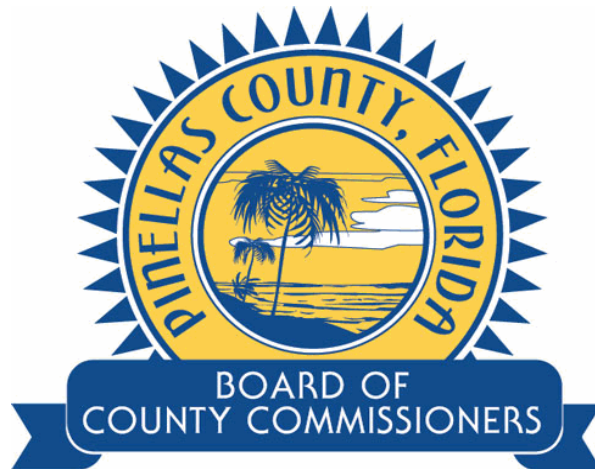


Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
9:30 A.M.

Charlie Justice, Chairman
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggers
Rene Flowers
Pat Gerard
Kathleen Peters
Karen Williams Seel

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

ROLL CALL**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. [22-1092A](#) Purple Heart Day Proclamation:
 - Eric Nestler, 16th District Vice Commander American Legion Post 238 Commander
 - Purple Heart Recipients and American Legion Members
 - Ms. Ondrea Albert, Executive Board Member, Post 158, Treasure Island
 - Mr. David Clinger, Adjutant Member, Post 238, Safety Harbor
 - Mr. Mal Clingan, Executive Board Member and Chaplin of the American Legion Riders Post 275, Dunedin

PUBLIC HEARINGS**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2. [22-1219A](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Pinellas County Code adopting a Tenants Bill of Rights requiring the provision of information renters' rights under federal, state, and local law, prohibiting discrimination based on source of income, requiring notice of late fees, and requiring notice of rent increases.

Recommendation: Approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 42 to include a Tenants Bill of Rights which accomplishes the following:

- * Requires landlords to provide tenants with a Notice of Rights under Florida Law and County code to tenants upon entering a new rental term.
- * Prohibits discrimination based on source of income when renting a residential unit.
- * Requires written notice of late fees.
- * Requires written notice of rent increases.

A public hearing was held with the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on June 21, 2022. During the hearing the Board requested staff to provide additional information and/or clarification regarding specific ordinance provisions related to source of income and insurance requirements. In addition to addressing Board comments, the revised ordinance includes an additional provision requiring a written notice of rent increases. This added provision aligns closely with the language currently under consideration by St. Petersburg.

A mark-up version of the ordinance illustrating the specific changes made since the June 21st hearing is included as Attachment 2.

Key sections from the adopted St. Petersburg ordinance are included for reference in Attachment 4.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

3. [22-1093A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 4 through 7

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

4. [21-2379A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS for First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant - Quick Response Team services.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS for First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant (FR-CARA Grant) - Quick Response Team (QRT) services.

* This contract will staff a QRT to provide outreach and engagement of individuals referred to the program who were recently treated with naloxone or who are at risk of overdose. Outreach and engagement services will also be extended to the social supports (family and friends) of individuals referred to the QRT.

* Award in the amount of \$1,421,996.00.

* The Board of County Commissioners approved the FR-CARA Grant award totaling \$1,999,996.00 (\$499,999.00 per year) on October 12, 2021, under Legistar file 21-1827A. Remaining grant funds are allocated to training and evaluation services for the program.

* This contract was advertised on December 13, 2021, and is a request for specialized services requiring staff to be on call to assist clients and contains specialized substance use licensing. Human Services often receives limited or single responses due to the nature of their programs (requiring specific behavioral health training, licensure, and experience).

* One submission received from Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast JFCS. Negotiations were completed on April 11, 2022.

Contract No. 22-0163-P(LN); in the annual amount of \$355,499.00 from effective date through September 29, 2025, for a total contract value of \$1,421,996.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Public Works

5. [22-1049A](#) Award of bid to Tom's Sod Services, Inc. and Quality Sod and Landscape, LLC d/b/a Florida ULS Operating, LLC for annual requirements of sod.

