

Pinellas County

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners

*Charlie Justice, Chairman
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman
Dave Eggers
Pat Gerard
John Morrone
Karen Williams Seel
Kenneth T. Welch*

ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.

Present: 6 - Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

Absent: 1 - John Morroni

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Jacob F. Stowers, Assistant County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Christopher Bartlett and Jenny Masinovsky, Board Reporters, Deputy Clerks.

INVOCATION by Pastor Dave Baldrige with Palm Harbor United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Presentations and awards:

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Mastercut Tool Corp.

Senior Citizens Day Proclamation

County Attorney Recognitions

Purple Heart Day Proclamation

Vote in Honor of a Vet Presentation - Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections

Thank You for Doing Business Recognition: Mastercut Tool Corp.

Plaque presented to Michael Shaluly, President, Mastercut Tool Corp. Chairman Justice provided background information about the company, and Economic Development Director Michael Meidel provided input.

Senior Citizens Day Proclamation

Presented to Director of Planning Jason Martino, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco and Pinellas; Community Development Administrator Celeste Fernandez and Operations Program Administrator John Palumbo, Florida Department of Children and Families; and Health Care Administrator Daisy Rodriguez, Pinellas County Human Services.

County Attorney Recognitions

Attorney Bennett provided background information and congratulated Assistant County Attorney Chelsea Hardy, noting that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court recognized her in January for her outstanding work in pro bono services to the Guardian Ad Litem program in 2015.

Attorney Bennett introduced Chief Assistant County Attorney Jewel White and highlighted her many accomplishments while with Pinellas County. He related that she was recently awarded the 2016 Claude Pepper Outstanding Government Lawyer Award by the Florida Bar; whereupon, he provided background information on the award and the attorney for which it is named.

Purple Heart Day Proclamation

Presented to President Robert Groover, Pinellas Veterans Association; and Director Michael Hill, Pinellas County Veterans Services.

Vote in Honor of a Vet Presentation

Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Deborah B. Clark discussed the *Vote in Honor of a Vet* program and how it encourages students to register to vote. She noted that each student is paired with a veteran's biography and provided dog tags to symbolize their promise to vote; and that the program is presented in Pinellas County high schools and is accompanied by a video as a way to connect with students.

After showing the video, Ms. Clark indicated that 21,000 students have registered to vote through the program; and that voter turnout among 18 to 30 year olds for the last three presidential elections was about 10 percent higher than the national average; whereupon, SOE Communications Director Jason Latimer distributed biographies, dog tags, and a blank form to each member, and Ms. Clark concluded the presentation.

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.

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY

2. Case No. CW 16-18 - Pinellas County
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Retail and Services, regarding 0.6 acre more or less, located on the NW corner of 54th Avenue North and I-275 (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 16-41 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has

been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

3. Case No. CW 16-19 - City of St. Petersburg
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Medium to Multimodal Corridor, regarding 0.1 acre more or less, located at 1617 34th Street South (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 16-42 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

4. Case No. CW 16-21 - City of Belleair Bluffs
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Retail and Services, regarding 0.36 acre more or less, located at 682 Indian Rocks Road (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 16-43 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

5. Case No. CW 16-22 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.5 acre more or less, located at 1325 Springdale Street (subthreshold amendment).

Ordinance 16-44 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has

been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

6. Case No. CW 16-20 - City of Largo

Countywide Plan Map amendment from Office to Retail and Services, regarding 2.46 acres more or less, located at 4175 East Bay Drive, southeast of the East Bay Drive and Belcher Road intersection (regular amendment).

Ordinance 16-45 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

7. Case No. CW 01-25 (Change No. 9-2016)

Countywide Plan Map amendment to the Old Bay Character District of the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan, regarding 100.72 acres more or less, generally bounded by Nicholson Street to the north, North Myrtle Avenue to the east, Drew Street to the south, and Clearwater Harbor to the west (companion to item no. 8).

