

Pinellas County



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

9:30 A.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 - 9:30 A.M.

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

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Amelia Hanks, Board Reporter.

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE**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.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Countywide Planning Authority

1. Case No. CW 20-05 - City of Tarpon Springs
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Activity Center to Activity Center, regarding 1.46 acres more or less, located at the northeast corner of East Live Oak Street and North Hibiscus Street, south of Athenian Way.

Ordinance No. 20-10 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-05. 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 Eggers, 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 Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long

2. Case No. CW 20-07 - City of Largo
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Recreation/Open Space to Employment, regarding 5.62

acres more or less, located on Highland Avenue Southeast, approximately 400 feet south of East Bay Drive.

Ordinance No. 20-11 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-07. 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 query by Commissioner Justice, Forward Pinellas Planning Division Manager Rodney Chatman related that the City of Largo has confirmed that it has no plans to further develop the recreational property in the area.

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

3. Case No. CW 20-08 - City of Clearwater
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Public/Semi-Public to Office, regarding 0.729 acre more or less, located at 407 North Belcher Road.

Ordinance No. 20-12 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-08. 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 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

4. Case No. CW 20-09 - City of Safety Harbor
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Residential Low Medium to Recreation/Open Space, regarding 1.05 acres more or less, located at 1550 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North.

Ordinance No. 20-13 adopted approving Case No. CW 20-09. 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 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

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5 through 10

A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Seel, 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

5. Minutes of the virtual regular meetings held April 28, May 1, and May 5, 2020.
6. Vouchers and bills paid from April 26 through May 9, 2020.

Period: April 26 through May 2, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$38,161,515.91

Payroll - \$3,860,928.58

Period: May 3 through May 9, 2020

Accounts Payable - \$42,480,651.63

Payroll - None

Reports received for filing:

7. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance No. 07-26 for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Development Review Services

8. Plat of Boca Ciega Millennium Estates.

Utilities

9. Award of bid to CEC Motor and Utility Services for motors, parts, and motor rewind and repair services.

Bid No. 190-0264-B in the annual amount of \$508,900.00 for a 60-month term total of \$2,544,500.00 awarded on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Contract provides for annual price updates after the initial 24-month term. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

10. Ranking of firms and agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for professional engineering services for the W.E. Dunn Off-Site Reclaimed Pump Station Improvements project.

Ranking of firms and Contract No. 190-0031-NC approved in the amount of \$752,557.11. The design, permitting, bidding, and construction administration phases are expected to be completed within 990 consecutive calendar days. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

11. Local State of Emergency.

Mr. Burton requested approval of a resolution extending the Local State of Emergency until June 12. He indicated that there are no changes at this time; that the Board voted on May 28 to remove County restrictions; and that State restrictions pertaining to gatherings and social distancing are still in place.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Burton related that the Governor issued an Executive Order on June 1 extending the moratorium on evictions for 30 days. Noting that the Commission extended the Pinellas CARES Act programs through June 30, he related that community outreach is ongoing to increase awareness of the programs to help individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19; and that staff has met with numerous community groups and is conducting a survey to gather recommendations for Phase 2, which will expand eligibility categories and criteria. He related that there is confusion regarding the state, federal, county, and municipal programs; and that it will be necessary to deliver a clear message with regard to Phase 2.

Commissioner Welch expressed concern regarding the lack of social distancing during protests following the death of George Floyd, and responding to his query, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe recommended the use of cloth masks in all mass gatherings when social distancing is not being practiced. Mr. Burton indicated that law enforcement officers and first responders are provided with proper protective gear, and Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Dr. Angus Jameson provided input, noting that all EMS personnel are equipped with personal protective equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, 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. 20-48 adopted extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16 until 3:00 P.M. on June 12, 2020.

Administrative Services

12. Declare escheated property surplus and authorize transfer of the property by donation to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc.

Resolution No. 20-49 adopted declaring the property as surplus and authorizing its donation, pursuant Section 125.38, Florida Statutes. Chair authorized to sign the County Deed and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and deed.

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

13. Purchase Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for a portion of a County-owned parcel in support of the U.S. 19 road improvement project from Northside Drive to north of CR 95.

Resolution No. 20-50 adopted declaring a portion of a County-owned property as surplus and authorizing its sale for a price of \$121,711.00. Chair authorized to sign the Purchase Agreement, the Addendum to the Agreement, and the County Deed and the Clerk to attest. Clerk authorized to record the resolution and deed.

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

14. Seventh Amendment to the purchase authorization with Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts for the supply of vehicle and equipment parts.

Amendment to Contract No. 134-0296-PB approved extending the authorization through July 21, 2025 and increasing the contract amount by \$11,603,826.00 for a total revised estimated expenditure in the amount of \$20,283,826.00. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Director of Administrative Services Joe Lauro indicated that the annual expenditure has been is fairly consistent; that the amendment extends the agreement to co-terminate with NAPA's agreement with the contracting organization, Sourcewell; that there will be a decrease in prices; and that the amendment relates to the total amount of expenditure over the remainder of the contract.

