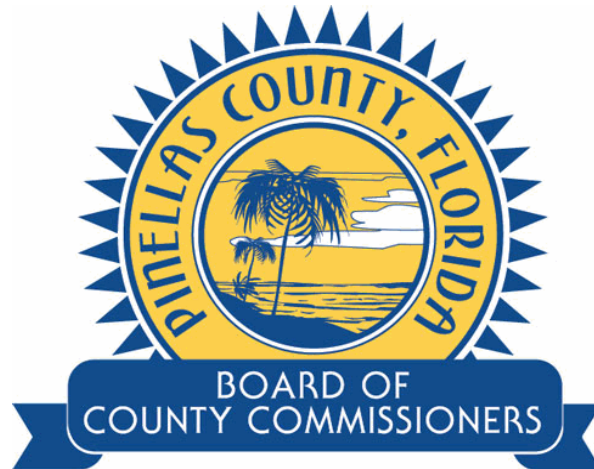


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. [25-0471A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 8

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

Reports received for filing:

2. [25-0571A](#) Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County (A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida) Independent Auditor's Reports, Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information, September 30, 2024.
3. [25-0573A](#) Pinellas Planning Council (A Component Unit of Pinellas County, Florida) Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports, September 30, 2024.
4. [25-0574A](#) Tampa Bay Water Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024.
5. [25-0576A](#) City of Largo Community Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator

6. [25-0465A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending March 31, 2025.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.
7. [25-0495A](#) Receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator for the quarter ending March 31, 2025.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of purchasing items delegated to the County Administrator.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

8. [25-0451A](#) Receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County as delegated to the County Attorney.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of civil lawsuits filed against Pinellas County.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Airport

9. [25-0450A](#) Award of bid to Caladesi Construction and Development, Inc. for the Terminal Mitigation of Water Intrusion project at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid and agreement with Caladesi Construction and Development, Inc. for the Terminal Mitigation of Water Intrusion project at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

- This project involves replacement of the main lobby skylight and windows, full weatherproofing of the window systems and related roof waterproofing; replacement and upgrade of the lobby interior and exterior lighting; demolition and new installation of the lobby interior finishes; refurbishment of the stucco parapet wall, sealing cracks and re-painting with a weather-proofing paints system; replacement of automatic door weatherstripping; and soffit replacement at the FIS exterior walkway.
- This project is funded with the Airport Operating Budget.
- Three submittals were received, with an award recommendation to Caladesi Construction and Development, Inc., in the amount of \$1,597,604.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- Funding for this contract is budgeted under Terminal Mitigation of Water Intrusion Project 006041D, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by Federal Aviation Administration American Rescue Plan Act (FAA ARPA) funds, in the amount of \$1,708,000.00. However, the department has advised and submitted a FY26-FY31 that reallocates the FAA ARPA funds to operating expenditure accounts and replaces the funding for this project with Airport Funds.

Contract 25-0298-ITB-C for \$1,597,604.00 with all work to be completed within 235 consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

County Administrator

10. [25-0380A](#) East Lake Recreation Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request for an upgraded lightning protection/detection system.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) special projects funding request made by the East Lake Recreation (ELR) District for the replacement of lightning protection/detection system.

- This project will allow ELR to replace an aged-out lightning detection system at the East Lake Recreation main complex located at 3555 Old Keystone Road in unincorporated north Pinellas County.
- The current model has been discontinued and parts are no longer available. This detection system is an essential piece of safety equipment which provides advance warning of dangerous weather conditions and gives the players and visitors time to seek shelter.
- The system will be installed by a certified installer and will provide the latest technology to keep players and visitors safe.
- East Lake Recreation provides and manages recreation and sports programming to the community of East Lake. Funding for the requested project will increase its ability to provide these recreation opportunities to the Community.
- The project funding request is for \$20,000. The total cost of the project is \$27,665.00. East Lake Recreation will utilize additional capital funds for costs exceeding the requested amount.
- Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget for MSTU Special Projects within the General Fund.

11. [25-0198A](#) Palm Harbor Main Street Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Services Taxing Unit special projects funding request.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request, in the amount of \$20,000.00, for the purchase of durable event equipment, streetscape enhancements, marketing materials, and organizational programming materials that can be used for educational purposes.

Additionally, delegate to the County Administrator the approval and execution of the PHMS 2025 MSTU Funding Agreement, which will allow for a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be advanced to the PHMS to support community engagement activities.