Ordinance 16-46 adopted. Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommended approval of the proposal, and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Long Range Planning Manager Lauren Matzke, City of Clearwater, provided an overview of the area and stated that the amendment is a first step in implementing a master plan in the area; that it would increase the floor area ratio on certain properties between Fort Harrison Avenue and the waterfront; and that it would allow development of a hotel in the coastal high hazard area to serve a non-permanent population. She noted that a market analysis has been completed as part of the North Marina Area Master Plan; and that no significant increase in traffic is anticipated.

Responding to query by Commissioner Seel, Ms. Matzke indicated that she has not formally contacted local residents but believes residents are generally supportive; and that transition guidelines for the area were developed with community input several

years ago and are reflected in the master plan documents.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Welch

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

8. Amendments to the Old Bay District of the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown Redevelopment Area of the City of Clearwater (regular agenda item) (companion to item no. 7).

Resolution 16-50 adopted approving all amendments.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Planning Director Renea Vincent stated that the major change to the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) is the increase in floor area ratio from 0.5 to 1.0 within a small section of the CRA. Referring to aerial maps, she pointed out the area affected and the existing boundaries of the CRA.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

9. Ordinance amending the County Code to add Section 2-147 relating to Surplus Lands.

Ordinance 16-47 adopted establishing alternative procedures for disposition of surplus lands as provided for in Florida State Statute 125.35(3). No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

10. Ordinance amending County Code Chapter 22 (Buildings and Building Regulations), Article I (Countywide Building Construction Industry Regulations and Construction Codes), Division II (Enforcement of Countywide Standards) by revising Section 22-13 (Penalties for Violations) to increase the civil penalty amount the Construction Licensing Board may seek to recover for violations related to unlicensed contracting, consistent with state law.

Ordinance 16-48 adopted. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Responding to queries by the members, Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB) Executive Director Rodney Fischer indicated that the State has increased the allowable fine against unlicensed individuals to \$2,000; and that currently the PCCLB is limited to \$500. He related that the PCCLB is asking to increase the allowable fine up to \$2,000; that a range of fines would be set based on the severity of the offense; and that the proposed ordinance is in compliance with State statute.

Mr. Fischer noted that there are four investigators tasked with verifying permits and licenses; that an unlicensed individual would be cited to appear before a special magistrate; and that if a fine remains unpaid, the PCCLB would file a property lien, if applicable, in an attempt to collect it. He related that \$1,300,000 worth of liens remain uncollected; that nearly half of all PCCLB cases are citations against unlicensed individuals; and that the industry and consumers have placed a priority on dealing with unlicensed contracting.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Fischer indicated that anyone with a complaint can go online or call the PCCLB office to register their concerns.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Justice indicated that Item No. 42 would be heard at this time, and no objections were noted.

42. Interlocal agreement regarding the high speed ferry pilot program.

Responding to queries by the members, City of St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman related that plans are to start operating the service November 1; that ferries can continue to run during rainy weather; that one-way fares would likely be ten dollars each way, and could be significantly reduced through various discounts such as weekly/monthly passes or child rates; that the rate could be changed during the pilot program; and that the challenge would be to find the appropriate balance between fares and the bottom line.

Mayor Kriseman related that parking would be available; that he anticipates parking

would cost between two and five dollars; that there is a need to find the right price to attract daily commuter traffic; and that the suggested fares remain competitive with alternate transportation such as Uber. He noted that monthly reports concerning ridership would be warranted and made available to the Commission during the pilot.

Assistant County Administrator John Bennett related that the County has received an email raising concerns about the procurement process; and that the issues raised do not pertain to the County Commission or the decision at hand.

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Mayor Kriseman related that the service must start in November in order to complete a full six month pilot; and that starting in later months would reduce the length of the program, which is scheduled to close at the end of April 2017, and discussion ensued.

