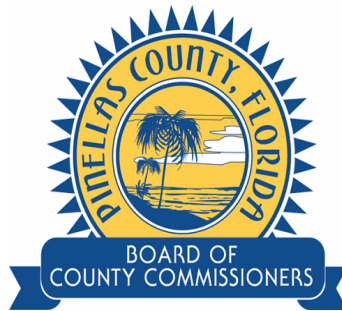


# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street, 5th Floor Assembly Room  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

## **Board of County Commissioners - Work Session**

*Charlie Justice, Chairman  
Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman  
Dave Eggers  
Pat Gerard  
John Morroni  
Karen Williams Seel  
Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL - 9:35 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Charlie Justice, Chairman; Janet C. Long, Vice-Chairman; Kenneth T. Welch; Dave Eggers; Pat Gerard; Karen Williams Seel; and John Morroni.

**Others Present:** James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; and Lynn M. Abbott, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk. Minutes by Helen Groves.

Chairman Justice welcomed those in attendance. He related that he and Mr. Woodard had offered their support to the Orange County Commission, the Mayor of Orlando, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community for the incident that occurred this weekend, and asked for a moment of silence.

**1. Review of User Fees.**

Katherine A. Burbridge, Senior Financial Management and Budget Analyst, OMB, conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! User Fee Schedule Proposed Changes, June 14, 2016 Budget Information Session*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. She related that Board policy is to align the beneficiary of a service to the funding level for that service, taking into consideration cost recovery, the relationship to the marketplace, alignment with peers, the economic impact, affordability, and the administrative burden.

Ms. Burbridge reviewed the proposed fee changes and their impact on the citizens. She indicated that the total fees, including the proposed changes, charged by Animal Services will add \$1,001,730 to the General Fund; that the total fees charged for life support services will add \$998,090 to the Emergency Medical Services Fund; that the car rental and other fees will add \$2,823,180 to the Airport Fund; and that the fee revenue for the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County will total \$2,197,060.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers regarding the pie chart shown on Slide 3 of the presentation, Ms. Burbridge indicated that the figures are from the current Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget; and that the user fees total approximately \$12 million and represent 2.4 percent of the General Fund. She reviewed the percentage of user fee collections by program, indicating that Animal Services accounts for 24.9 percent; Development Review Services (DRS), 7.1 percent; Code Enforcement, 6.5 percent; Water Navigation in Public Works, 4.1 percent; Visitor Services in Parks and Conservation Resources, 47.3 percent; and the "Other" category, 10.1 percent.

During the review, Mr. Woodard pointed out that the discussion today is about user fees, and does not include the rates imposed by the County for water, sewer, and reclaimed water, which will be brought forward at a later date; whereupon, the proposed fee changes to the following programs were discussed:

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### **Parks and Conservation Resources**

In response to the concerns of Commissioner Eggers regarding Pinellas County residents being charged to access their parks, Mr. Woodard, with input by OMB Director Bill Berger, indicated that the parking fees meet all Board policy direction; that they are consistent with the fees charged by city and state parks located in the area; that they apply only to the three beachfront parks; and that the fees brought in \$2.4 million in Fiscal Year 2015, and the revenues support the Parks Department. During discussion, Commissioner Long commented that many people from all over the world use the three parks, not just Pinellas County citizens; whereupon, Mr. Woodard agreed to provide information regarding capital improvements in the parks and to update the parking fee information provided to the Board in 2011 to reflect the current rates.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Eggers reiterated his concerns that some Pinellas County citizens might not be able to afford visiting the three beachfront parks and asked that staff revisit the figures to see if the fee could be reduced and to determine whether the number of residents visiting the parks dropped after the fees were introduced. Noting that he had initially had the same concerns, Commissioner Welch explained that the reason for instituting the fees was that the County had cut back on maintenance due to the recession and the level of service had diminished. Mr. Woodard related that staff had looked at park attendance and could not determine that the number of visits had lessened because of the fees. He indicated that people on an income assistance program can show their cards to receive a reduced rate, and there are annual passes, senior discounts, and an annual discounted card for veterans and active-duty military; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers asked that staff provide the Board with the number of people who are using the different types of passes.

