

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Public Hearings at 6:00 P.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 by Reverend JC Pritchett, Faith Church, St. Petersburg.****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

1. [22-1382A](#) Citizens To Be Heard - Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2 through 16**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

2. [22-1612A](#) Minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 2022.
3. [22-1613A](#) Vouchers and bills paid from August 14 through August 27, 2022.

Reports received for filing:

4. [22-1614A](#) Dock Fee Report for the month of August 2022.

Miscellaneous items received for filing:

5. [22-1615A](#) City of Clearwater Ordinance No. 9580-22 adopted August 4, 2022, annexing certain properties.
6. [22-1616A](#) Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes and corresponding attachments of the meeting held June 9, 2022.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTMENTSCounty Administrator

7. [22-1520A](#) Receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator for the period ending August 31, 2022.

Recommendation: Accept the receipt and file report of non-procurement items delegated to the County Administrator.

Housing & Community Development

8. [22-1401A](#) Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's approval to submit a request for reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and authorizing the Chairman and the County Administrator to take required actions for Pinellas County to receive additional reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance funds.

Recommendation: Adoption of a resolution that will ratify, confirm, and enter into the minutes the approval by the County Administrator to submit a request for reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds to the U.S. Department of Treasury (US Treasury); and authorize the Chair or the County Administrator to take required actions for the County to receive additional reallocated ERA2 funds.

* Resolution ratifies the County Administrator's approval to request reallocated ERA2 funds.

- a.) Treasury issued reallocation guidance for ERA2 funds not expended by grantees.
- b.) Notification of the availability to apply for reallocated funds was distributed on July 5, 2022, with a submittal deadline of Friday, July 22, 2022.
- c.) As a grantee, the County met and exceeded the 50.0% expenditure ratio requirement to be eligible to request reallocated funds.
- d.) When feasible, Treasury intends to reallocate excess funds from a grantee to another grantee within the same state.
- e.) The amount of funding requested must be based on need and the grantees' ability to spend the funds in August, September, October, and November 2022.
- f.) The amount of funds requested is \$2.1M based on the average monthly spending rate for the program for tenants in all areas of the County, outside of the City of St. Petersburg. The City submitted a separate request for reallocated funds.

* Resolution also authorizes the Chair or County Administrator to take necessary actions required to receive additional reallocated ERA2 funds.

a.) Authorization enables the Chair or the County Administrator to:

- * sign and submit applications, certifications, funding acceptance awards, or grant agreements, and amendments thereto, in an amount not to exceed \$2.1M; and
- * execute agreements or amend existing agreements with existing vendors for administration of the ERA2 program; and

b.) Authorization enables the Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, to sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other administrative documents related to the administration and operation of the ERA2 Program.

Management and Budget

9. [22-1533A](#) Resolution supplementing the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Budget for unanticipated revenue and realigning appropriation from reserves for unanticipated expenditures.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to recognize and appropriate unanticipated revenue for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Budget appropriated as follows:

- * \$1,156,160.00 to the General Government budget from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the Consolidation Appropriations Act for Phase 1 of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
- * Phase 1 of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program completed in April of 2022.
- * This resolution aligns the budget with actual funding levels received and distributed.

Approval to realign appropriation in the amount of \$673,500.00 from Reserves for Contingency in the General Fund for costs related to emergency response and recovery associated with hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic. Expenditures will be submitted for reimbursement under the Federal Emergency Management Agency public assistance grant.

Public Works

10. [22-1519A](#) Fiscal Year 2022 Board Budget Amendment No. 4 to realign appropriation from the Air Quality Tag Fee Fund Reserves and the Employee Health Benefits Fund Reserves with the Public Works Operating Budget and the Employee Health Operating Budget for unanticipated Fiscal Year 2022 expenditures.

Recommendation: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Board Budget Amendment No. 4 realigning Fiscal Year 2022 appropriation from the Air Quality Tag Fee Fund Reserves and the Employee Health Benefits Fund Reserves with the Public Works Operating Budget and the Employee Health Benefits Operating Budget respectively.