Upon the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard, the following citizens appeared and stated their concerns:

Geoff Moakley, Largo
David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor

Commissioner Eggers stated that he is not in favor of the project, which he sees as a high-risk venture. He noted that there is a lack of market research to justify the project; that other models exist that include the private sector taking on more of the risk; and that while the program adds another source of transportation, it does not take advantage of solar energy or electric power. He indicated that the program fits more under promotion and advertising; that it concerns events localized to St. Petersburg and Tampa; and that he cannot support the use of public funds, for the reasons previously stated.

Commissioner Welch indicated that it is a tremendous opportunity with relatively low risk; that the community is identified with its water more than anything else; that the best case would result in a great alternative transportation system; and that he strongly supports the program.

Commissioner Long stated that BP Oil Spill settlement funds would be used to fund the County portion of the project and not taxpayer dollars; that finding unique projects for the settlement money was part of the process in order to do innovative, creative, and visionary things; and that she supports the project and the Mayor's leadership.

Commissioner Gerard noted that while she doesn't see the County supporting the project long term, she will support the proposal.

Commissioner Eggers indicated that he sincerely wishes the project success; that understanding how to use the water for transportation is clearly important; that a long list of proposed uses for the BP settlement money exists; and that spending settlement money on this project will mean that another one remains unfunded.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Eggers

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

11. Public comment.

- Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re education excellence
- David Ballard Geddis, Jr., Palm Harbor, re watershed corrections
- Janet Hardy, Palm Harbor, re County Code enforcement
- Susan Rybski, Largo, re illegal home addition; County negligence
- JoAn Totty, Palm Harbor, re BP money

The members agreed that more discussion is warranted regarding County Codes, and Commissioner Eggers stated that the Commission will have a future workshop to discuss and recommend changes where needed.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 12 through 31 (Item 22 addressed under Regular Agenda)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

12. Vouchers and bills paid from March 20 through July 2, 2016.

Period March 20 through April 23, 2016

Payroll - \$9,521,938.50

Accounts Payable - \$142,538,067.64

Period April 24 through May 28, 2016

Payroll - \$6,300,278.34

Accounts Payable - \$106,289,375.33

Period May 29 through July 2, 2016

Payroll - \$9,812,035.03

Accounts Payable - \$99,235,974.31

Reports received for filing:

13. Southwest Florida Water Management District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015.
14. Tampa Bay Water Annual Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015.
15. City of Dunedin Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015.
16. Dock Fee Report for the month of June 2016.
17. Quarterly Report of Routine Dock and Dredge/Fill Permits issued from April 1 to June 30, 2016.
18. Juvenile Welfare Board Quarterly Financial Statements for the periods ending March 30 and June 30, 2016.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

19. Town of Belleair Notice of Public Hearing for consideration of sign variances; public hearing held July 19, 2016.
20. Affidavit of Publication of Legal Notice published in the Business Observer regarding Notice of Forfeiture of Unclaimed Money pursuant to Section 116.21, Florida Statutes (Circuit/County Court of the 6th Judicial Circuit - Criminal Division).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

21. Airport Accounts Receivable write-off.

In accordance with Resolution No. 05-61, the Board approved a write-off for accounting purposes for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 (total amount of write-off, \$21,982.70).

Management and Budget

23. Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Grant Fund Budget for unanticipated revenues to the Planning Department, Community Development and Planning Division.

Resolution No. 16-51 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose (unanticipated grant revenue in the amount of \$58,000.00).

Public Works

24. Ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top six ranked firms for requirements of continuing engineering and environmental consulting services.

Contract No. 156-0095-CN approved with the following firms:

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.
Atkins North America, Inc.
CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
Jones, Edmunds, & Associates, Inc.
Singhofen & Associates, Inc.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$1,100,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$6,600,000.00; County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Real Estate Management

25. Ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top five ranked firms for requirements of continuing environmental engineering consulting services including environmental assessment and remediation activities.