Recommendation:

Approval of the award of bid and execution of agreements to Tom's Sod Services, Inc. and Quality Sod and Landscape, LLC d/b/a Florida ULS Operating, LLC for annual requirements of sod - a Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative (Cooperative) contract.

* This Cooperative contract is for requirements of sod; installed, delivered, and picked-up.

* Award of bid to Tom's Sod Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,923,142.50 for bid items numbers 1-3, 5-6, 7-9, 12-18, 20 and 22 for the five-year term.

* Award of bid to Quality Sod and Landscape, LLC d/b/a Florida ULS Operating, LLC in the amount of \$40,625.00 for bid item numbers 4, 10, 11, 13-15, 19, and 21 for the five-year term.

* This contract is facilitated and administered by the Purchasing Division on behalf of the Public Works Department and the Cooperative of participants including the City of Dunedin, Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, City of Oldsmar, City of Pinellas Park, Pinellas County School Board, City of Tarpon Springs.

* The prior contract is no. 167-120-B which was awarded to Toms Sod Services, Inc and Sunbelt Sod & Grading Co. on May 23rd, 2017 in the total amount of \$1,674,102.50. The Producers Price Index for sod materials has increased 16.5% in June 2022 for the 12 months prior.

* Cooperative participants are responsible for issuance of their own awards and funding; Cooperative expenditures for the sixty-month term, less County requirements, total \$4,301,024.50, for a total County and Cooperative expenditure in the amount of \$7,264,792.50.

* Multiple departments will utilize these contracts and funding is within each operating budget.

Contract No. 22-0282-B in the estimated average annual amount of \$592,753.50 for a sixty-month term total of \$2,963,767.50 on the basis of the lowest responsive, responsible bid meeting specifications; Authorize Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

6. [21-2239A](#) Award of bid to Fortiline Waterworks and Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks for industrial plumbing supplies.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bids to the firms listed below for industrial plumbing supplies for Pinellas County Utilities.

* This is a twenty-four-month contract in the amount of \$2,778,285.24 for industrial plumbing supplies to be used as needed for repair of water, sewer, and reclaimed pipelines.

* Award of one contract divided between two firms:

1.) Fortiline Waterworks (Groups 1, 10, 15, 20, and unspecified funds) in the amount of \$384,559.38 for parts including brass fittings, utility pipes, valves, and hydrants needed for system repairs; and

2.) Ferguson Enterprises, Inc, d/b/a Ferguson Waterworks (Groups 1-4, 6-11, 15, 17-21, and unspecified funds) in the amount of \$2,393,725.85 which includes different sizes of the same parts along with additional requirements including polypropylene pipes, manhole covers, and PVC pipes needed for system repairs.

* This contract will serve in part to replace two contracts: 1) Core & Main LP under Contract No. 156-0035-B(JA) expiring on May 24, 2026, in the amount of \$7,759,618.99 over a ten-year duration for some parts where the contractor can no longer hold pricing and/or supply chain constraints where parts are not available; the remainder of the contract will be utilized until 2026. 2) US Wholesale Pipe & Tube Inc under Contract No. 167-0508-PB(SB) which expires October 31, 2022, with an amount of \$90,000.00 over a five-year duration and will no longer be in use.

* Three bids were received with award recommendation to the two lowest responsive, responsible bidders.

* Funding is derived from Sewer Operating and Water Operating funds.

Contract No. 22-0123-B(BW) for a twenty-four-month total of \$2,778,285.24; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

7. [21-2145A](#) Award of bid to Johnson Controls, Inc. for preventative maintenance and repairs of the HVAC chiller system at the Utilities water quality laboratory.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid to Johnson Controls, Inc. for preventative maintenance and repairs of the HVAC chiller system at the Utilities water quality laboratory.

* This contract is for maintenance and repairs of the Utilities HVAC chiller system and associated equipment located at the Utilities water quality laboratory, including preventative maintenance and repairs.