### **Animal Services (General Fund)**

Mr. Woodard indicated that for some years, the County has charged a \$20 fee for animal licensure, which did not differentiate between one-year and three-year licenses, as the intent was to encourage having more animals licensed and vaccinated. He indicated that the proposal is to charge \$20 for a one-year license and \$40 for a three-year license, noting that staff had considered raising the three-year license fee to \$50, but the Pinellas County Veterinary Medical Association objected.

Dr. Don Morgan, Largo, appeared and thanked staff for listening to the concerns of the veterinary community in drafting the legislation, noting that even the \$40 will be a hardship for many; whereupon, Commissioner Seel cautioned that the fee increase may result in increased revenue this year, but could prove costly in future years.

Mr. Woodard reported that the fee proposal would bring in \$860,000 in new revenue, \$224,000 of which will be used to hire additional staff. Commissioner Seel expressed concern that such a small portion of the almost \$1 million generated by the fee would be used for Animal Services; and Commissioner Eggers stated that the purpose of raising the fees should be to support Animal Services, not to subsidize the General

Fund; whereupon, in response to their queries, Mr. Woodard stated that under Florida law, user fees must cover the cost but cannot generate a profit, and agreed to provide information showing the amount the General Fund provides Animal Services that is not directly fee based.

In response to query by the members, Mr. Woodard, with input by Director of Animal Services Doug Brightwell, indicated that there are approximately 150,000 active licenses in the county; that compliance is approximately 40 percent for dogs and 25 percent for cats, which is comparable to other urban counties; that there are just under 20 dogs classified as dangerous in the county; and that the veterinarians and the public will be informed about the fee change.

### **Emergency Medical Services Fund**

Mr. Woodard indicated that there are two major fee increase proposals: (1) an increase in the Advanced Life Support service fee from \$589.94 to \$640, noting that this increase would not affect 98 percent of the transports as it would be paid by Medicare or Medicaid; and (2) a Basic Life Support Non-Emergency Service fee of \$600, which is a new fee for certain dispatches to a health care facility, but really is intended as a discount against the \$640 Advanced Life Support Service fee because less service is involved, and discussion ensued.

At the suggestion of Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard, with input by Ambulance Billing and Financial Services Director Jodie Sechler, provided information regarding the County's Board-supported Sunstar Ambulance Membership Program, indicating that the fee for a family membership is increasing from \$95.43 to \$98 and for a single membership from \$61.35 to \$63.00; that membership covers the charge if insurance is denied or there is a copay or deductible, noting that an average copay is almost \$300; and that there is no other county in Florida that provides such a program.

Mr. Woodard stated that there has been a recent increase in the number of transports, and should the trend continue, the fee increases will strategically and prudently position the County to be flexible and resilient. With input by Ms. Sechler, he provided information about the expected reduction in revenue as a result of the Affordable Healthcare Act, the Budget Control Act of 2011, and the sequestration dollars, and discussion ensued; whereupon, Mr. Woodard stated that a written report would be forthcoming with regard to the expectations.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodard indicated that staff will incorporate the adjustments into the budget as proposed, with the understanding that once the final balancing is done, if there is money available, the fee increases will be reexamined, and no objections were noted.

### **Airport Fund**

Mr. Woodard indicated that staff is proposing a Customer Facility Charge (CFC) that

would generate an estimated \$2.4 million annually and would apply only to car rental concessionaires operating at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. In response to queries by the members, Airport Administration and Finance Deputy Director Yvette Aehle, with input by Mr. Woodard, indicated that the rental car concession agreements are currently out to bid and the parties are aware of the proposed increases; displayed a comparison of the fees with airports of comparable size; confirmed that the fee is being instituted in order to develop parking; and related that CFC revenue is used to match Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Department of Transportation grants to build capital infrastructure.

