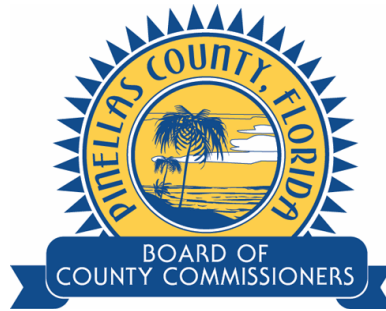


# **Pinellas County**

*315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756*



## **Minutes - Final**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

**9:30 AM**

**BCC Assembly Room**

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

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

**ROLL CALL @ 9:32 A.M.**

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

Others Present: Jewel White, County Attorney; Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator; and Chris Bartlett, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk.

**1. CareerSource Pinellas Update (Commissioner Gerard)**

Commissioner Gerard related that the Executive Board met on February 14; and that CareerSource Pinellas President and CEO Ed Peachey was formally placed on paid leave. She noted that his rate of pay while on leave is unclear at this time, and Chairman Welch stated that in response to her earlier request, his letter to the Inspector General will be ready later today.

Commissioner Gerard responded to queries by the members; whereupon, she indicated that CareerSource's charter school application for the Science Center has been withdrawn.

**Department Presentations**

**2. Safety and Emergency Services**

Safety and Emergency Services Director James Fogarty referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Safety and Emergency Services*, and reported that his department has 197 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the various services of the department and provided information regarding its duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Mr. Fogarty discussed the recent commercial telephone outages in the Tampa Bay area and noted that it had a minimal effect on County 911 service; and that he and his staff worked continuously during the outages to ensure communication remained as viable as possible. He indicated that the functionality of 911 service never went down.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Fogarty provided information pertaining to the Sunstar FirstCare Membership program, the pros and cons of consolidating certain services, response times and other data driven insights, how increases in tourism correlate to a higher demand for emergency services, and other related matters, and Radio and Technology Division Director Jacqueline Weinreich and Mr. Woodard provided input.

During discussion, Emergency Medical Services Director Craig Hare distributed copies of the Division's "My Baby Sleeps Safely" door flyer.

**3. Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Sally Bishop referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Emergency Management*, and reported that her department has 13 full-time employees; whereupon, she provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Bishop discussed Hurricane Irma, how the County's response to future weather events continually improves, the future needs of the County related to temporarily sheltering more of the local population, and the collaboration between her department, local government and business partners, and the state and federal legislatures, and discussion ensued.

**Meeting Recessed: 12:16 P.M.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 12:49 P.M.**

**4. Parks and Conservation Resources**

Chairman Welch noted that due to time constraints, the presentation from Parks and Conservation Resources would be re-scheduled to a future agenda.

**5. Public Works**

Assistant County Administrator and Public Works Director Rahim Harji referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Public Works*, and reported that the department has 456 full-time employees; whereupon, he discussed the areas that Public Works supports and provided information regarding its duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Harji provided information regarding the use of geographic information system (GIS) mapping technology; whereupon, he discussed the department's response to Hurricane Irma and other events, countywide water quality improvements, street sweeping, traffic, the management of over 200 capital projects, and other matters, and Environmental Management Division Director Kelli Levy, Transportation Division Director Ken Jacobs, and Mr. Woodard provided input.

During discussion, several members complimented Mr. Harji for his collaboration with local agencies, noting that many officials have commented favorably on the amount of information and time they have received.

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Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Welch indicated  
that Item No. 7 would be heard at this time.

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## 7. Utilities

Interim Utilities Director Megan Ross referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Utilities*, and reported that the department has 414 full-time employees; whereupon, she provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Ross provided information regarding water quality monitoring and upgrades, the partnership with Tampa Bay Water, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certification initiative for staff, maintaining operational lift stations during major weather events, and other matters, and discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Morroni left the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

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## 6. Solid Waste

Assistant County Administrator and Interim Solid Waste Director Paul Sacco referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! Solid Waste*, and reported that the department has 79 full-time employees; whereupon, he provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Sacco provided information regarding the County's Waste-to-Energy plant and its related power purchase agreement, the Solid Waste Master Plan, and other matters, and Solid Waste Division Public Outreach Manager Deborah Bush provided input.

## Other Business

The members briefly discussed requesting a joint meeting with the Hillsborough County Commission to address several regional issues.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 2:56 P.M.**