* The existing contract, with Air Mechanical and Service Corp in the amount of \$99,055.00, only covers preventative maintenance and expires in November 2022.

* This new contract includes both maintenance and repairs of the laboratory chiller system which includes one new chiller and an older chiller and heater.

* Contract No. 22-0076-M-BW estimated annual expenditure of \$273,570.00 with a 60-month duration not to exceed \$1,367,850.00, on the basis of being the lowest, responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications.

* Four bids were received, with Johnson Controls, Inc. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

* Funding is derived from the Utilities Enterprise Operating Budget.

Contract No. 22-0076-M-BW estimated annual expenditure of \$273,570.00 with a 60-month term expenditure not to exceed \$1,367,850.00, on the basis of being the lowest, responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTS

Human Services

8. [22-0801A](#) Funding Agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. for legal aid services.

Recommendation: Approval of the funding agreement with Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc. (Gulfcoast Legal) to provide free legal aid services to eligible residents of the County.

* Funding of legal aid services is required under FL statute as a court-related program.

* The County's legal aid support has been consistent with statutorily defined requirements under FL Statute 29.008. These requirements have established funding levels from the base funding year of 2003, with increases of 1.5% annually.

* Legal aid provides assistance to residents with household incomes that do not exceed 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

* Gulfcoast Legal serves as the lead agency for legal aid services in Pinellas County, retaining 75% of the funding and distributing 25% to Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. (12.5%) and the Community Law Program, Inc. (12.5%).

* The Agreement provides funding in an amount not to exceed \$396,780.00, with an estimation of \$171,000.00 to be collected from court fees and \$225,780.00 from General Funds.

* This continuation agreement provides for a five-year contract term.

Solid Waste

9. [22-1139A](#) Annual certificate of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Recommendation: Approval of the annual certificate of the Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

* Approval provides the Tax Collector authority to collect a non-ad valorem assessment from Lealman Community residential property owners for solid waste collection.

* The Lealman Solid Waste Collection and Disposal District was created in 2006.

* The current assessment fee is \$16.00 per month per unit through December 31, 2023.

* County Recycling, Inc. is the current contracted service provider and is providing satisfactory service.

Authorize the Chairman to certify the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector prior to September 15, 2022.

Utilities

10. [22-0273A](#) Agreement with Condly Holdings, LLC d/b/a Carus, LLC for the proprietary corrosion control chemical blend used in the Pinellas County Utilities Water System.

Recommendation: Approval of the agreement with Condly Holdings, LLC d/b/a Carus, LLC for continued purchase of the proprietary corrosion control chemical blend used in the Pinellas County Water System.

* This contract is for the corrosion control chemicals used in the drinking water system to maintain compliance with the federally mandated Lead and Copper Rule.

* This agreement is for a not to exceed amount of \$658,320.00 over a two-year term, through June 30, 2024, and provides three optional one-year term extensions.

* Unit prices are adjustable at six months after the date of award in an amount not to exceed the average of the Producer Price Index (PPI) or 50%, whichever is less. The unit pricing for the three optional one-year term extensions is adjustable at the renewal of each term extension in an amount not to exceed the average of the PPI or 5%, whichever is less.

* This contract replaces the current contract with Condly Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Carus, LLC Contract No. 167-0239-B(LN) in the amount of \$1,116,000.00 over a five-year duration expiring on June 30, 2022. The new contract is limited to a two-year initial duration due to inflationary market price increases.

* The unit price per gallon for this chemical blend has increased from \$5.05 per gallon to \$9.43 per gallon since the last contract was awarded. This increase is indicative of the current markets' exponential price increases for chemicals.

* Pinellas County has used the current corrosion inhibitor chemicals since 2009 and Carus, LLC is a validated, approved provider of our proprietary blend. Changing the chemical blend requires pre-approval from federal and state agencies and significant testing and sampling to demonstrate regulatory compliance.

* This request was reviewed and approved by the Non-Compete Committee on March 21st, 2022.