Contract No. 156-0008-CN approved with the following firms:

Arcadis U.S., Inc.
HSW Engineering, Inc.
Professional Service Industries, Inc.
S&ME, Inc.
Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$500,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$2,500,000.00; County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

26. Conveyance of four escheated properties, previously retained by the County, to the municipalities in which they reside.

Resolution 16-52 adopted approving the conveyance of escheated properties to the Cities of St. Petersburg (3) and Pinellas Park (1) approved, in accordance with Florida Statutes 197.592. Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest the County deeds.

Utilities

27. Ranking of firms and execution of agreements with the top 14 ranked firms for requirements of continuing utilities engineering consulting services.

Contract No. 156-0127-CN approved with the following firms:

Brown and Caldwell
Carollo Engineers, Inc.
CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.
Greeley and Hansen, LLC
Hazen and Sawyer
Jones, Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
King Engineering Associates, Inc.
McKin & Creed, Inc.
Metzher & Willard, Inc.
Parsons Environment & Infrastructure Group, Inc.
Reiss Engineering, Inc.
Tetra Tech, Inc.
Wade Trim, Inc.

Agreements are for a period of five years, effective upon execution; upset limit is \$1,500,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$21,000,000.00; County Administrator has delegated authority to increase the upset limits of contract purchase orders provided the negotiated rates remain the same. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

28. Award of bid to Hydromax USA, LLC for requirements of hydrant and valve inspection, repair, and maintenance services.

Bid No. 156-0331-B in the amount of \$1,895,648.80 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; contract is for a 48-month term and provides for a price adjustment at 24 months, in accordance with the Staff Report. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

29. Award of bid to various firms for annual requirements of water meter and backflow prevention materials and accessories.

Bid No. 156-0384-B in an amount not to exceed \$5,911,002.35 awarded to the following

firms on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bids received meeting specifications:

Ferguson Enterprises D/B/A Ferguson Waterworks; Groups 5 and 6 for a total award amount of \$905,832.65 over a five-year term.

Fortiline, Inc. D/B/A Fortiline Waterworks; Group 7 for a total award amount of \$1,722,865.10 over a five-year term.

HD Supply Waterworks, LTD; Groups 4, 9, and 10 for a total award amount of \$1,087,063.90 over a five-year term.

Neptune Technology Group, Inc.; (Groups 1 and 2 for a total award amount of \$2,195,240.70 over a five-year term.

Bids from American Backflow Products and Ferguson Enterprises D/B/A Ferguson Waterworks (Group 8) were rejected for not meeting bid specifications.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

30. Notice of new lawsuit and defense of the same by the County Attorney in the case of Natalie Jackson-Fuller v. Pinellas County - Federal Case No. 8:16-cv-01590-MSS-TBM - allegations of employment discrimination.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Emergency Medical Services Authority

31. Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Owl, Inc., a non-medical wheelchair transport provider.

Certificate issued in accordance with Section 54, Pinellas County Code. Chairman authorized to sign the certificate.

Later in the meeting, Chairman Justice noted that he received a card from Eric Nowak, Tampa, wishing to be heard on the matter; whereupon, Mr. Nowak indicated from the audience that he was in favor of the item.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Human Services

22. Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held on August 23, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance amending County Code sections 122-40, 122-41, 122-42, and 122-44 relating to the County towing ordinance.

At the request of Commissioner Eggers, Assistant County Administrator John Bennett highlighted the proposed changes to the ordinance, noting that the spirit of the proposal is to prevent DUI (driving under the influence) violations by adding an extra level of protection for the driver who elects to utilize an alternative ride home.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

32. Change Order No. 2 to the contract with David Nelson Construction Company for the Remote Parking Lot Expansion Project at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

(Contract No. 145-0152-CP; PID No. 000321A) Change Order No. 2 approved, increasing the contract amount by \$289,900.00 (revised agreement amount, \$2,199,523.00) and extending the agreement term by 165 consecutive calendar days; work to be completed by November 18, 2016. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Noting that the Airport is setting records for the number of passengers served, Mr. Stowers related that while the change order extends the project duration, it will bring the parking lot to approximately 1,500 spaces.