Commissioner Long cautioned that autonomous vehicles are coming in the near future and less parking will be needed, and discussion ensued; whereupon, Ms. Aehle reported that Airport Director Thomas Jewsbury plans to report to the Board on the issue shortly.

Commissioner Eggers indicated that Pinellas County residents have enjoyed the lower rates charged by the airlines and car rentals for many years, and it would be disappointing to see the St. Pete-Clearwater Airport become just another Tampa International; and Commissioner Seel concurred, stating that fees are impacting the bottom line for the tourists and Pinellas County needs to stay competitive, and discussion ensued.

### **Health Department**

Mr. Woodard related that the Board is required to approve the Health Department fee schedule as it relates to locally imposed fees; that the fee changes total \$45,240 and the total fee revenue will be nearly \$2.2 million; and that fees account for only approximately 4.3 percent of the budget. In response to query by Commissioner Seel regarding the new fees for foreign travel, Assistant Director Gail Guidash explained why the \$50 per hour fee for an initial consultation visit is automatic even though the person thinks they know what vaccinations are required.

### **Development Review Services**

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel regarding complaints she is hearing from the development community about the site plan process, Development Review Services Director Blake Lyon stated that there will no longer be a two-tier process with both "preliminary" and "final" site plan reviews; and that 80 percent of the applicants will meet the criteria for a one-time Standard Site Plan and the other 20 percent will require a Complex Site Plan, with a doubling of the fee to recover the extra costs; whereupon, he confirmed that the change should expedite the process and make it more user-friendly.

**Meeting Recessed: 10:53 A.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 11:06 A.M.**

2. Capital Improvement Program discussion.

Mr. Woodard indicated that the Capital Improvement Program presentation has two parts: (1) an annual update and highlights of some projects that are underway, particularly those that are large in scale or provide a particular important benefit to the public, and (2) opportunities to direct some Penny for Pinellas monies to priority capital projects.

Financial Analyst Jason Rivera, OMB, provided an overview of the CIP budget process and outlined today's PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Pinellas County Capital Improvement Program, June 14, 2016*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. He related that the ten-year plan is in alignment with the Strategic Plan and is updated annually as part of the budget process; and that the major revenue sources are Penny for Pinellas, the Ninth Cent Gas Tax for the Intelligent Transportation System, grants and reimbursements, the Tourist Development Tax for beach nourishment, and the Enterprise Funds (Airport, Utilities, and Solid Waste).

Mr. Rivera referenced a chart on Slide 4 of the presentation, and pointed out areas of the Strategic Plan that the CIP directly supports, including preventing and remedying homelessness; enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety; preserving and managing environmental lands, beaches, parks, and historical assets; and providing safe and effective transportation systems.

Mr. Rivera referenced a chart on Slide 7 of the presentation showing the progression of the Penny revenue collections and provided historical information about the Penny 3 program. He pointed out that in Penny 3, \$225 million was allocated off the top and set aside for Courts and Jails, and the remainder distributed 52.5 percent to the County and 47.7 percent to the municipalities. Commissioner Long suggested that a portion of the funds be set aside for certain needs such as public health in the same way that funds are allocated off the top for Courts and Jails, and discussion ensued with Mr. Woodard advising that the Penny is statutorily earmarked for bricks and mortar capital infrastructure; whereupon, Chairman Justice indicated that the Board's priorities would be discussed at the upcoming Penny workshop.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard agreed to provide more information about the amount of funds it was anticipated the Penny would provide versus the amount received, noting that the Board recalibrated the overall program in 2009 and the annual increase forecast for Penny 3 was very conservative, as the Penny 4 forecast will be; whereupon, Mr. Rivera announced that Mr. Berger just informed him that the cumulative gap between the amount of funds expected and the amount received is approximately half a billion dollars.

