

**Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
Pinellas County Federal Legislative Delegation
Joint Meeting**

**February 21, 2017
9:30-11:30 AM**

**Clerk's Conference Room, 4th Floor
315 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
 - Commissioner Janet C. Long, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
 - Representative Gus Bilirakis, District 12
 - Representative Charlie Crist, District 13
 - Senator Bill Nelson (Staff)
 - Senator Marco Rubio (Staff)
- II. Overview of County's Federal Legislative Program
 - Beach Nourishment Update – Army Corps of Engineer, Jacksonville District
 - National Flood Insurance Program
 - Transportation
 - Zika
- III. Discussion of Healthcare Policy and Funding
- IV. Open Discussion
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

Federal Legislative Program

A.) Priority Issues

Subject	Position
Anclote River dredging project	Support the Army Corps of Engineers participation in the Anclote River Federally Authorized Dredge project.
Beach Nourishment/Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Implementation	Support approval of funding for the construction of erosion control structures (such as permanent rock structures) that reduce nourishment frequency requirements on highly erosive beaches. Support funding for the reauthorization of the Treasure Island Beach Nourishment Project Monitor the implementation of WRRDA to ensure continuous authorization for Pinellas County beach nourishment projects.
FY2017 Appropriations	Support appropriations for Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grants, Community Services Block Grants, Corps of Engineers beach funding, COPS and Byrne JAG funding, Emergency Management Performance Grant funding, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding.
Internet Sales Tax- Marketplace Fairness Act	Support the Marketplace Fairness Act which would authorize the states to compel remote sellers to collect sales tax at the time of a transaction.
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	Support legislative action, policies and programs to ensure that all property owners can receive affordable flood insurance. Support reauthorization of the NFIP that includes provisions to allow all property owners, including businesses and second homes, access to affordable flood insurance.
Regional Transportation	Support the finalization and potential implementation of the proposed "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform"
Waters of the United States (WOTUS)	Support collaboration between the EPA, Army Corps and local governments to ensure clarity on the rule and ensure clean water Monitor ongoing litigation regarding WOTUS
Zika Funding and Research	Support sustained funding for research, public health education efforts and state and local mosquito control districts to combat Zika.
Offshore Drilling	Oppose efforts to increase offshore drilling.