- Palm Harbor Main Street is a 501(c)(3) organization, re-established in 2023 by Florida Main Street and is a member of Main Street America.
- The mission of PHMS is to promote public-private partnerships and to drive economic development in downtown Palm Harbor while preserving local culture, character, and history.
- As Palm Harbor is located in unincorporated Pinellas County, it must rely on sponsorships, grants, and event revenue to meet the financial baseline requirements in order to maintain its affiliation with MSA.
- Palm Harbor Main Street's will inaugurate a new Signature Event- "Celebrating 100 Years of Community" by celebrating anniversary of July 15, 1925, when the Town of Sutherland officially became Palm Harbor, ushering in an era of incredible economic growth and community pride.
- MSTU funds will be used to purchase durable goods, re-usable educational materials, and streetscape enhancements. Proceeds from the event will go directly to projects in the local community such as streetscape maintenance, wayfinding, and gateway features.
- The total cost of the project is \$20,872.61 The total funding request is \$20,000.00. Palm Harbor Main Street will utilize committed sponsorship funds for costs exceeding the requested amount.
- Funding for this project is included in the current-year General Government Budget in the General Fund. With approval of this special project for \$20,000.00, a total of \$236,733.94 will remain available for Board approved MSTU projects.

Housing & Community Development

12. [25-0322A](#) Resolution approving the required five-year update and adoption of the 2025 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy, also known as the All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Recommendation: Approval of the resolution approving the required five-year update and adoption of the 2025 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), also known as the All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Florida require a comprehensive update to the LMS every five years.
- Adoption of the 2025 LMS ensures the ability of the County and its 24 municipalities to apply for and receive various Federal hazard mitigation grants.
- The LMS also serves as the County's Floodplain Management Plan, required for participation in the Community Rating System program.
- The LMS establishes an ongoing multijurisdictional process that identifies plans, programs, policies and ordinances, and studies/reports to augment hazard mitigation efforts at the local level.
- The LMS includes a description of the types of hazards that may impact the County, their probability of occurrence, the geographic areas that are most vulnerable, and an estimate of the potential losses from various hazards.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management has reviewed the 2025 update to the LMS and has determined that the Pinellas LMS plan is compliant with federal standards related to hazard mitigation and is ready for adoption by the County and municipalities (see attached letter dated February 7, 2025).
- A draft of the Executive Summary for the 2025 LMS is attached.
- A full draft of the 2025 LMS Plan, can be provided upon request to the County Housing and Community Development Department.
- While the resolution itself does not have a direct fiscal impact, failure to adopt the resolution puts current grant revenues and future grant revenue opportunities for the County and its municipalities at risk.

Human Services

13. [24-2185A](#) Grant Funding Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc., for the Adult Drug Court Expansion Grant Program.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreement with WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc., (WestCare) for Adult Drug Court (ADC) Expansion Grant Programs, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

- This agreement allocates ADC Expansion Grant funds to WestCare that include screening and assessment for substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, outpatient treatment for offenders suffering from neurotrauma. The County partners with the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court for ongoing ADC programs.
- The agreement for ADC provides WestCare an annual allocation of \$309,403.00 per year, for up to five years, totaling \$1,547,015.00 of SAMHSA Grant funds for the period of 09/30/24 - 09/29/2029. No match is required.
- The Board previously approved a Notice of Award for the SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts Grant Program on October 29, 2024, item #24-1636A.
- Funding for this grant was not anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. A budget amendment will likely be proposed to the Board to recognize the unanticipated grant revenue and to appropriate the expenditures for this program. No grant match is required. Appropriate termination language is included should this funding become unavailable.

14. [25-0175A](#) Grant Funding Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc., for the Drug Dependency Court Expansion Grant Program.

Recommendation:

Approval and execution by the Board of County Commissioners of Agreements with WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc., (WestCare) for Drug Dependency Court (DDC) Expansion, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

- This Agreement allocates DDC Court Expansion Grant funds to WestCare, which include supportive wrap-around services for families and expanded needs for offenders suffering from neurotrauma. This program will also provide a preventive treatment pathway for dependency-involved families to help avoid deeper court involvement.
- The County partners with the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court for ongoing DDC programs.
- The agreement for DDC provides WestCare an annual allocation of \$309,403.00 per year, for up to five years, totaling \$1,547,015.00; of SAMHSA Grant funds for the period of 09/30/24 - 09/29/2029. No match is required.
- The Board previously approved a Notice of Award for the SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts Grant Program on October 29, 2024, item #24-1632A.
- Funding for this grant was not anticipated in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. A budget amendment will likely be proposed to the Board to recognize the unanticipated grant revenue and to appropriate the expenditures for this program. No grant match is required. Appropriate termination language is included should this funding become unavailable.