- * This amendment moves \$190,000.00 from the Air Quality Tag Fee Fund Reserves to the Air Quality program budget which allows labor and benefits costs to be shifted from the General Fund to the Tag Fee Fund. As a result, the Air Quality Tag Fee Fund maintains an ending fund balance that is less than 50% of the revenue collected in FY22 as required by Florida Statutes.
- * This amendment also realigns \$3,030,100.00 from the Employee Health Benefits Fund Reserves to the Employee Health Benefits program budget to cover medical claims that are projected to exceed budget due to higher than expected claims this year.

11. [20-1564A](#) Ranking of firms and agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for professional engineering design services for the Joe's Creek Model Update, Alternative Analysis and Feasibility Study.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreement with the number one ranked firm, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs) for professional engineering services related to the design of Joe's Creek Model Update, Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis.

* The purpose of this contract is for professional engineering services to develop the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Joe's Creek Model Update, Alternative Analysis and Feasibility Study.

* The PER will evaluate flooding and water quality deficiencies in Joe's Creek and further develop the Joe's Creek Greenway Trail Project.

* Award recommendation to the top ranked firm, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in the amount of \$967,318.86, in accordance with the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act, per Florida Statute 287.055.

* Southwest Florida Water Management District grant funding in the amount of \$301,837 is included in the services award amount.

* Two certified Small Business Enterprise subconsultants are included in the award to Jacobs: McKiernan Consulting Service, and Cumbey & Fair, Inc. for approximately 6.3% commitment of the total award amount.

* This agreement is included within the Capital Improvement Program project 004116A Joe's Creek Greenway Trail and Stormwater Management funded by the Local Government Infrastructure Sales Surtax (Penny) and a Southwest Florida Water Management District Grant.

Contract No. 21-0003-NC(PLU), in the amount of \$967,318.86 from the notice to proceed date for a term of four hundred twenty consecutive calendar days; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

12. [22-0554A](#) Ranking of firms and agreements with the top five ranked firms for the requirements of continuing land surveying and mapping, subsurface utility locating, and geographic information system services primarily funded through a federal grant from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreements with the top five ranked firms for the requirements of continuing land surveying and mapping, subsurface utility locating, and geographic information system services primarily funded through a federal grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

- 1.) ECHO UES, Inc.
- 2.) SurvTech Solutions, Inc.
- 3.) George F. Young, Inc.
- 4.) Cumbey & Fair, Inc.
- 5.) Hyatt Survey Services, Inc.

* The purpose of this continuing contract is to provide professional surveying and mapping, subsurface utility locating, and geographic information system services as part of the County's design and construction of certain capital projects or other operational needs.

* Award recommendation with the five firms per the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) requirements, Florida Statute 287.055, with an upset limit over the 5-year term of \$1,000,000.00 for each firm and a total combined upset limit for all firms of \$5,000,000.00.

* Percentage SBE goals are not established for CCNA continuing contracts. When the County utilizes a firm for an individual work assignment, the requesting department working with Economic Development will ensure SBEs are utilized.

a.) Cumbey & Fair, Inc., and Hyatt Survey Services, Inc., are both Pinellas County certified small business enterprise (SBE) firms;

b.) ECHO UES, Inc., George F. Young, and SurvTech Solutions, Inc. have all committed to utilizing SBE subconsultants for individual work assignments issued under this contract.

* Funding is derived from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

* This contract is primarily for projects that are federally funded through ARPA which is a new contract for the County with no prior contract to compare for price comparison purposes. However, the rates are comparable to similar professional services contracts.

* The rates provided by all firms are fully burdened including labor. There is no markup allowed for subconsultants and rates are fixed for the 5-year term of the contract. The County reserves the right to renegotiate rates if there is a substantial change in market conditions.

Contract No. 22-0423-CN(JJ); the upset limit over the five-year term is \$1,000,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$5,000,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

13. [22-0422A](#) Ranking of firms and agreements with the three highest ranked firms for professional engineering services pertaining to brownfield projects funded through Federal grant dollars, including American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Recommendation: Approval of the ranking of firms and agreements with the three highest ranked firms for brownfield professional engineering services projects on a continuing basis under projects primarily funded through Federal grant dollars, including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds:

- 1.) Cardno, Inc.
- 2.) Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
- 3.) Terracon Consultants, Inc.

