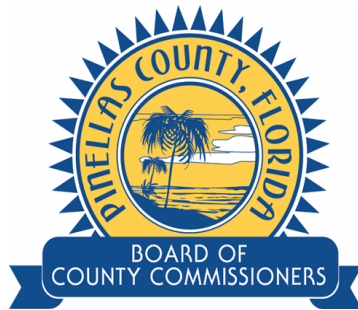


Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

9:30 AM

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Charlie Justice

Janet C. Long

Kathleen Peters

Kenneth T. Welch

ROLL CALL - 9:32 A.M.

Present: Karen Williams Seel, Chair; Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair; Charlie Justice; Janet C. Long; Kathleen Peters; and Kenneth T. Welch

Absent: Dave Eggers

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter

Department Presentations

Copies of all PowerPoint presentations referred to in the minutes have been made part of the record.

1. Human Services

Human Services Director Daisy Rodriguez referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Human Services*, and reported that her department has 104 full-time employees; whereupon, she introduced her staff, discussed the areas that Human Services supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

Responding to query by Commissioner Long, Ms. Rodriguez provided information regarding suicide, relating that her office is not only working on prevention efforts for veterans, but for all county residents, including young people.

Responding to query by Commissioner Peters, Ms. Rodriguez indicated that the Substance Use Disorder-Mental Health Grant is projected to serve 375 people over a four-year period, and agreed to provide information regarding the grant potentially assisting other vulnerable populations. Commissioner Peters expressed concern regarding medications such as Xanax and Prozac not being included in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and requested that the members consider sending a letter to the Legislature regarding the matter, and discussion ensued.

Responding to queries by Chair Seel and Commissioner Welch, Ms. Rodriguez reported that 766 dental patients are being seen at Bayside Health Clinic; and that a community dental team serves individuals at offsite locations; whereupon, she discussed dollars spent and savings realized on prescription medications.

2. Animal Services

Animal Services Director Doug Brightwell referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things, To Serve the Public, Animal Services*, and reported that his department has 58 full-time employees; whereupon, he introduced his staff, discussed the areas that Animal

Services supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Brightwell discussed the following:

- Partnership with Finding Rover mobile application
- Response times and staffing levels
- Coyotes in urban environments
- City of St. Petersburg ordinance regarding tethered dogs
- Partnerships with Humane Society of Pinellas and SPCA Tampa Bay

3. Safety & Emergency Services

Safety and Emergency Services Director James Fogarty referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Safety and Emergency Services*, and reported that his department has 198 full-time employees; whereupon, he introduced his staff, discussed the areas that Safety and Emergency Services Supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Fogarty, with input by Regulatory Compliance Manager Pam Bell, Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt, and Radio and Technology Division Director Jacqueline Weinreich, discussed the following:

- Fire station construction and staffing
- Call volumes and response times
- Ambulance billing and collection rates
- Medicare and Medicaid allowable charges
- Payment plans and write-offs
- FirstCare Ambulance Membership Plan
- Fall Prevention Pilot Program
- Comprehensive strategy for backing-up countywide computer network
- Partnership with St. Petersburg Police Department
- Fire calls versus EMS calls

Later in the meeting, Mr. Fogarty discussed digitized maps versus those in a PDF format.

4. Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Catherine Perkins referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Emergency Management*, and reported that her department has 13.5 full-time employees; whereupon, she introduced her staff, discussed the areas that Emergency Management supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Perkins discussed the following:

- Category four/five hurricanes and shelter space deficits
- Lealman Exchange can house 500 persons during an emergency
- Collaborative efforts with Pinellas County Schools
- Prospect of tornado sirens in Pinellas County
- Educating residents about hurricane preparation
- Challenges regarding evacuating tourists
- Hotel partnerships following a storm

5. Marketing & Communications

Marketing and Communications Director Barbra Hernandez referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Marketing and Communications*, and reported that her department has 27 full-time employees; whereupon, she introduced her staff, discussed the areas that Marketing and Communications supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to queries by Commissioner Long regarding three local golf courses, Mr. Burton related that specific public information is being prepared for the residents of Bardmoor; that his office is determining how to best explain the various aspects of land use rights; and that technology will be used to proactively communicate with local citizens.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Welch and Justice, Ms. Hernandez indicated that even though the Communications Department broadcasts its programs using a high definition signal, local cable subscribers receive a standard definition signal when viewing televised programs; whereupon, she discussed how her department manages the flow of information with respect to social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Meeting Recessed: 12:12 P.M.

Meeting Reconvened: 12:48 P.M.

6. Office of Technology & Innovation

Office of Technology and Innovation (OTI) Director Bryan Zumwalt referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Office of Technology and Innovation*, and reported that his department has 23 full-time employees; whereupon, he introduced his staff, discussed the areas that OTI supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Zumwalt presented information highlighting major technology initiatives, and Mr. Burton commended OTI on assisting the Contractor Licensing Department with process improvements and potential software upgrades.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Zumwalt discussed opportunities for using Oracle, the prospect of moving data to the cloud, and the future of subscription software services.

7. Office of Management & Budget

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Bill Berger referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Office of Management and Budget*, and reported that his department has 35 full-time employees; whereupon, he introduced his staff, discussed the areas that OMB supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Berger provided information regarding the timeframe for selecting and implementing the new budget software system.

8. Risk Management

Risk Management Director Virginia Holscher referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Risk Management*, and reported that her department has 19 full-time employees; whereupon, she introduced her staff, discussed the areas that Risk Management supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

9. Purchasing

Purchasing Director Joe Lauro referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Doing Things! To Serve the Public, Purchasing*, and reported that his department has 22 full-time employees; whereupon, he introduced his staff, discussed the areas that Purchasing supports, and provided information regarding department duties, accomplishments, and objectives.

ADJOURNMENT - 2:02 P.M.