* Funding is derived from the annual Water Operating Fund

Contract No. 21-0694-N-BW with a total contract expenditure of \$658,320.00 for a two-year term through June 30, 2024; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

11. [21-2604A](#) Agreement with Nalco, an Ecolab Company LLC for the purchase of Nalmet 1689 - Wastewater Treatment.

Recommendation: Approval of the non-competitive Agreement with Nalco, an Ecolab Company LLC for the purchase of Nalmet 1689 - Wastewater Treatment.

* This agreement provides for the purchase of a chemical product that is used in the wastewater treatment process as a copper removal agent at the South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Reclamation Facility.

* This contract is for five years in the total amount of \$1,498,505.29. Total estimated quantities of 104,000 pounds of Nalmet chemical with an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$299,701.06.

* This contract replaces a one-year contract with Nalco Company in place until July 5, 2022 in the amount of \$224,000. The new contract unit price increased 5.4%, and some increased usage is anticipated.

* On December 28, 2021, a notice of intent to procure non-competitively was advertised. No responses were received.

* The Non-Compete Committee reviewed and approved this non-competitive purchase request on June 21, 2022. No other known manufacturers or authorized distributors of this chemical have been identified.

* Funding is derived from the Sewer Operating Fund.

Contract No. 22-0225-N(PW) in the amount of \$1,498,505.29 or estimated annual expenditure of \$299,701.06; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

12. [22-1185A](#) Increase of funding request for Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for State Road 55/U.S. Highway 19 project from State Road 580 to Northside Drive.

Recommendation: Approval of additional funding for Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (UWHCA) and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for State Road 55/U.S. Highway 19 project from State Road 580 to Northside Drive.

* Requesting approval of additional \$1,506,022.15 for wire transfer to FDOT delivered by August 30, 2022.

* Additional funds needed due to final cost exceeding engineering estimate in the amount of \$1,506,022.15 due to final lowest bids received by FDOT as a part of a joint project with FDOT and the County. Final project cost increased due to market conditions from \$8,889,040 to \$10,395,062.15.

* The contract agreement was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 7, 2022 and included engineering estimated costs for two joint FDOT projects.

* The County was notified by FDOT of the official bid results on June 17, 2022, which included the final construction cost of \$10,395,062.15. An additional wire transfer of \$1,506,022.15 to FDOT is now required.

* Approved agreement includes work for relocation of underground water transmission and water distribution infrastructure to accommodate roadway and drainage improvements by FDOT within its right-of-way. Work also includes the removal of one 36" water valve, replacement of three 36" water valves, and replacement of one 42" water valve.

* This joint project process is the most efficient option to complete needed repairs and relocation of County infrastructure located in the FDOT project areas and right-of-way areas.

* Funding derived from the Water Renewal and Replacement Fund.

FDOT Federal Project ID D721-023B; Financial Project ID No. 256774-2-52/56/62-01; PID No. 001522A: Additional funding in the amount of \$1,506,022.15 is necessary for utility work cost of \$10,395,062.15.

13. [22-1187A](#) Increase of funding request for Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road 55/U.S. Highway 19 project from Northside Drive to County Road 95.

Recommendation: Approval of additional funding for Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement and Three-Party Escrow Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the State Road 55/U.S. Highway 19 project from Northside Drive to County Road 95.

* Requesting approval of additional \$3,284,828.45 for wire transfer delivery by August 30, 2022.

* Additional funds needed due to final cost exceeding engineering estimate in the amount of \$3,284,828.45 due to final lowest bids received by FDOT as a part of a joint project with FDOT and the County. Final cost increased due to market conditions from \$6,432,525.00 to \$9,717,353.45.

* The contract agreement was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 7, 2022, and included engineering estimated costs for two joint FDOT projects.

* The County was notified of the official bid results on June 17, 2022, which included the final construction cost of \$9,717,353.45. An additional wire transfer of \$3,284,828.45 to FDOT is now required.

* Approved agreement includes work for relocation of underground water transmission and distribution, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure to accommodate roadway and drainage improvements by FDOT within their U.S. Highway 19 right-of-way.