Referring to an aerial photograph, Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury pointed out the location of the overflow parking lot and reported that the project will add 500 stalls; that it will provide parking while the long-term parking lot is being rebuilt; and that staff was successful in obtaining grant funding.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Human Services**33. Resolution endorsing Housing First and the Coordinated Entry System.**

Resolution No. 16-53 adopted.

Commissioner Gerard opined that some populations, such as transitional youth, are not represented in the Housing First model, and cautioned that Housing First and the focus on federal funds may change in a few years, and Commissioner Welch agreed.

Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board CEO Susan Myers thanked the Board for its long-standing support of homeless services; whereupon, responding to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Myers provided information regarding Housing First model and the resolution. She noted that while the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) does not fund emergency shelters, it provided financing to Catholic Charities' Pinellas Hope for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing; and that participating in Housing First and Coordinated Entry by entities which are not HUD-designated Continuum of Care (COC), such as privately or local government funded organizations, means doing a common assessment and housing the most vulnerable homeless populations first.

Ms. Myers indicated that Catholic Charities is fully onboard with Coordinated Entry and Housing First for Pinellas Hope; that Safe Harbor is a part of the Housing First model in terms of having very low to no barriers to getting into it; and that HUD recognizes the need for certain populations to be in transitional housing, and, pursuant to the Housing First philosophy, those populations are allowed to participate in transitional housing funded by the federal government.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Public Works**34. Local Funding Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Gateway Expressway Project.**

(FDOT Financial Project No. 433880-1-52-01; County PID No. 000297A) Agreement in the amount of \$55,750,000.00 approved; to remain in effect for 360 days following issuance of all final payments and reimbursements, for a total anticipated contract duration of approximately five years. Federal Aviation Administration's Release of Federal Surplus Property Obligation acceptance letter and Deed of Release to sell and

convey Pinellas County property to FDOT for purposes of the Gateway Expressway Project, approved.

Assistant County Administrator Pick Talley introduced the Gateway Express Project and provided background information on its funding and expenditures, noting that \$70 million was allocated for the project in the Penny for Pinellas III; and that the agreement transfers the remaining \$55,750,000 to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for building of the expressway; whereupon, he introduced the FDOT project team involved in the development of the agreement.

Noting the team effort involved in the completion of the agreement, Gateway Express Project Manager Eyra Cash introduced a video presentation showing the future elevated expressway; whereupon, Construction Manager Melissa Chin conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, discussing funding, location, schedule, access points, construction around the airport and on 118th Avenue, ponds, and maintenance of traffic considerations.

Ms. Chin and FDOT Director of Transportation Development Debbie Hunt responded to queries by the members regarding details of the expressway project and other projects currently underway. Ms. Hunt also provided an update regarding construction on Ulmerton Road, indicating that it will end in the summer of 2021, prior to commencement of the expressway construction; whereupon, she agreed to provide an update regarding work around the airport affecting traffic on Ulmerton and Roosevelt Roads.

The Commissioners thanked FDOT and County staff for their efforts, noting that the expressway will improve transportation in mid-county; and that it is a great use of the Penny funds; whereupon, Commissioner Seel remembered Congressman Bill Young for his efforts enabling purchase of the Sunshine Speedway property in 2003, and Ms. Hunt thanked the Commissioners and recognized County staff for their involvement and support.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 2 - Chairman Justice, and Commissioner Morroni

Meeting Recessed: 12:01 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:32 P.M.

Real Estate Management

- 35.** First Amendment to the agreement with Moss & Associates, LLC, for design-build professional services for the Jail Campus Infrastructure Phase 2 Project.