* The purpose of this continuing Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) contract is to have available professional engineering services on an as needed basis for brownfield and environmental assessments and remediation projects.

* Award recommendation is to the top three ranked firms per CCNA, Florida Statute 287.055; the upset limit over the five-year term is \$5,000,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$15,000,000.00.

* All three recommended firms have committed to utilizing multiple certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms for individual work assignments resulting from these agreements. Percentage goals are not established for CCNA continuing contracts. When the County utilizes a firm for an individual work assignment, the requesting department, working with Economic Development, ensures SBEs are utilized.

* This is a new contract primarily for projects federally funded through ARPA, so the County has no prior contract to compare for price purposes. However, all rates were evaluated to determine competitiveness based on current market conditions. Staff negotiations achieved rate reductions from the original submittals ranging from ten to fifteen percent. Rates are fully burdened and fixed for the term of the contract.

Contract 22-0366-CN(LN); the upset limit over the five-year term is \$5,000,000.00 for each firm for a total of \$15,000,000.00; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Utilities

14. [22-1220A](#) Award of bid to Brenntag Mid-Florida for Sulfur Dioxide Gas, a technical grade product for Pinellas County Utilities.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid and agreement with Brenntag Mid-Florida for Sulfur Dioxide Gas, a technical grade product for the Pinellas County Utilities (Utilities).

- * This contract is to procure technical grade Sulfur Dioxide Gas needed for the wastewater treatment process at the South Cross Bayou Facility.
- * Contract award is in the amount of \$264,680.00 for a one-year contract term.
- * Sulfur Dioxide Gas is a compressed, non-flammable gas containing at least 99.9 of sulfurous oxide for purity and is used to remove excess chlorine from the treated effluent that is discharged to Joe's Creek, which is a regulatory compliance requirement.
- * One bid was received with Brenntag Mid-Florida as a responsive, responsible bidder. Due to market volatility for this chemical, Brenntag Mid-Florida was the only vendor agreeing to hold pricing for the 12-month agreement duration.
- * This contract replaces Contract No. 22-0038-B-BW with Allied Universal Corporation which expires on December 20, 2022, with an approved amount of \$192,500.00 for a one-year contract duration.
- * The price of the technical grade Sulfur Dioxide Gas has increased 16.4% per ton over the current contract; price per ton increased from \$1,750 to \$2,036.
- * Funding is derived from Sewer Operating Fund.

Contract No. 22-0482-B-BW estimated annual expenditure of \$264,680.00 with a 12-month duration.

15. [22-0510A](#) Award of bid to QRC Inc. for the annual water and reclaimed water repairs and extensions for Fiscal Years 2022-2024.

Recommendation: Approval of the award of bid and agreement with QRC Inc. for the annual water and reclaimed water repairs and extension for Fiscal Years 2022-2024

- * This is a twenty-four-month contract for the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of water and reclaimed water pipes, manholes, and other infrastructure, including emergency repairs on an as needed basis.
- * Total estimated expenditure in the amount of \$5,135,600.00 for two years and is approximately an 18% increase from the prior contract for the same duration.
- * This contract will replace current contract no. 190-0087-CP(PLU), Annual Potable Water and Reclaimed Water Repair Services in the original award amount of \$4,332,242.00 for two years. Due to several large emergency repairs, the current contract has insufficient remaining funds.
- * Two bids were received with the award recommendation to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- * This contract includes 8% small business enterprise commitment from QRC Inc.
- * Funding is derived through the Utilities water and sewer operating funds.

Bid No. 22-0397-CP, PID No. 002246E, award in the amount of \$5,135,600.00 for two years; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. [22-1476A](#) 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

Administrative Services

17. [22-1264A](#) First Amendment to the Purchase Authorization with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical, lighting, data communications, and security products and services.

Recommendation: Approval of the First Amendment to the Purchase Authorization with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical, lighting, data communications, and security products and services.

- * This purchase authorization is for electrical, lighting, data communications, and security products and services for various County departments.
- * The First Amendment is to exercise the first of three, two-year term extensions through January 31, 2025, and increase the total purchase authorization amount by \$980,000.00 for a revised not to exceed contract value of \$3,430,000.00.
- * Pricing is per the City of Kansas City Missouri Master Agreement EV-2370 on behalf of the US Communities Purchasing Cooperative which was extended through January 31, 2025.
- * This purchase authorization was originally approved with an effective term of the from February 1, 2018, through January 31, 2023, with provisions for three two-year term extensions. Change Order No. 2 exercises the first of three extensions.
- * The County Administrator approved the purchase authorization on January 12, 2018, in the original amount of \$925,000.00. The Board of County Commissioners approved Change Order No. 1 on September 9, 2019, increasing the purchase authorization in the amount of \$1,525,000.00 for a revised not to exceed amount of \$2,202,281.79
- * As a result of a scrivener error, Change Order No. 1 was applied to the incorrect expenditure of \$677,281.79 resulting in a discrepancy of \$247,718.21 from the total award amount. This change order accounts for the scrivener error and adds \$980,000.00 to the extension term. The math is now correct.
- * This contract is utilized by several departments and funding is derived from multiple funds. Using a multi departmental analysis, the Office of Management and Budget has determined that this contract is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget. Contract No. 178-0181-PB increase in the total amount of \$ \$980,000.00 for a revised not to exceed total expenditure of \$3,430,000.00 with an estimated average annual expenditure of \$686,000.00, effective through January 31, 2025.

Convention and Visitors Bureau

18. [22-1551A](#) Agreements with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, Inc. d/b/a Visit Florida for the production and the promotion of "Life's Rewards" season two, a video series.

Recommendation: Approval of the two Agreements with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, Inc. d/b/a Visit Florida for the production and the promotion of "Life's Rewards" Season Two (LRS2), a video series that promotes tourism to the County.

- * Agreement for production of LRS2 is for \$250,000.00 and will feature the County as the only destination in connection with the video series.
- * Agreement for promotion of LRS2 is for \$250,000.00 and includes a complete promotion program for marketing the video series.
- * The County will receive national and international exposure through distribution on internet platforms in addition to other promotional and marketing benefits.
- * The County's public relations agency of record estimates the advertising value for destination exposure in LRS2 ranges from \$3.7 million to \$20.2 million, which will result in the County receiving a return on investment of approximately \$7.40 to \$40.40 for every dollar spent.

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

County Administrator

19. [22-1467A](#) Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Friends of Ridgecrest, Inc. for facility upgrades and maintenance equipment for the Tasker Beal Jr. Service Center.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding request, in the amount not to exceed \$16,071.86, for facility upgrades and maintenance equipment for the Tasker Beal Jr. Service Center.

- * The Tasker Beal Jr. Service Center is owned and operated by the Friends of Ridgecrest and serves as a community center in the Greater Ridgecrest community.
- * The Center needs various improvements and maintenance equipment to allow for increased service delivery to the community.
- * Funds will be used to purchase a lawn mower, edger, weed wacker, blower, pole saw, pressure washer, generator, office furniture, and installation of a security system, motion detectors, flood lights, smoke detectors, water fountains and internet for the facility.

20. [22-1479A](#) Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Tierra Verde Community Association for repairs and upgrades to the landscaping and irrigation system within the Pinellas Bayway South median.

Recommendation: Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the Tierra Verde Community Association (TVCA) for repairs and upgrades to the landscaping and irrigation system within the Pinellas Bayway South median.

* In 2017, the County received a landscaping beautification grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to install landscaping within the median of the Pinellas Bayway South.

* In 2017, the County entered into an agreement with the TVCA which assigned TVCA with the responsibility of maintaining the median, including landscaping and the irrigation system.

* In 2018, the County entered into a funding agreement with the TVCA to provide \$18,000.00 annually towards the cost of annual maintenance of the median. This funding was determined based upon the cost to the County if it was to maintain the median at its basic level of service.

* The MSTU funding is being requested to repair and upgrade the irrigation system within the median which was struck by lightning. Additionally, funds would be used to replace plants that died due to the inoperable irrigation system.

