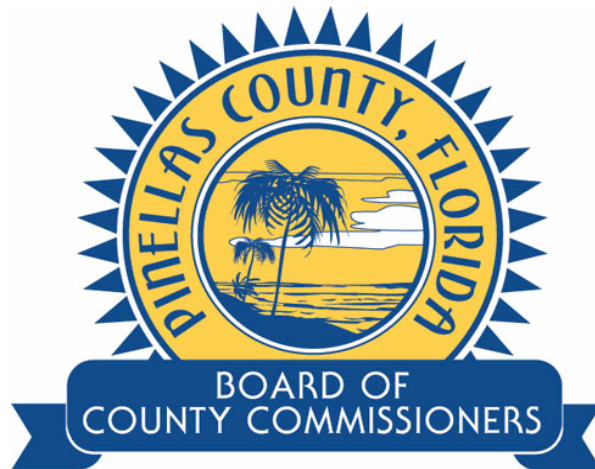


# Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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## Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Virtual Regular Meeting

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

1. [20-704A](#) Local State of Emergency
2. [20-721A](#) Adopt Resolution Directing Staff to Develop Programs to Address Economic Impacts to Businesses and Individuals in Pinellas County and Authorizing the County Administrator to Sign Certification Form and Submit to United States Department of Treasury to Receive Coronavirus Relief Fund Payment.

**Recommendation:** Adoption of a resolution that will: (1) direct staff to develop programs that will provide critical financial assistance to businesses and individuals who are hurting through no fault of their own due to the economic impacts of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and (2) authorize the County Administrator to sign the certification form required to receive Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act payment and submit the form to United States Department of Treasury (Treasury) before the deadline at 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2020.

\* Financial support programs will assist small businesses, adults, and families in Pinellas County who are negatively impacted due to the business closures and disruptions caused by COVID-19.

o Financial support program for businesses may provide rapid payments directly to small businesses to partially address loss of revenue due to COVID-19 and to support retaining employees. Small businesses represent over 90% of all businesses in Pinellas County and are critical to the community. Payments would help with necessary expenses like payroll, rent, and utilities. Similar programs have been implemented or planned by cities of St. Petersburg, Tampa, Largo, and Tarpon Springs.

o Financial support program for adults and families may help those most in need who have lost income due to unemployment or other COVID-19 related factors by providing direct payments for such necessary expenses as rent and utilities.

\* Projected CARES Act payment from Treasury is \$170,129,283.00.

\* Treasury has not yet published information clarifying allowable uses of the funds, which the County intends to use for the financial support programs if permissible.

\* Staff will bring the financial support programs to the Board for consideration and approval at the earliest possible Board meeting after development of the programs and confirmation that they are permissible uses of the CARES Act payment.

\* A budget resolution will be brought forward at the same meeting to recognize and appropriate these funds in the FY20 Budget.

3. [20-703A](#) Agenda Briefing
4. [20-365A](#) County Commission Board Reports and Miscellaneous Items

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Special Accommodations**

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to both pvalenti@co.pinellas.fl.us and to jlorick@co.pinellas.fl.us at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

**Public Participation Procedures**

Persons wishing to comment regarding a specific agenda item should do so in advance in accordance with the instructions in the notice of this meeting, or on the virtual platform or phone will be instructed before each vote during the virtual meeting how to do so. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman will call on each individual, one by one to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes as may be modified by the Chairman. Comments or behavior that violate Pinellas County Commission Public Participation and Decorum Rules will be disconnected.

**Public Hearing Procedures**

The procedure used by the Board in conducting Public Hearings is to have a staff presentation followed by the applicant presenting the specific proposal. The Board will then hear comments from the proponents, the opponents and a staff summary. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to close and the Board will decide on the matter.

Public Hearings before the Board are governed by the provisions of Section 134-14 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code as may be modified by Pinellas County Emergency Order. That code provides that at the conclusion of each person's presentation, any speaker may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of staff. Specifically:

1. At the conclusion of the presentations by the applicant and any proponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from the applicant and/or the proponents.
2. At the conclusion of the presentation by the opponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from any opponent.

The applicant's closing comments will address testimony subsequent to his or her presentation. Continuing rebuttal of other than directly preceding testimony will not be allowed. Because much testimony has already been submitted in writing, the following guidelines accommodate efficient presentations:

1. The applicant should present his or her entire case, including rebuttal, in no more than 20 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item may speak for up to three minutes each after virtually raising their hand as directed during the meeting.

**Appeals**

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*If a Board meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. has not concluded by noon, a recess will be taken from noon to 12:30 P.M., and the remainder of the meeting will continue at 12:30 P.M.*

*If a Board meeting beginning at 2:00 P.M. has not concluded by 5:30 P.M., a recess will be taken from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. The remainder of the afternoon agenda will resume at 6:00 P.M., followed by Public Hearings.*