Mr. Rivera, with input by Mr. Woodard, related that because Penny 3 is scheduled to end December 31, 2019, it is expected that a 1.4 mill increase in the property tax will be needed to cover programs that are in progress, and discussion ensued.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### **St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport Capital Projects**

Ms. Aehle conducted the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport portion of the presentation. She reviewed the major projects underway at the Airport, including Phase 2 of the taxiway rehabilitation project (construction completion, September 2017; construction cost, \$9.8 million); Phase 3 of the terminal improvements (construction completion, August 2017; construction cost, \$9.4 million); parking lot expansion and internal roadway circulation improvements (construction completion, October 2018; construction cost, \$12.0 million); and the Ticketing "A" automated inline baggage handling system (construction completion, April 2019; construction cost, \$7.3 million).

In response to queries by the members, Ms. Aehle indicated that the Federal Aviation Administration will not provide funding for the parking lot expansion, but, hopefully, the Airport will be designated a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), which would allow it to get SIS funding; that the remote parking lot across the street is not included in the project; that currently there are 1,250 spaces and, once the project is completed, there will be over 1,800; that a consultant will consider whether a parking garage is needed; and that the cost to park in the remote lot is \$8 per day. With input by Mr. Woodard, she discussed other types of uses at the Airport, including UPS, cargo entitlements, hangers for general aviation, the Coast Guard Station, the U.S. Army Reserves, and land leases, such as the County Justice Center and the jail. She related that an update of the Airport Master Plan will begin this fall; whereupon, Commissioner Long suggested adding another carrier.

### **Water and Sewer Projects**

Director of Utilities Randi Kim referred to the portion of the presentation pertaining to water and sewer projects and provided an update on the Keller Water Plant (construction start, May 2016; construction cost, \$4.0 million); the W.E. Dunn WRF Lighting Upgrades (construction completed May 2016; construction cost, \$665,000); the sanitary sewer cured in place pipe lining (annual CIP budget, \$1.6 million; 49 miles of pipe lined in eight years); and the pipe relocation projects for county and city roads and drainage (over \$5 million).

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard indicated that staff evaluates using solar lighting in County buildings on an on-going basis; that unlike the private sector, the County does not receive incentives through federal tax credits; and that he is considering bringing forward a demonstration-type project in the near future, perhaps in time for it to be considered during the BP oil spill funding discussion.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long and with input by Mr. Woodard and Director of Real Estate Management Andrew Pupke, Ms. Kim indicated that the Keller Plant is located near the Brooker Creek Preserve on North Keystone Road, the Dunn

Plant is co-located with Innisbrook on U.S. Alternate Highway 19, and the Logan Pump Station is on Ridge Road, just north of Ulmerton Road.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Kim and Mr. Pupke displayed photographs and provided information about the ability of the County to handle extraordinary rain events, indicating that the County has approximately 1,000 miles of sewer pipe in the system and 200 miles of force mains. Ms. Kim indicated that it is an ongoing assessment, but she feels the County is in pretty good shape; and that it is able to assist other municipalities when there is a potable water or sewer issue. Mr. Woodard indicated that he has had discussions with City Managers about the creation of a multi-jurisdictional rapid response team for unforeseen events, and has asked Ms. Kim to follow up, and discussion ensued with Commissioner Long expressing support for partnering with the municipalities.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Ms. Kim indicated that there is a national rating system to prioritize areas that contribute the most stormwater into the sewers, and the County is in the process of assessing its system.

### **Solid Waste Projects**

Section Manager Joe Going reviewed three solid waste projects: the North County HEC3 Facility (completion, April 2017; construction cost, \$1.1 million), the Side Slope Closure Project (completion, May 2017; construction cost, \$13.7 million), and the Technical Recovery Plan (anticipated completion, 2018; approved budget, \$150.0 million), noting that the projects focus on three key areas of the Strategic Plan: customer service, environmental, and investment in infrastructure and assets.