(Contract No. 134-0308-NC) Amendment in the amount of \$87,500,000.00 approved, including \$83,947,039.00 for construction, and contingencies in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 (Contractor) and \$2,552,961.00 (Owner). Work to be completed within 913 consecutive calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Director of Real Estate Management Andrew Pupke briefly reviewed the scope of the project; whereupon, he introduced April Pottorff, from the project design firm, CGL RicciGreene Associates, and Jeff Sellers from the design-build firm, Moss & Associates, LLC, who jointly conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record.

Mr. Sellers reviewed the design criteria establishing project priorities:

- Enhance campus safety
- Consolidate support services for food, laundry, security, and warehouse
- Create operational efficiencies
- Invest in the future
- Increase resiliency to ensure operations during severe weather events

Ms. Pottorff discussed the Infrastructure Building, relating that the current chilled water plants, security systems, fire protection system, control equipment, and water, electrical, and gas services will be unified into a centralized location, brought up to code, and updated, allowing simplified maintenance from a single point.

Mr. Sellers reviewed the construction schedule and the cost, indicating that the project will be completed in February of 2019; and that the total cost of \$87.5 million includes upgrades, new construction, and the operational cost associated with working inside a secure campus. In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Pupke indicated that \$75 million of the \$225 million of the Penny for Pinellas earmarked for courts and jails will remain after this project is completed and will be used for the courts consolidation project.

During discussion and responding to queries by Commissioners Eggers, Long, and Welch regarding the level of hurricane protection, Ms. Pottorff, with input by Assistant County Administrator Paul Sacco and Steven Daniel, Building Design and Construction, indicated that the Infrastructure Building will be constructed to Category 2 to 3 standards and will withstand winds of approximately 185 miles per hour, which exceeds the Pinellas County building standard of 155. They discussed the level of protection that will be provided compared to the new Public Safety Complex, relating that the over \$20 million additional cost to meet Category 5 certification is not warranted for this project, and discussion ensued; whereupon, Commissioner Welch requested information regarding the hurricane category standards.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Pottorff provided information regarding the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) equivalency.

standard, and indicated that the buildings will meet the Green Globe standard, which meets the intent of Florida statutes, and agreed to provide information regarding the Green Globe rating levels.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Pupke, with input by Mr. Sellers, related that the older chillers primarily used to service the campus will not be replaced, explained the \$9.9 million cost associated with purchasing a new generator and relocating the current generator, and discussed the interconnection study by Duke Energy. Commissioner Seel expressed concern about the cogeneration system, stating that there could be significant electrical costs if it fails, and suggested that the project not proceed until after the Duke study is complete; whereupon, Mr. Pupke indicated that a commitment has been made to move forward with the cogeneration approach; and Mr. Sacco stated that should it fail, it would be a capital cost and would be covered under the Owner's Contingency included in the \$87.5 million total cost figure.

Responding to queries by the Commissioners, Mr. Pupke indicated that:

- The security system software is being upgraded from analog to digital, and the name of the software will be provided.
- Rooftop solar is not indicated for the project, but solar lighting will be used in the parking lots.
- The Infrastructure Building will be powered by the natural gas generator, and Duke Energy will provide backup for the natural gas generator.
- The new building housing the Sheriff's purchasing warehouse and facilities maintenance will be powered by Duke Energy.
- Operations currently located in leased buildings can be brought on site, resulting in a cost avoidance of approximately \$275,000 annually.
- The Infrastructure Building can be expanded to support additional inmate housing and a second generator.
- Flood protection will be enhanced by the increased elevation of the buildings.

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Justice, Vice-Chairman Long, Commissioner Eggers, Commissioner Gerard, and Commissioner Welch

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Seel

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

36. County Administrator miscellaneous.

Mr. Stowers related that the County, the cities, and other stakeholders participate in a Local Mitigation Strategy program to review hazardous issues; and that the partners set goals, establish criteria, and compile an annual report on how to work together to address those issues; whereupon, he related that the Pinellas County program was / recently recognized by the Mitigation Planning Unit of the Florida Division of Emergency Management; that the program and the report will be used as a model for other communities; and that information regarding the program can be found on the County website.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

37. County Attorney miscellaneous - None.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Economic Development Authority

38. Termination of negotiations with SportsPark Partners, LLC and rejection of all proposals received via the Request for Negotiation process for the sale or lease of property known as the Toytown site in St. Petersburg.