* This joint project process is the most efficient option to complete needed repairs and relocation of County infrastructure located in the FDOT project areas and right-of-way areas.

* Funding derived from the Water and Sewer Renewal and Replacement Funds.

FDOT Federal Project ID D721-035B; Financial Project ID No. 256774-3-56-01/02 and 256774-3-62-01; PID No. 001523A: Additional funding in the amount of \$3,284,828.45 is necessary for utility work cost of \$9,717,353.45.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

Business Technology Services

14. [22-0655A](#) Purchase Authorization with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for Accela licensing and maintenance services.

Recommendation: Approval of the Purchase Authorization (Contract) with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for Accela maintenance services.

- * This Contract provides for the continued maintenance services of County's Accela Civic Platform Land Management Technology.
- * The Contract utilizes County terms and conditions while utilizing pricing established through GSA Schedule 47QSWA18D008F.
- * New Purchase Authorization in the amount of \$5,421,053.89 with a seven-year term.
- * The new contract will supersede and replace the prior Contract No. 167-0244-G Accela Civic Platform Technology Upgrade in the amount of \$6,367,618.40 previously held with Carahsoft.
- * Funding is budgeted and available in Enterprise Licenses and Maintenance Support Services cost center within the Business Technology Fund.
- * Annual costs for ongoing Accela licensing and support services in Fiscal Year 2023 total \$800,101.11 and include the following components:
 - * Base licensing agreement - 265 users - \$599,843.40
 - * Enhanced reporting database/analytics - \$65,982.35
 - * Training Environment - \$14,306.49
 - * Accela Premium support (optional) - \$119,968.87

Contract No. 22-0475-G for seven years for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,421,053.89 through June 29, 2029.

Emergency Medical Services Authority

15. [22-1064A](#) Reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following appointments/reappointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term ending in July 2024.

- * Reappointment of Ms. Larri Gerson as a Citizen Representative.
- * Reappointment of Ch. Scott Ehlers as the City of Clearwater Fire Chief representative. Ch. Ehlers is the Fire Chief for Clearwater Fire & Rescue.
- * Reappointment of Ch. Anthony Tedesco as the City of Clearwater Fire Chief alternate representative. Ch. Tedesco is the Division Chief of EMS for Clearwater Fire & Rescue.
- * Reappointment of Ch. Terry Tokarz as the EMS Coordinator representative. Ch. Tokarz is the Division Chief of Professional Standards for Largo Fire Rescue.
- * Reappointment of Ch. Doug Zimmerman as the EMS Coordinator alternate representative. Ch. Zimmerman is the Chief of EMS for Palm Harbor Fire Rescue.
- * Reappointment of Dr. Eric Carver as the St. Petersburg College President's representative. Dr. Carver is the Provost for St. Petersburg College.
- * Reappointment of Ms. Nancy Hopkins as the Emergency Nurses' Association representative. Ms. Hopkins is the Director of Patient Services for Mease Dunedin Hospital.

16. [22-1073A](#) Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

- Recommendation:** Sitting as the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the following appointment/reappointments to the EMS Medical Control Board for a two-year term ending July 2024.
- * Reappointment of Dr. Roberto Bellini as an Emergency Physician representative. Dr. Bellini is an emergency physician at Mease Countryside Hospital.
 - * Reappointment of Dr. Krista Gillis as a Trauma Center Emergency Physician representative. Dr. Gillis is an emergency physician at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg.
 - * Appointment of Dr. Taylor Smith as a Trauma Center Emergency Physician alternate representative. Dr. Smith is an emergency physician at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg.

