided comments.

**COUNTY COMMISSION**

**43. Appointment to the Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).**

Tracy Meehan appointed for a two-year term following a roll call vote.

**44. County Commission New Business Items:**

- Palm Harbor Community Services Agency MSTU Requests (Commissioner Eggers).

Commissioner Eggers presented the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency (PHCSA) Board's request as follows:

- Not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to East Lake Library for Security Gates, 5 RFID Readers, Payment/RFID Module for Self-Checkout, shipping and installation
- Not to exceed amount of \$30,000 to East Lake Recreation for upgrade of the Meadows Soccer Fields
- Not to exceed amount of \$25,000 to Palm Harbor Library for upgrade of the library entrance and carpeting

- Not to exceed amount of \$15,000 to PHCSA for installation of an electric gate at Pop Stansell Park entrance

Commissioner Eggers pointed out that after the allocation of the above amounts, the Municipal Services Taxing Unit fund would have a balance of approximately \$390,000 in unallocated funds; and that the request has been vetted by staff; whereupon, he moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the request be approved.

Responding to Chair Gerard's call for persons wishing to be heard, Christa Dasher, Palm Harbor, inquired about the location and purpose of the gate to Pop Stansell Park, and Commissioners Eggers and Justice provided information in that regard.

During discussion and responding to Commissioner Peters' suggestion to postpone the item until additional details regarding the gate are obtained, Commissioner Justice opined that PHCSA Board requests undergo considerable deliberation by its members; and that he is inclined to approve the request today, and Chair Gerard agreed.

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

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

## **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.**

Public Hearing Items Nos. 45 through 49 were deferred to the meeting of July 21, to begin at 6:00 P.M. No one appeared in response to the Chair's call for persons wishing to be heard.

During discussion and responding to queries by the members, Attorney White clarified that if the members defer the hearings to a date certain, the public hearing notices would not need to be rerun in the newspapers to fulfill the legal advertising requirements; and that the Board of County Commissioners meeting notice posted on the County website would reflect the meeting location, noting that the Governor's order appears to continue allowing public participation both virtually and in person.

## **AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS**

### Countywide Planning Authority

- 45.** (Deferred to a Future BCC Meeting)  
Ordinance amending the Countywide Rules (first public hearing).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be deferred to the July 21 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### 46. (Deferred to a Future BCC Meeting)

Petition of Lazarus Paskalidis, Eugina Paskalidis, and Sokaratis Paskalidis to vacate a portion of a 10-foot-wide drainage and/or utility easement lying in Lots 36 and 37, Baywood Village, Section 5, Plat Book 75, Page 93, lying in Section 23-27-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be deferred to the July 21 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### 47. (Deferred to a Future BCC Meeting)

Petition of Pinellas County to vacate a portion of 118th Avenue North right-of-way lying east of Starkey Road and west of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, lying in Sections 12-30-15 and 13-30-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be deferred to the July 21 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### 48. (Deferred to the July 21st BCC Meeting)

Petition of John Skopos to vacate a 12-foot-wide alley lying west of Desoto Boulevard and east of Moss Rose Avenue, lying in Block 1, Crystal Beach Heights, Plat Book 3, Page 58, lying in Section 35-27-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be deferred to the July 21 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### 49. (Deferred to a Future BCC Meeting)


Petition of Christopher D. Muller, Laura T. Muller, Raymond B. Bennett, and Debra J. Schaefer to vacate the 80-foot-wide right-of-way of Illinois Avenue lying between Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 135 and Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 130, Map of Sutherland, Plat Book H1, Page 1; also the 20-foot-wide alley right-of-way lying between Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 135, Map of Sutherland, Plat Book H1, Page 1, lying in Section 2-28-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the item be deferred to the July 21 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

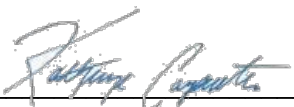
Aye: 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Commissioner Peters expressed concern about the growing numbers of drug overdose deaths and Baker Act individuals, indicating that public messaging efforts should be enhanced to ensure awareness of the problem.

**ADJOURNMENT - 9:29 P.M.**

  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By   
Deputy Clerk