In response to queries by Commissioners Seel, Long, and Welch, Mr. Going discussed the Side Slope Closure Project, noting that it is in the southern portion of the Bridgeway Acres Landfill property; and that the estimated life of the landfill is 84 years; whereupon, Mr. Woodard stated that information about the height of the landfill will be provided the next time an item relative to the landfill comes before the Board.

### **Real Estate Management Projects**

Real Estate Management Director Andrew W. Pupke reviewed two courts and jail projects: (1) Upgrade Jail Campus Infrastructure - Phase 1 (construction completion, March 2019; cost \$87.5 million) and (2) Courts Consolidation (construction completion, September 2020 [Pinellas County Justice Center] and August 2022 [St. Petersburg Center]; estimated design/construction cost, \$68 million). He indicated that the upgrade to the campus infrastructure item will be brought before the Board for its review and approval of the construction phase on August 8. In response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Seel, he indicated that solar energy will be incorporated for the lights in the parking lot; that he will report back on whether the infrastructure will meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard; and that a two-megawatt generator will provide power for the building; whereupon, he discussed

the concept of co-generated power, including the cost and anticipated return on investment.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Pupke explained that the traffic courts at the North County Service Center on U.S. Highway 19 and the South County Service Center on 66th Street North in St. Petersburg will be relocated to the 49th Street facility; that current plans under consideration are for the properties to be used by the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector or to be sold; and that the concerns of the citizens in South County resulted in the Family Court remaining in St. Petersburg. During discussion about the funding, Mr. Woodard indicated that the funding for the projects is the \$225 million set aside in Penny 3 for the Courts and Jail, as provided for by Interlocal Agreements with the 24 cities and in the ballot language; and that virtually all of the \$225 million has been expended. Following discussion, Mr. Woodard indicated that when the item is put on the agenda, the details of the overall plan and strategy for the consolidation will be reviewed.

**Meeting Recessed: 12:10 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 12:50 P.M.**

#### **Stormwater/Drainage Projects**

Senior Engineer Rahim Harji presented information relating to stormwater/drainage projects throughout the county, including the drainage improvements at Antilles Drive and Oakhurst Road in the Seminole area (construction completion, November 2016; construction cost, \$2.5 million [50 percent SWFWMD funded]); flood control improvements at Cross Bayou Canal (construction, Fiscal Year 2018-2019; cost, \$6.7 million); drainage improvements at Bee Branch Creek (construction, Fiscal Year 2017-2018; cost, \$980,000); and the drainage improvements on the Pinellas Trail at 54th Avenue (construction, Fiscal Year 2018; cost, \$2.0 million [SWFWMD Grant, \$850,000]).

In response to queries by Commissioners Long and Gerard, Mr. Harji provided details regarding the drainage improvements in Seminole, indicating that a lot of the area is tidally influenced; that, unfortunately, building has been allowed in very low lying areas; and that the project might not take care of the flooding issues because of the influence of the tides; whereupon, Commissioner Gerard commented that the concept of 25-year and 100-year floodplains does not mean much anymore, and it is troubling that Pinellas County is deemed built out, yet building continues.

In response to the concerns of Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Harji discussed the construction included in the drainage improvements to Bee Branch, and indicated that development regulations have changed and projects that were once allowed would not be permitted now; and that flood levels cannot be increased unless the water is

contained within the system. Mr. Woodard confirmed that whenever the County has an opportunity to create a Regional Stormwater Retention Facility or sees a very localized need to create a retention pond, it will purchase private property if necessary, noting that in the case of the Tarpon Woods community, an engineering assessment indicated that a retention system would just fill up with water and the water would seek its own level downhill

### **Watershed and Coast Management Projects**

Natural Resources Division Manager Kelli H. Levy provided updates and background information on the Lake Seminole Alum Injection Facility (construction complete; cost, \$10.9 million [76.5 percent funded by grants]) and the Lake Seminole Sediment Removal Project (completion date, 2022; estimated cost, \$27.5 million [50 percent funded by SWFWMD]), noting that the water quality problems will continue until the sediment is removed. Mr. Woodard indicated that the project has been out to bid twice but the bids have come back far in excess of the budget; and that staff is developing a different type of delivery and procurement method. In response to comments by Commissioner Long, Ms. Levy agreed to contact the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services to inquire about new methodologies.