Fire Protection Authority**17. [22-0609A](#) Amendment No. 1 to the Fire Protection Services Agreement between the Lealman Special Fire Control District and Pinellas County to provide funding for the replacement of a fire apparatus to serve the Tierra Verde Fire District.**

- Recommendation:** Sitting as the Pinellas County Fire Protection Authority, approve Amendment No. 1 to the Fire Protection Services Agreement with the Lealman Special Fire Control District.
- * Contractor agrees to purchase, maintain and insure one Pierce 61 ft, Sky-Boom Aerial Fire Apparatus and firefighting and rescue equipment with a total cost not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 to serve as Engine 21 in the Tierra Verde Fire District.
 - * The existing Engine 21 will be utilized as a reserve fire apparatus in the Tierra Verde Fire District.
 - * This apparatus is a planned replacement in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in accordance with Appendix A of the Fire Protection Services Agreement.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY**18. [22-1250A](#) Proposed ratification of initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Matthew and Ashley Isel (injunctive relief).**

- Recommendation:** Ratification of the Chair's approval of authority to initiate litigation against Matthew and Ashley Isel.

19. [22-1231A](#) Resolution approving early extension of 2022 tax rolls.

- Recommendation:** Adopt the resolution approving early extension of 2022 tax rolls, pursuant to Section 197.323, Florida Statutes, directing the Property Appraiser to complete and deliver the extended tax rolls to the Tax Collector on or before October 7, 2022, and directing the Clerk of the Circuit Court to deliver the resolution to the Property Appraiser.

20. [22-1090A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. [22-1089A](#) County Administrator Reports:
 - Fiscal Year 2023 maximum millage rates for certification to the Property
 Appraiser.

COUNTY COMMISSION

22. [22-1091A](#) County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely
 Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations,
 Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business:
 - Skyway Lighting Resolutions (Commissioner Justice)

ADJOURNMENT

Special Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to accommodations@pinellascounty.org at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

Public Participation Procedures

Persons wishing to comment regarding a specific agenda item should do so:

In person - by preregistering at pinellascounty.org/comment or by filling out a comment card with the County staff person in the meeting room; or,

Virtually - in advance in accordance with the instructions in the notice of this meeting, or on the virtual platform or phone after preregistering.

Members of the public wishing to make comments on the virtual platform or by phone must preregister by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting. At the scheduled section of the meeting when the item is before the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the Chairman or Clerk will call on each individual, one by one, to be heard. Each individual may speak for up to three minutes as may be modified by the Chairman. Comments or behavior that violate Pinellas County Commission Public Participation and Decorum Rules will be disconnected. Members of the public who cannot attend at the time an agenda item is before the Board may offer comments during the Citizens to Be Heard section near the beginning of the meeting. More information is available at www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_Participation.htm or by calling (727) 464-4400.

Public Hearing Procedures

The procedure used by the Board in conducting Public Hearings is to have a staff presentation followed by the applicant presenting the specific proposal. The Board will then hear comments from the proponents, the opponents and a staff summary. The applicant will then be given an opportunity to close and the Board will decide on the matter. Public Hearings before the Board are governed by the provisions of Section 134 -14 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code as may be modified by Pinellas County Emergency Order. That code provides that at the conclusion of each person's presentation, any speaker may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of staff.

Specifically:

1. At the conclusion of the presentations by the applicant and any proponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from the applicant and/or the proponents.
2. At the conclusion of the presentation by the opponents, all affected parties may seek the Chairman's permission to ask questions of or seek clarification from any opponent.

The applicant's closing comments will address testimony subsequent to his or her presentation. Continuing rebuttal of other than directly preceding testimony will not be allowed. Because much testimony has already been submitted in writing, the following guidelines accommodate efficient presentations:

1. The applicant should present his or her entire case, including rebuttal, in no more than 20 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Public Hearing item may speak for up to three minutes each.
3. Persons wishing to attend virtually must preregister at pinellascounty.org/comment by 5 p. m. the day before the meeting.

Appeals

Persons are advised that, if they decided to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If a Board meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. has not concluded by noon, a recess will be taken from noon to 12:30 P.M., and the remainder of the meeting will continue at 12:30 P.M.

If a Board meeting beginning at 2:00 P.M. has not concluded by 5:30 P.M., a recess will be taken from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. The remainder of the afternoon agenda will resume at 6:00 P.M., followed by Public Hearings.