Safety and Emergency Services

15. [25-0510A](#) Application to receive E911 trust fund monies from the State of Florida for Console Furniture Replacement for the Regional 911 Center.

Recommendation: Approval of the application certifying that monies received from the State of Florida will be used to replace existing console furniture for 77 workstations within the Regional 911 Center.

- The current console furniture is 12 years old, past end of life, and no longer under warranty. There are several maintenance issues occurring which requires the center to pay for equipment and services for ongoing maintenance.
- This furniture replacement will provide furniture appropriate to the required equipment, peripheral, and cable management for the protecting and increased life span of E911 equipment that will have all features working properly and be under a 10-year warranty. This furniture additionally fulfills ergonomic and work area requirements for employees assisting in maintaining health and efficiency.
- State E911 grant funds exist to assist in funding these costs.
- This grant request will fund the purchase of all required equipment and services to install 77 consoles and remove and dispose of those being replaced.
- State of Florida requires application to be submitted no later than June 1, 2025.
- This grant was anticipated and budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted budget in the Safety and Emergency Services Department within the Emergency Communications E911 Special Revenue fund. If these funds are received, they will not offset funding in the Emergency Communications E911 Special Revenue fund.

Utilities

16. [25-0424A](#) First Amendments with Ardurra Group, Inc., Black & Veatch Corporation, and McKim & Creed, Inc. for Utilities Engineering Consulting Services.

Recommendation: Approval of the First Amendments with Ardurra Group, Inc., Black & Veatch Corporation, and McKim & Creed, Inc. for Utilities Engineering Consulting Services.

- This contract provides for Utilities Engineering Consulting Services.
- These First Amendments increase the contracts for Ardurra Group, Inc. (Ardurra), Black & Veatch Corporation, and McKim & Creed, Inc. by \$1,000,000.00 each, for a total of \$3,000,000.00.
- These amendments will provide funding for specific ongoing work that these three firms are engaged in on County operations and projects including:
 - Ardurra - FDOT - U.S.19 Utility Relocations
 - Black & Veatch Corporation - Potable Water System Hydraulic Model
 - McKim & Creed, Inc. - SCADA System
- This contract was awarded by the Board of County Commissioners to sixteen firms on April 27, 2021, in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 each and a combined total of \$40,000,000.00 for a term of five years.
- These contracts are funded and used on an as-needed basis. Funding for these contracts is available in FY25 (and will likely be proposed in FY26) in the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund, Water Renewal and Replacement Fund, Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund, and the Water Revenue and Operating Fund.

Contract No. 190-0457-CN increase in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for a revised not to exceed expenditure of \$43,000,000.00, effective through April 26, 2026; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

17. [25-0387A](#) Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for the sale and purchase of wholesale reclaimed water for a ten-year term.

Recommendation: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park (City) for the sale and purchase of wholesale reclaimed water for a ten-year term.

- County and City have had a long-standing agreement for the sale and purchase of reclaimed water to serve the City's reclaimed water service area for over 25 years.
- County and City desire to renew the recently expired agreement (February 2025) to provide wholesale reclaimed water service to City.
- County will supply a minimum of 5.7 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to City for use and redistribution in its reclaimed water service area.
- Anticipated revenue for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$505,000 based on historic City demand and the County's current approved wholesale rates. All County expenses are covered by these revenues. Funds are deposited into the Utilities Sewer Revenues and Operating Enterprise Fund.

Agreement term will be effective from the date of execution by both parties for a period of 10 years; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. [25-0472A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. [25-0474A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

20. [25-0360A](#) Appointment to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve appointment of one applicant to serve as the Alternate on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA) for a term of four years beginning on the date of appointment.

- Appointing an Alternate will help to ensure quorum is achieved at BOAA meetings where important business is being presented, discussed and voted on to meet certain criteria and deadlines.
- This Alternate position became available when the previous Alternate, Mr. Robert Warner, was appointed by Commissioner Chris Scherer to serve as his individual appointee on the BOAA at the January 28, 2025, BCC meeting.
- List of applicants can be found on the attached Worksheet/Ballot.
- Worksheet/Ballot will be disseminated by the Clerk.

21. [25-0417A](#) Appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve one appointment to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to fill the vacancy of a term expiring September 30, 2025.