Ms. Levy reviewed the McKay Creek Restoration Project (construction, 2017-2018) and the Upham Beach Stabilization Project (construction completion, winter 2017; cost, \$9 million [50 percent to be funded by the State]). In response to queries by Commissioners Morroni and Long, she provided information about the geotextile tubes, and with input by Mr. Woodard, indicated that the sand now in the tubes can be deposited back on the beach; that the tubes have proven to be cost-effective and have provided a good return on the investment; and that she will consult with Coastal Coordinator John Bishop to find out why the design was changed and report back.

### **Parks and Conservation Resources Capital Projects**

Noting that as part of the Transportation group, his department does the design work for the Parks Department, Traffic Division Manager Kenneth Jacobs reviewed the Fort DeSoto Water Recirculation Bridge (construction completed June 2016; cost \$942,110 [50 percent grant funded]), and the Pinellas/Duke Energy Trail Extension Project from the Enterprise Road/U.S. Highway 19 area to Sunset Point Road on the Duke Energy right-of-way (construction notice to proceed, June 2016; estimated construction cost, \$1.23 million).

Mr. Woodard reported that the County has an opportunity to apply for a SUN Trail grant in the amount of \$22.1 million, which exceeds his delegated authority, but since time is

of the essence, he plans to sign and execute the grant application documents and bring the item to the Board for after-the-fact ratification on June 21, and no objections were noted; whereupon, Mr. Jacobs detailed the segments of the Trail that would be completed if the grant is received.

### **Transportation Capital Projects**

Mr. Jacobs presented information about the Park Boulevard and Starkey Road - 84th Lane to 82nd Avenue Project (construction completion, November 2017; cost estimate, \$14.0 million [includes \$4.1 million grant funding]); the Gateway Expressway U.S. Highway 19 to I-275 Project (construction completion, 2022; cost \$454.0 million [County contribution, \$55.8 million]); and the Haines Road from 51st Avenue to 60th Avenue Project (construction start, 2016; cost \$6.3 million).

Referring to the Gateway Expressway, Mr. Woodard indicated that he would bring an agreement forward to the Board in 30 to 60 days; and that the County's \$55.8 million contribution would come almost entirely from the Penny, and discussion ensued.

### **PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Mr. Woodard referred to a revised list of priority projects totaling \$18,300,000, not including the \$5 million set aside for vehicle needs of the Sheriff, and indicated that the list was compiled from (1) input the Commissioners provided during BCC meetings and his private meetings with them, (2) Penny 3 projects that have been deferred, (3) shovel-ready projects, and (4) changes made due to the Board's current Strategic Plan; whereupon, noting that the projects are grouped into three areas, he offered the following staff recommendations:

### **Public Safety Projects**

- Redington Water Rescue Station (design) - \$300,000
- Energy Efficiency Project - Medical Examiner Building at Public Safety Complex - \$250,000

### **Neighborhood Projects**

- Joe's Creek Park - \$800,000
- Lealman Area (transportation, drainage, sidewalks) - \$4,500,000

Commissioners Gerard and Morroni suggested partnering with the Pinellas Park Water Management District. Commissioner Welch stated that the 100 new fire hydrants are not enough and asked that more be added.