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

Airport

15. Ratification of the County Administrator's approval and authorization of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding grant application designated for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Grant application for funding in the amount of \$8,737,268.00 ratified and confirmed.

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

16. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding grant agreement designated for the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

(Grant No. 3-12-0075-046-2020) Agreement approved for funding in the amount of \$8,737,268.00. No local match is required. Chair authorized to electronically execute the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

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

Convention and Visitors Bureau

17. Capital Project Funding Agreements with Tampa Bay Watch, Inc. for construction of the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center, and with Florida Holocaust Museum, Inc. for renovations to the Florida Holocaust Museum.

Agreements with Tampa Bay Watch, Inc. and the Florida Holocaust Museum approved providing Tourist Development Tax funding in the amounts of \$300,000.00 and \$350,000.00, respectively. Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Eggers clarified, and Mr. Burton confirmed, that the projects being voted on were previously vetted and approved by the Board

Discovery Center Executive Director Dwayne Virgint and Florida Holocaust Museum Executive Director Elizabeth Gelman appeared and indicated that they appreciate the Commissioners' approval of the funding for their respective organizations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, 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

County Administrator

18. Second Amendment to the Agreement with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. for State Governmental Relations services.

Amendment to Contract No. 178-0174-P approved extending the agreement for 24 months and increasing the amount by \$156,000.00 for a total revised expenditure in the amount of \$312,000.00 (annual amount, \$78,000.00). Chair authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

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

Human Services

19. Funding recommendations for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-Countywide and related grant administration documents.

Recommendations submitted by the Substance Abuse Advisory Board approved for distribution of \$268,112.00 among seven projects, as set forth in the Staff Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, 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

20. Renewal of the Behavioral Health Transportation Plan to support and facilitate access to the Designated Receiving System.

Three-year renewal approved extending the plan through 2023.

Central Florida Behavioral Health Network President and CEO Linda McKinnon indicated that there are no significant changes to the transportation plan at this time; that changes may occur in the system of care; and that any plan modifications will be submitted to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters, 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

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILSEmergency Medical Services Authority

- 21.** Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van provider.

Certificate issued to Liberty Wheelchair Transport in accordance with Chapter 54, Pinellas County Code. Chair authorized to sign the certificate.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 22.** Proposed settlement of a claim brought by Pinellas County against its insurer, FM Global, on behalf of the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility.

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

- 23.** County Attorney Reports.

At the request of Commissioner Justice, Attorney White provided an update regarding a lawsuit filed by a St. Petersburg bar against the County and the State of Florida related to COVID-19, indicating that the County has been dismissed as a party to the suit.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- 24.** County Administrator Reports.

Mr. Burton thanked Pinellas County Utilities workers Brandon Smith and Raymond Collins for their efforts to assist a citizen in need. He indicated that coordination will continue with the Executive Policy Group and community partners to address the COVID-19 pandemic; however, Emergency Operations Center activity will be scaled back somewhat in order to balance priorities and needs within the County, including planning for the upcoming hurricane season.

Noting that budget information sessions will begin on Wednesday of this week, Mr. Burton related that a new format will be implemented, utilizing budget analysts to help identify opportunities to improve efficiency or service through data-driven decisions.

Referring to direction provided by the Board at the May 28 meeting, Mr. Burton requested additional time to allow Parks and Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzi to meet with various groups and receive input in order to formulate recommendations regarding Outback Key Vessel Exclusion Zones. Discussion ensued, and responding to query by Commissioner Long, he suggested a public hearing date at the end of July, noting legal advertising and social distancing requirements and competing issues requiring public hearing.

Mr. Burton related that there has been no indication as to when the Governor will implement phase two of his reopening plan; that there are a number of matters requiring public hearing; and that the Board should prepare to resume in-person meetings; whereupon, he related that the Magnolia Room at the Pinellas County Extension facility would accommodate social distancing and the use of a hybrid format using the Zoom platform, allowing the public and possibly some Commissioners to attend remotely. Discussion ensued, and the members agreed to resume in-person meetings beginning June 23, as suggested by the Administrator.

COUNTY COMMISSION

25. County Commission New Business Items.

The members commented on various topics, as follows:

Commissioner Long

- John Morroni Legacy Foundation mental health program for first responders

Commissioner Welch

- George Floyd and protests

Commissioner Eggers

- John Morroni Legacy Foundation
- George Floyd and protests
- Pinellas CARES programs

Commissioner Justice

- Long-term care facilities

ADJOURNMENT - 10:49 A.M.

Pat Seroid
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By *Kenneth Burke*
Deputy Clerk

