

Pinellas County

*333 Chestnut Street
Clearwater, FL 33756*



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:30 A.M.

Budget Information Session

Palm Room

Board of County Commissioners

*Brian Scott, Chair
Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair
René Flowers
Chris Latvala
Vince Nowicki
Kathleen Peters
Chris Scherer*

ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.

Present: 7 - Chair Brian Scott, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Commissioner René Flowers, Commissioner Chris Latvala, Commissioner Vince Nowicki, Commissioner Kathleen Peters, and Commissioner Chris Scherer

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Jessica Oakes, Board Reporter

1. Office of Human Rights

Presentation and review of the budget summary, efficiencies and cost-saving measures, budget drivers, and decision packages.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Belinda Amundson, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Document displayed: *Office of Human Rights*

Presentation and review of Fiscal Year 2025 accomplishments and discussion of various topics, including the Department's website, decision packages, and the Department's purpose.

Presenter: Jeffery Lorick, Office of Human Rights Director

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator

2. County Administration

Presentation and review of the Department's purpose, budget summary, efficiencies and cost-saving measures, budget drivers, and a decision package.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Ksheera Hegde, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Document displayed: *County Administrator*

Presentation and review of recent organizational changes and discussion of various topics, including training and development, vacant positions included within the budget, and the current lobbying contract with The Southern Group.

Presenter: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator

Input provided by: Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director; and Jewel White, County Attorney

3. County Attorney

Presentation and review of the budget summary, efficiencies and cost-saving measures, and budget drivers.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Ksheera Hegde, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Document displayed: *County Attorney*

Presentation and review of staffing changes and discussion of attorney fees and the transfer of outside legal counsel expenses to the budget for the Office of Management and Budget.

Presenter: Jewel White, County Attorney

Input provided by: Melissa Kennedy, County Attorney Department Administrative Manager; and Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director

4. Construction and Property Management

Presentation and review of efficiencies and cost-saving measures, budget drivers, and decision packages and discussion of a contract with Sheltair Aviation.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Shane Kunze, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Bill Greer, Construction and Property Management Director; and Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director

Document displayed: *Construction and Property Management*

Presentation and review of Fiscal Year 2025 accomplishments, priorities, and challenges and discussion of various topics, including necessary repairs and maintenance, decision packages, and overtime pay.

Presenter: Bill Greer, Construction and Property Management Director

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Christy Carpenter, Facility Operations Director; and Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director

Meeting Recessed: 12:01 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:32 P.M.

5. Department of Administrative Services

Presentation and review of efficiencies and cost-saving measures, topics for discussion, budget drivers, and decision packages and discussion of reserve funds and a decision package related to automation of the monthly P-Card audit process.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Shane Kunze, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Joe Lauro, Administrative Services Director; and Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director

Document displayed: *Administrative Services*

Presentation and review of accomplishments, work plan, and performance measures and discussion of various topics, including operational savings, reserve funds, and subscription costs.

Presenter: Joe Lauro, Administrative Services Director

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator

6. Convention and Visitors Bureau

Presentation and review of the budget request, efficiencies and cost-saving measures, budget drivers, and a decision package.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Jim Abernathy, Management and Budget Manager

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator

Document displayed: *Convention and Visitors Bureau*

Presentation and review of Fiscal Year 2025 accomplishments, work plan, and key performance indicators and discussion of various topics, including an active request for proposal related to development of a youth sports park, the potential to conduct a study regarding demand for a convention center in St. Petersburg, and beach nourishment.

Presenter: Brian Lowack, Visit St. Pete-Clearwater President and CEO

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; and Chris Rose, Office of Management and Budget Director

7. Economic Development

Presentation and review of the budget summary, cost-saving measures, budget drivers, a decision package, the Capital Improvement Plan, Fiscal Year 2025 accomplishments, work plan, and performance measures and discussion of various topics, including the ARK Innovation Center, the One Pinellas Business Alliance, and future plans related to the Young-Rainey STAR Center.

Office of Management and Budget presenters: Katherine Bleakly, Budget and Financial Management Analyst; and James Lewis, Budget and Financial Management Analyst

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Greg Concannon, STAR Center Facility Director; and Cynthia Johnson, Economic Development Director

Document displayed: *Economic Development*

8. Governmental Capital Improvement Program

Presentation and review of the Governmental Capital Improvement Program, the Penny for Pinellas program, the Capital Projects Fund, anticipated revenue and expenditures, new project requests, and updates related to projects identified during an educational campaign from 2017 and discussion of various topics, including Penny for Pinellas funding, estimates related to project requests, and reserve funds.

Office of Management and Budget presenter: Andrew Brown, Capital Budget Manager

Input provided by: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator

Document displayed: *Capital Improvement Program FY26-FY31*

ADJOURNMENT - 2:51 P.M.

Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk