

NO. 20-141

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOTAL FINAL
2020-2021 COUNTY BUDGET
PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the PROPERTY APPRAISER OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA did certify his estimate of valuations to the PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD), as taxing authority, on July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, proposed maximum millage rates were established on August 2, 2020, by certificate, and said PROPERTY APPRAISER was advised, within 35 days of his certification, of the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to consider tentative millage rates and budgets; and

WHEREAS, said PROPERTY APPRAISER did, on August 24, 2020, mail Notices of Proposed Property Taxes advising each property owner of the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to receive comments from the general public and to answer questions on any proposed tax changes and budgets prior to said BOARD adopting the tentative millages and budgets; and

WHEREAS, within 80 days of the PROPERTY APPRAISER certification of valuation, but not earlier than 65 days thereafter, a Public Hearing was held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2020, through electronic media, via links available at www.pinellascounty.org, to receive opinions and comments from the general public, and to answer questions on the 2020-2021 Tentative Millage Rates and Budgets; and

WHEREAS, prior to the conclusion of said September 10, 2020 Public Hearing, said BOARD did adopt the Tentative 2020-2021 Millages and Budgets, and publicly announced the percent by which the proposed aggregate millage rate increased over the rolled-back rate; and

WHEREAS, within 15 days of adopting the 2020-2021 Tentative Millages and Budgets, said BOARD did, on September 20, 2020, advertise the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to receive comments from the general public and to answer questions on any proposed tax changes and budgets prior to said BOARD adopting final millage rates and budgets pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(d), Florida Statutes, and advertised a Notice of Tax Increase and summary statement of all adopted 2020-2021 Tentative Millages and Budgets pursuant to Section 129.03(3)(b), Florida Statutes, in the TAMPA BAY TIMES, a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing of intent to finalize and adopt the Final 2020-2021 Millages and Budgets was held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2020, through electronic media, via links available at www.pinellascounty.org, within five (5) days after newspaper publication of the advertisement of said intent to finalize and adopt; and

WHEREAS, said BOARD, during the September 22, 2020 Public Hearing did thereupon adopt the 2020-2021 Annual Budget, as amended, including the annual operating budgets, capital budgets and six-year capital program; and

WHEREAS, working-capital funding requirements for the payment of expenditures within various funds and of the Constitutional Officers are anticipated throughout Fiscal Year 2020-2021, for which short-term borrowing may be required until source revenues for these funds are received; and

WHEREAS, the FY21 Schedule of User Fees for non-proprietary departments, the Airport, the Utilities and Solid Waste departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, including proposed user fee schedule changes, has been reviewed as part of the FY21 budget presentations leading up to this public hearing and is included in the Appendix to the FY21 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County is required by Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, to have an annual financial audit of its accounts and records by an independent certified public accountant and, on occasion, said audit identifies the need to revise the accounting of specific financial transactions, thereby necessitating certain budget amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, as taxing authority, in a public meeting duly assembled this 22nd day of September 2020, that:

Section 1. The 2020-2021 annual operating budgets, capital budgets and six-year capital program, as finally amended, be adopted as the 2020-2021 final budgets and included in the Annual Budget document filed with Board Records and posted to the County Internet website.

Section 2. It is hereby found that the appropriations for travel, professional association memberships, education courses and awards as adopted in the attached 2020-2021 Final Budget and referenced to the detailed budget requests serve necessary public purposes benefiting Pinellas County, and such expenditures are to be hereby approved consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, is hereby authorized and approved to: (i) advance Fiscal Year 2020-2021 interfund loans from the General Fund and other funds of the Board, exclusive of the monies invested under bond covenants or otherwise prohibited by law, ordinance or policy, to various funds until the principal amount and associated interest (at the average daily rate of earnings for the County's depository accounts, if applicable) can be repaid in accordance with the Board's Investment Policy as approved in Resolution 17-33; and (ii) to provide interfund loan advances across budget years in order to meet fund cash flow needs or for other authorized purposes in accordance with the express terms and conditions for the interfund loan as approved by resolution of the Board.

Section 4. The FY21 Schedule of User Fees for non-proprietary departments, the Airport, the Utilities and Solid Waste departments, and the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, as set forth in the Appendix to the FY21 Budget, is hereby adopted.

Section 5. The County Administrator, as the designated budget officer pursuant to Resolution No. 86-564 and Section 129.025, Florida Statutes, may authorize those budget amendments made necessary by the annual independent financial audit. Said amendments shall be reported to the Board in this same manner as budget amendments authorized by Resolution No. 04-62.

Commissioner Welch offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: Peters.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

Approved as to Form: Donald S. Crowell, Chief Asst. County Atty.