* The total cost of the project is \$20,258.86 and the TVCA will fund the remaining \$258.86. Because a new agreement is required, the funding will be allocated from the FY 23 Budget.

* To ensure the landscaping and irrigation system are maintained once replaced, this MSTU funding is contingent upon the TVCA entering into a new maintenance and funding agreement for the median. The funding will not be provided until a new agreement is approved by the Board of County Commissioners and executed by the County and the TVCA.

Economic Development

21. [22-1498A](#) Nine applications for funding under the Penny for Pinellas Employment Sites Program.

Recommendation:

Conditional approval and funding of nine projects presented here following the successful completion of due diligence to comply with program guidelines as determined by the County Administrator.

It is further recommended that the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to the County Administrator to negotiate and execute all agreements and documentation associated with the Employment Sites Program project funding.

A total of nine applications were received and evaluated. Based on scoring evaluations and the determination of these projects' readiness to proceed, all applications are recommended for conditional funding at this time.

* Harrod Properties - Starkey Lakes, in the amount of \$2,800,000.00 to offset costs related to stormwater vaults and fill dirt required for a new 160,000 square foot industrial building in Largo.

* Wendover Real Estate, in the amount of \$1,952,000.00 to assist in underwriting a vaulted detention system to maximize development and meet stormwater regulations with the development of a 69,006 square foot manufacturing addition to their existing headquarter building in unincorporated Largo.

* Agora Edge, in the amount of \$1,717,412.00 to help on infrastructure costs associated with a complete buildout of the site as well as the relocation of municipal utilities. The project will construct a new 47,900 square foot light manufacturing facility on 6 acres (currently undeveloped) located at the corner of 20th Avenue North and 29th Street North in St. Petersburg.

* B&R Enterprise - FGCI, in the amount of \$385,969.00 to offset costs associated with unanticipated building code regulations for the rehabilitation of an existing 22,551 square foot industrial building located in the Lealman CRA.

* Sunshine Properties LLP, in the amount of \$405,275.00 to cover stormwater work, and a fire sprinkler system in the new building to meet code requirements. Dosatron and Diluted Solutions are growing their current facility from 14,000 square feet to over 25,000 square feet on their existing site in Clearwater.

* Auburn Supply Group, in the amount of \$327,000.00 to offset the rising costs of construction to their new 12,000 square foot industrial building in Tarpon Springs.

* Tampa Bay Innovation Center, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 to assist in underwriting the construction of a three-story, 45,000 square foot technology facility for the Innovation Center in the site located in St. Petersburg.

* Lockheed Martin, in the amount of \$906,000.00 to off-set the costs associated with significant import of fill dirt, environmental preservation, and stormwater improvements to the property to accommodate a new 45,000 square foot industrial building in unincorporated Oldsmar.

* 8th Ave SE Industrial LLC, in the amount of \$950,000.00 to assist in remediation of the site and removal of materials along with clean fill dirt for the structures. The project will be two new industrial flex buildings that will total 197,000 square feet located in Largo.

Housing & Community Development

22. [22-1386A](#) Additional funding commitment for the Seminole Square Apartments affordable housing development by Archway Partners, LLC.

Recommendation: Recommend an increase in affordable housing funding of \$1.56M for the Seminole Square Apartments affordable housing project by Archway Partners, LLC.

It is further recommended that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms, conditions, and final funding amount not to exceed the Board of County Commissioners' (Board) approved amount.

* Seminole Square is a planned new construction project of 96 multi-family affordable apartment units serving households earning at or below 80% of Area Median Income located at 2075 Seminole Blvd. in Largo.

* On February 22, 2022, the Board approved Penny for Pinellas funding assistance of up to \$4M for land acquisition and construction costs subject to due diligence and final approval by the County Administrator (Granicus Item #21-2584A).

* Since the time of application, project cost projections have increased from \$27,553,517.00 to \$30,757,794.00 (11.6% or \$3,204,277.00 increase) due to construction cost increases including higher material and labor costs, and rising interest rates on temporary construction financing.