(Contract No. 145-0413-P) Termination of negotiations and rejection of proposals approved.

Director of Economic Development Mike Meidel explained the basis for the termination of negotiations and rejection of proposals, indicating that the top-ranked firm found the project economically unfeasible based on market studies and disinterest in the site by the Atlanta Braves; and that the second-ranked firm was eliminated for its lobbying efforts to the Commissioners. He indicated that, as a result of studies and staff discussions considering current land values versus the cost of engineering, as well as potential for high-wage jobs, it was decided that pulling out of negotiations with the third-ranked firm and looking for interim uses for the site is the best approach for the present time.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Meidel indicated that staff is looking into the possibility of a solar array on the property; that it should not be too long until staff returns to the Board with proposals for interim uses; that while the site is being monitored for methane and not much is being generated, there is a large presence of trash that has not yet decomposed and could generate methane in the future, which would play into the cost of building there; and that the Toytown site is being considered as one of the potential sites for Pinellas County baseball; whereupon, Commissioner Welch commented that the site would be ruled in or out based on feedback from the Rays.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

Emergency Medical Services Authority

39. Continuing Medical Education Agreement with cities and independent fire districts.

Two-year agreement for Continuing Medical Education approved with the Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs and Treasure Island, the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Lealman Special Fire Control District, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control and Rescue District, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District, and Sunstar Paramedics. Agreement is retroactive to October 1, 2015 and expires on September 30, 2017, and may be renewed for two additional one-year terms through written agreement of the parties. Fiscal Year 2016 expenditure is not to exceed \$500,000.00. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Mr. Stowers indicated that Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians need to continually upgrade their education; and that the agreement reflects an efficient model.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

40. Revisions to the Emergency Medical Services Rules and Regulations.

Revisions approved, as outlined in the Staff Report and accompanying documentation.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Morroni

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

41. County Administrator reports - None.

COUNTY COMMISSION

43. County Commission miscellaneous.

The members thanked everyone involved in the recent Farm Share event held at Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, which provided an estimated 18,000 pounds of food to the local community.

The members noted that there is potential for flooding due to heavy rains; and that sandbags are now available at Chestnut Park, Taylor Park, and Lealman Park.

Commissioner Seel

Indicated that she has asked the County Attorney's Office to review ordinances concerning the raising of peacocks, geese, and other fowl.

Commissioner Eggers

Thanked Director of Utilities Randi Kim for arranging a tour of a local utilities laboratory and shared his experience.

Thanked Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Forward Pinellas for their joint meeting.

Thanked the City of Dunedin and related that its Purple Heart ceremony was likely the best attended in its history.

Related that the morning paper detailed an account of a young man, Jordon Litowchak, who rescued a man from a car submerged in water; and that he would learn more about the young man's background for a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner Welch

Commended the many outstanding young people in the community for their leadership and actions.

Commissioner Gerard

Announced that an Open House for the Youth Advisory Committee will be held on August 17.

Related that she has received an email from a staff person wanting to know the status of the Employee Health Clinic. Staff to provide an update.

Commissioner Long

Referred to discussions regarding the County's contract with PSTA for distribution of passes through Human Services; and noted that she has provided copies to her colleagues on the PSTA Board.

Chairman Justice

Related that he attended National Night Out events in Pinellas Park, Kenneth City, and Gulfport.

Noted his support of the Supervisor of Election's *Vote in Honor of a Vet* program.

Wished good luck to Clearwater Countryside High School graduate Melanie Margalis, who is competing in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Indicated that the County Commission will hold a South County workshop on August 16 in Gulfport.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:03 P.M.



Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By 
Deputy Clerk