- Highpoint Community Outdoor Facility (design) - \$250,000

#### **Transportation Projects**

- Gulf-to-Bay/Belcher Intersection (design) - \$1 million
- 22nd Avenue South from 58th Street to 34th Street South (design-sidewalks) - \$800,000
- 126th Avenue from 34th Street South to U.S. Highway 19 (design) - \$2 million
- 62nd Avenue North from 34th Street to 49th Street (design) - \$450,000
- Sidewalks, ADA, Roadway Resurfacing, and MSTU Roadways - \$7,950,000

Commissioner Seel cautioned that citizens might be concerned that transportation projects that have been on previous Penny lists have not been completed, yet new projects in Lealman totaling \$5.3 million have been added. Discussion ensued, with input by Traffic Division Manager Ken Jacobs. Commissioner Morroni stated that the projects were deferred because the Penny funding dropped by half a billion dollars due to the recession. In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Planning and Design Section Manager Ivan Fernandez stated that Sunset Point Road was taken off the list because the project is being done by work order and construction should start in Fiscal Year 2017; and that the work will extend at least from the Trail to U.S. Alternate Highway 19.

Commissioner Eggers commented that the citizens might not approve Penny 4 and expressed concern about spending money before the vote, and discussion ensued with input by Messrs. Woodard and Jacobs; whereupon, Commissioner Eggers requested that the parking lot at the East Lake Library be funded at \$300,000; and Mr. Woodard suggested that the \$220,000 allocated for Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) projects is available.

Commissioner Morroni queried when the 62 projects on the MSTU list would be prioritized, stating that to ensure the safety of the children, Bayview Estates in the

Seminole area of unincorporated Pinellas County needs sidewalks; whereupon, Mr. Woodard indicated that nearly \$8 million is available for sidewalks, road resurfacing, and MSTU roadways, and staff would begin discussing where it should be invested, as the ranking of the sidewalks is a technical process; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Long, he confirmed that he is referring to the line item on the Priority List titled *Sidewalks/ADA, Roadway Resurfacing, and MSTU Roadways* totaling \$7,950,000; and stated that if the Board approves the Priority List, the Proposed Budget would show the projects selected to be funded under the line item, and the Board would have an opportunity to make changes.

Commissioner Welch, speaking as Chairman of the Business Technology Services (BTS) Board, referenced a \$1.3 million request for a secondary data center, and discussion ensued with Commissioners Long and Morroni expressing support for the center. Stating that the need for a secondary data center is a policy issue, Commissioner Welch commented that within five to ten years, most data will be moving to the cloud and the issue will become moot. BTS Chief Information Officer Martin Rose provided input, stating that the secondary data center would be an insurance policy and is an industry standard, and discussed what might happen in case of a fire in the basement where the data center is currently located.

Relating that approximately \$23 million is available in the budget, with \$5 million designated for vehicles for the Sheriff, Commissioner Welch suggested that the \$500,000 for the secondary data center be pulled from the \$5 million allocated for the vehicles, and the \$500,000 pulled be financed.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. Jacobs confirmed that there is space in the new Public Safety Complex for the backup for the Traffic Control Center, and the transition is in process.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Woodard agreed that the Interlocal Agreement the Board signed with the City of St. Petersburg regarding the new police headquarters gives the County some access to the data center, and the BTS secondary data center could possibly be located there.

Citing former Commissioner Bob Stewart's axiom, "The needs and wants are infinite; the resources, limited," the County Administrator indicated that he has concerns regarding the trade-off between risk and reward, but will meet with Mr. Rose to work through the issue, and no objections were noted; whereupon, Mr. Rose asked for and received permission to include the space issue for BTS at the Public Safety Complex in his conversation with the County Administrator.

## COUNTY COMMISSION MISCELLANEOUS

**Commissioner Long**, noting that she has placed brochures on the dais, suggested that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council be invited to a Board meeting to show their videos regarding hurricane preparedness and the connectivity of the Pinellas County Trail to the east coast.

**Commissioner Morroni** referenced the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) bonding program, and indicated the group would like the Board to schedule a work session.

**Chairman Justice** referenced a card sent by the Florida Association of Counties on behalf of all counties regarding the Pulse Night Club tragedy, and indicated that the Tampa Bay Rays are celebrating Friday as Pride night, and the proceeds from the game will go to the Pulse Victims Fund.

**Adjournment - 2:41 P.M.**