* The developer has addressed \$804,277.00 of the shortfall by renegotiating debt terms: increasing tax credit equity, extending debt repayment from 35 to 40 years and modifying the debt service coverage ratio to allow for a larger loan amount. These changes result in a reduced operating revenue forecast.

* The City of Largo Commission approved an additional funding commitment in the amount of \$840,000.00 on August 16, 2022. The City's total funding commitment is \$1,450,000.00.

* If approved, this increase changes the total County funding commitment from \$4M to \$5.56M. The source of funding for the increase will be a combination of Penny, HUD HOME and/ or State Housing Initiatives Partnership funds as determined at the time of funding.

* Other sources of project funding include 4% tax credit equity (\$12,212,161.00), JP Morgan Private Mortgage (\$9,625,000.00), and Deferred Developer Fee (\$1,910,633.00).

Human Services

23. [22-1274A](#) Agreement with the District Six Medical Examiner for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory.

Recommendation:

Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Agreement with the District Six Medical Examiner for professional services related to the Medical Examiner's Office and Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory.

* This Agreement provides operational support to the Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory and Medical Examiner's Office in accordance with Chapter 406, Florida Statutes.

* The Medical Examiner's Office provides both forensic medicine services (i.e.: investigation of sudden, unexpected, or suspicious death, autopsies, cremation approvals), and forensic laboratory services (i.e.: chemical, organic, and drug analyses) for Pinellas County on a contractual basis.

* The Medical Examiner's Office reports 14,167 deaths in Pinellas County in 2021 with 1,166 cases resulting in autopsies, up 10% from Calendar Year (CY) 2020 to CY21. The Office has seen unprecedented workload increases due to synthetic opioids with 618 drug-related accidental deaths in CY21, of which 66% were due to a combination of prescription and illicit drugs. Additionally, from CY20 to CY21, DUI Toxicology increased by 37%, Post-mortem Toxicology increased by 7%, and DNA analyses increased by 19%.

* This Agreement provides General Fund support in the amount of \$7,264,503.00 for FY23 Professional Services which includes core Medical Examiner staff and operational costs. This is an increase of \$486,143.00 or 7.2% over the FY22 Professional Services Agreement largely due to increases in salary expenses. This increase is partially offset within the total budget by per service fees charged to Pasco County as well as federal grants.

24. [22-1010A](#) Funding agreement with Boley Centers, Inc. for permanent supportive housing operations.

Recommendation:

Approval of the funding agreement with Boley Centers, Inc. for permanent supportive housing operations.

* Boley Centers provides residents with on-site case management which may include connections to services such as primary medical care, vocational training and job placement and other community supportive services.

* This agreement provides funding for staff, operations, and services for permanent supportive housing units.

* Funding from this agreement acts as a mandatory local match required to secure funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

* Funding in an amount not to exceed \$669,869.99 has been included in the Human Services' Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 General Fund budget request. There are no changes in the funding allocation from FY22.

25. [22-1218A](#) Human Services Social Action Grant funding recommendations.

- Recommendation:** Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Social Action Grant Funding Recommendations and direct Human Services to negotiate agreements for the recommended programs.
- * Pinellas County Human Services administered a competitive grant application process for FY23 Social Action Grant Funding.
- * The grant solicitation opened on April 1, 2022, and fifty-seven applications were received.
- * Two Social Action Review committees were convened to discuss applications and recommend awards that best meet the needs of the County and its residents. The committees recommend awards for sixteen agencies.
- * An amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 in funding is available; this is the same amount as FY22. The committees made recommendations totaling the full available amount, with individual awards ranging from \$35,000.00 to \$150,000.00.
- * Sixteen community agencies are recommended for Social Action Grant Funding with programming in the priority areas of food/nutritional services; homeless prevention and supportive services; healthcare and human services for disadvantaged residents; and supportive services for an aging population. A breakdown of the recommended awards is attached. The grant awards will be for a one-year project period. Funding Recommendations are attached.

Solid Waste**26. [22-1427A](#)** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Removal grant application to remove waste tires from the coastal waters around Pinellas County.