- This appointment is by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole, and the person appointed will be eligible for reappointment at the completion of this current term.
- This position is a citizen appointment and will replace Mr. Sean Gaffney who resigned his position on March 15, 2025.
- Applicant names can be viewed on the attached ballot/worksheet.
- The Clerk will provide the ballot/worksheet.

22. [25-0525A](#) Appointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve two appointments to the Suncoast Health Council for terms of two years to begin on the date of appointment. These appointments will be by the County Commission as a whole.

- The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) has eight appointees that serve on the Suncoast Health Council. Currently there are four vacancies. Appointing the two applicants will bring the BCC's vacancies to two, and we will readvertise to fill those positions at a meeting in the near future.
- Applicant, Ms. Robin Ruybal, will fill a Provider vacancy and applicant, Ms. Carol Weideman, will fill a Consumer vacancy.
- The Clerk will provide a worksheet/ballot.

23. [25-0475A](#) County Commission New Business:
Pertinent and timely Committee/Board updates, policy considerations, administrative/procedural considerations, and other new business:

- Duke Energy Clean Energy Resolution - Commissioner Nowicki

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

24. [25-0413A](#) Case No. FLU-24-03 (Dushyant Gulati)
A request for a Future Land Use Map amendment from Residential Suburban to Residential Low on approximately 1.02 acres located at 2281 Kersey Road in unincorporated Largo. (Companion to No. 25)

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. FLU-24-03 is recommended for approval:
An ordinance approving the application of Dushyant Gulati for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment from Residential Suburban (RS) to Residential Low (RL) on approximately 1.02 acres.

- If this FLUM amendment is approved, the applicant's entire property (3.2 acres in total) would be designated RL.
- The applicant conducted a neighborhood outreach in December 2024, to listen to community concerns. A second outreach was done in February 2025.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 4-2). Seven people appeared in opposition, mostly concerning the companion Zoning Atlas amendment case, citing lot size, buffering, traffic, access, and flooding concerns. Two letters in opposition have been received.
- A companion Zoning Atlas amendment (Case No. ZON-24-04) is also proposed and is contingent upon this FLUM amendment.
- The property, as well as all the immediate surrounding area, is designated Residential Low Medium on the Countywide FLUM. A Countywide Map amendment is not required.
- The applicant intends to redevelop the subject property and the immediate, contiguous 2.18-acre property to the south with an eleven-unit single-family detached subdivision, subject to the proposed conditions per the companion Zoning Atlas Map amendment.

25. [25-0414A](#) Case No. ZON-24-05 (Dushyant Gulati)
A request for a zoning change from R-R, Rural Residential and R-3-CO, Single-Family Residential with Conditional Overlay to R-3-CO, Single Family Residential with Conditional Overlay on approximately 3.2 acres located at 2281 Kersey Road and 1736 Winchester Road in unincorporated Largo. (Quasi-Judicial) (Companion to No. 24)

Recommendation:

Based upon the evidence and findings contained in the staff report and attachments, Case No. ZON-24-05 is recommended for approval:

A resolution approving the application of Dushyant Gulati for a zoning change from Rural Residential (R-R) (1.02 acres) and Single Family Residential-Conditional Overlay (R-3-CO) (2.18 acres) to Single Family Residential-Conditional Overlay (R-3-CO) (3.20 acres).

- The applicant is seeking a zoning change on a 3.20-acre subject property consisting of two parcels and the intended future use of the property is an 11-lot single family subdivision.
- A modification of the approved conditions from Case Z\LU-20-12 is also being requested.
- The applicant conducted a neighborhood outreach in December 2024, to listen to community concerns. A second outreach was done in February 2025.
- The Local Planning Agency recommended approval of the request (vote 5-1) with the following modification to the Conditions: Decrease the proposed maximum lots from 12 to 11 and removal of a 25-foot buffer along the south property line. Eight people appeared in opposition citing lot size, buffering, traffic, access, and flooding concerns. Two letters in opposition have been received.
- The applicant has agreed to the following conditions as part of the Conditional Overlay:
 - Addition of Parcel 30-29-16-70326-200-2102 (2281 Kersey Road).
 - Increase the maximum number of residential lots from seven to eleven. (Applicant agreed to decrease the max lots from 12 to 11 at the LPA meeting to address neighbor concerns).
 - Remove the minimum 80-foot lot width condition
 - Remove the minimum 9,500 square foot lot size condition
 - Keep the minimum 25-foot setback from the east property line
 - Keep the minimum 15-foot rear setback and 11-foot side setback from the south property line
 - Add a minimum 10-foot landscape buffer on the east property line

ADJOURNMENT