- Recommendation:** Approval to grant the County Administrator authority to sign the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Removal Grant Application provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to remove waste tires originally placed as artificial reefs from the coastal waters around Pinellas County.
- * Removal of waste tires from the waters around Pinellas County is an environmental goal yet a complicated and expensive undertaking.
- * Grant funding request is estimated at \$4,750,000.00 (95%) with an anticipated County match of \$250,000.00 (5%).
- * County match will be funded in the FY 2024 Budget, if grant is awarded.
- * Application deadline is September 30, 2022 making it necessary to seek approval for the County Administrator to sign the application.
- * A future delegated item will be prepared to reflect the completed grant application.
- Grant application estimated at \$5,000,000.00, with anticipated grant funding received being \$4,750,000.00; Authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant application on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Utilities

27. [22-1215A](#) Agreement with Frontier Florida LLC to reimburse Pinellas County for additional utility locates support services.

Recommendation: Approval of the Agreement with Frontier Florida, LLC (Frontier) to reimburse Pinellas County Utilities (PCU) for additional utility line locate support services needed to locate infrastructure owned and maintained by PCU. This is in conjunction with Frontier's accelerated Fiber to the Home project.

* This is an agreement that will allow Frontier Florida LLC to reimburse PCU in the estimated amount of \$600,000.00 due to additional utility line locate services requested and needed. Utilities has obtained McKim & Creed to provide these additional infrastructure location support services. Frontier has offered to reimburse the County for this additional expense.

* This contract will help prevent future utility line breaks that cause disruption to customers and utility services. Underground utility lines must be located prior to any digging or project work can begin. Frontier has a very aggressive schedule that is outpacing the County's ability to keep up with locating requests.

* Frontier Florida LLC has a 1.5-year accelerated fiber optic cable installation project that has created an abnormally high rate and demand for utility line locate requests.

* Frontier's fiber optic cables will be installed by directionally drilling that requires underground pipes and valves to be first detected, located, and visibly marked. This prevents damage to underground assets located in these work areas.

* Contracted services will be used to provide support for utility line locate requests to maintain the current utility line locates workload and meet the additional 25% workload demand needed and requested by Frontier Florida LLC for their ongoing fiber installation project.

* PCU currently has a Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) contract with McKim & Creed for services including line locating services.

* PCU will be billed monthly by McKim & Creed for additional locate services performed, and PCU will submit reimbursement requests to Frontier.

* This CCNA agreement has a \$4 million project limit for this type of service.

* Revenue will be deposited in the Water and Sewer Operating Funds to reimburse for expense from these funds.

Frontier to reimburse County approximately \$600,000.00 for utility locates to meet Frontier deadlines; Agreement term effective for twenty (20) months upon execution.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND COUNCILS

CareerSource Pinellas

28. [22-1414A](#) Appointment to WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approval of the appointment to the WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas Board of Directors.

* Appointment of one Business seat, expired on June 30, 2022, for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2024.

* The local board must include representatives from four categories: Business, Workforce, Education and Training, Government, Economic and Community Development, Other.

* The name of the applicant can be viewed on the attached worksheet.

Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency

29. [22-1456A](#) Fiscal Year 2023 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Work Plan.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency), approve the Fiscal Year (FY23) 2023 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Work Plan.

* The proposed Work Plan was first presented to the Agency at a July 14th Work Session and includes \$2.245 million of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) spending for projects and programs that conform to the nine objectives outlined in the Lealman CRA Plan and thereby Chapter 163 of Florida Statutes, which governs CRAs.

* The proposed Work Plan is a communication tool for staff to seek approval from the Agency and the Lealman CRA Advisory Committee on specific projects and programs requiring TIF expenditures, and to communicate progress with residents and community stakeholders.

* Staff is making this request as a best management practice in furtherance of efficient implementation of the Lealman CRA Plan.

30. [22-1448A](#) Fiscal Year 2023 Lealman Community Redevelopment Trust Budget.

Recommendation: Sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency), transmit the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Lealman Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Trust budget to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation to approve.

* The proposed FY23 total budget for the Lealman CRA Trust is \$6,324,040.00 and includes estimated revenues (County Tax Increment Finance (TIF), Municipal Services Taxing Unit TIF and Interest) of \$3,062,340.00 and an estimated carryover of \$3,261,700.00 from the FY22 Adopted Budget.

* Staff is seeking a motion from the Agency recommending that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed FY23 Lealman CRA Trust budget.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. [22-1474A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Doyle Mann v. Seminole Square Apartment III Association, Inc. et al.; HUD Case No. 04-22-1242-8; PC Case No. 22-038 - alleged housing discrimination.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation on behalf of Doyle Mann through outside counsel retained for these legal services.

32. [22-1475A](#) Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Aquatania Colbert v. Pueblo Village Apartments, LLC and Phillip Tracy; HUD Case No. 04-22-9238-8; PC Case No. 22-014 - alleged housing discrimination.

Recommendation: Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation on behalf of Aquatania Colbert through outside counsel retained for these legal services.

33. [22-1380A](#) County Attorney Reports.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

34. [22-1378A](#) County Administrator Reports.

COUNTY COMMISSION

35. [22-1283A](#) Appointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve eight reappointments to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board for a term of 4 years.

- * Approve eight reappointments
- * Applicant names can be viewed on the attached list
- * Ballot/worksheet has been provided; however, the Clerk may request a verbal vote

36. [22-1362A](#) Appointments to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve two appointments to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative for a term of 3 years.

- * Names can be viewed on the attached list.
- * Ballot/worksheet is provided; however, the Clerk may request a verbal vote.

37. [21-1812A](#) Appointments to the Suncoast Health Council (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommendation: Approve three reappointments to Suncoast Health Council for a term of 2 years beginning on October 1, 2022.

- * Approve three reappointments.
- * Names can be viewed on the attached list.
- * Ballot/worksheet has been provided; however, the Clerk may request a verbal vote.

38. [22-1379A](#) County Commission New Business: Pertinent and Timely
Committee/Board Updates, Policy Considerations,
Administrative/Procedural Considerations, and other New Business:
- Temporary Closure of the Skyway Bridge for the Armed Forces Family
Foundation Skyway 10k Run (Commissioner Justice)
 - Skyway Lighting Resolutions (Commissioner Justice)

6:00PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Educational Facilities Authority

39. [22-1511A](#) Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act Resolution for issuance by the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority of its Revenue Bonds to increase the approved par amount to be \$10,000,000.00 as the not to exceed principal amount of such bonds, to be issued on behalf of Learning Independence for Tomorrow, Inc. d/b/a LiFT Academy.

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing to adopt a Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Resolution granting TEFRA approval of the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 on behalf of Learning Independence for Tomorrow, Inc. d/b/a LiFT Academy (Borrower).

- * Borrower is requesting issuance of bonds for the acquisition, construction and renovation of existing facilities located at 1005 South Highland Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756.
- * Borrower is responsible for payments of all fees and expenses.
- * Issuance of these bonds will have no fiscal impact on the County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

40. [22-1487A](#) Petition of Pinellas County to vacate a portion of a thirty-foot-wide platted right-of-way, lying in Sections 08, Township 27 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida (Legislative Hearing).

Recommendation: Consider granting petition of Pinellas County to vacate a portion of a thirty-foot-wide platted right-of-way, lying in Sections 08, Township 27 South, Range 16 East in Tarpon Springs; and if granted, adopt the attached Resolution pursuant to ☐ 336, Florida State Statutes.

- * Thirty-foot-wide platted right-of-way lays adjacent to the property located at 0 North Highland Avenue, Tarpon Springs, as described in Exhibit A.
- * Staff is requesting the vacation because it is related to previous exchange of property along North Highland Avenue. The right-of-way should not have been included in the original exchange.
- * Approval will correct a scrivener's error in Resolution 22-16, previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) at the February 22, 2022 Board meeting and authorize the Chairman to execute corrective instruments, if any, as may be needed.
- * If Petition is granted, the Board is asked to adopt the attached Resolution pursuant to ☐ 336, Florida State Statutes.

Authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to record the Resolution in the public records of Pinellas County.

41. [22-1409A](#) Resolutions to adopt final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2023 (second public hearing).

Recommendation: Following a public hearing, adopt resolutions approving the final millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2023.

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.