

Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756



Minutes - Final

Thursday, May 16, 2019

9:30 A.M.

BCC Assembly Room

Board of County Commissioners - Budget Information 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; Dave Eggers; Charlie Justice; Janet C. Long; Kathleen Peters; and Kenneth T. Welch

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Michael Schmidt, Senior Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Budget summary documents pertaining to each presentation and copies of all PowerPoint presentations have been made a part of the record.

1. Article V and Court Support (Information Only)

In response to query by Commissioner Long, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Bill Berger clarified that even though the first item does not contain a presentation, it does include reference materials; and that OMB can address member questions.

2. State Attorney - Adam McGill Ross

Executive Director Adam McGill Ross discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request, relating that it will fund services associated with Information Technology infrastructure; that it will allow for the replacement of computer monitors and barcode scanners; and that future requests for funding will be smaller.

3. Judiciary - Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino

Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request, the various sources of funding that allow the Judiciary to function, and how across-the-board Pinellas County employee raises have increased his budget.

4. Public Defender - Bob Dillinger

Public Defender Bob Dillinger discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request, indicating that it is \$40,080 below the target set by OMB; and that he has submitted one decision package relating to dependency case managers.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Dillinger provided information regarding jail diversion, the Incompetent to Proceed program, and the lack of a state-funded Marchman Act receiving facility in Pinellas County.

5. Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller - Ken Burke

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ken Burke discussed the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request. He related that the OMB target has been met and provided the following information:

- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Organizational Chart
- Role of the Clerk as Comptroller and Auditor
- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Target Reconciliation FY 2019-2020
- Role of the Clerk as Clerk to Board
- Article V
- Article V Audit
- Article V Audit Findings

Thereupon, Mr. Burke discussed Pinellas County Justice Center renovation activities and thanked the members for their commitment to the upcoming three-year construction project.

6. Supervisor of Elections - Deborah Clark

Chief Deputy Julie Marcus related that the Fiscal Year 2020 base budget request is \$8,035,400 and is below the target set by OMB; and that a non-recurring expenditure of \$1 million has been added to cover costs associated with the Presidential Preference Primary; whereupon, she presented information regarding the following:

- Various legislative changes
- Machine and manual recounts
- Conducting accurate elections
- Voting options, including voting by mail
- Security of physical and cyber systems
- Vote tabulation system; voter registration database

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Marcus indicated that mail ballots greatly increase voter turnout; that the vote tabulation system and voter registration database are completely separate systems; and that her department would only request a special funding appropriation if absolutely necessary; whereupon, she expressed appreciation to the Appointing Authorities and other stakeholders who have helped to support the Supervisor of Elections.

7. Tax Collector - Charles W. Thomas

Tax Collector Charles W. Thomas related that the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request is \$13,084,440 and meets the target provided by OMB; whereupon, he provided information regarding the South County and North County facilities.

8. Business Technology Services - Jeff Rohrs

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Chief Information Officer Jeff Rohrs provided an overview of Business Technology Services and presented the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request as follows:

- BTS Vision and Mission
- BTS Organizational Chart (High Level)
- Service Consumption and Stakeholder Matrix
- BTS Budget Summary
- Working for You - Labor Summary
- Run the Business - Operating and Capital Improvement Plan Summary
- BTS Budget by Strategic Pillar - Total Labor and OpEx
- Justice CCMS Business Developments - FY20 Decision Package
- Human Resources Taleo Phase 2 - FY20 Decision Package

Mr. Rohrs related that the BTS base budget request is \$34,246,710; and that the total budget funding request is \$38,886,990.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Rohrs indicated that he served as CIO and Chief Technology Officer for two years prior to the hiring of William Geffert and introduced Application Services Director Belinda Huggins and Budget and Financial Services Manager Greg Carro; whereupon, he related that his department is fully staffed and discussed an upcoming external third-party security assessment that will take approximately six months to complete.

9. Sheriff's Office - Bob Gualtieri

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri discussed efforts being made to reduce various types of crime in the county, indicating that although enforcement efforts are important, a better job must be done to get to the root cause of the problem.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Sheriff Gualtieri provided an overview of the Sheriff's Office and presented the Fiscal Year 2020 budget request as follows:

FY20 Budget Target

FY20 Budget Target	\$309,859,029
FY20 Budget Submission	\$313,314,980
Over Target	\$ 3,455,951

FY20 Net Request from BCC

FY20 Budget Submission	\$313,314,980
Sheriff's Office Generated Revenue	\$ 34,354,450
FY20 Net Request from BCC	\$278,960,530

- Categories Comprising the Operational Increases in the FY20 Proposed Budget
 - Increased Electronic Monitoring Costs
 - Increased Jail Pharmacy Costs
 - Jail Overtime Due to Housing Federal Inmates

- Additional Needs for FY20 That Are Not in the Initial Budget Submission:
 - Academy Positions
 - Guardian and Marine Unit Positions
 - Facial Recognition System Replacement
 - Boats and Motors
 - Helicopter Digital Downlink
 - FY20 Vehicle Replacements

- Future Discussion Items: Driving Range, Real-Time Crime Center, Hangar, Jail Camera System, and Deputy Pay Plan

In response to queries by the members, Sheriff Gualtieri provided further information regarding alternatives to incarceration such as electronic monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring, and the Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program, and discussed factors pertaining to jail population; whereupon, he related that the Pinellas County Jail serves as the local Marchman Act facility since there are no state-funded beds in the county; and that no treatment or other services are provided.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Sheriff Gualtieri discussed the opioid crisis, overdose deaths, narcotic supply and demand, drug addiction and co-occurring disorders, and a lack of effective treatment services due to insufficient state funding; whereupon, he provided information regarding local providers of substance abuse and mental health services and the logistics of operating a hypothetical central receiving facility in north county, and discussion ensued.

Sheriff Gualtieri provided further information regarding the Guardian Program, the Facial Recognition System, and the policy of allowing deputies to take home their patrol cars; whereupon, he related that the Sheriff's Office does not retain reserves, and provided extensive information relating to immigration, and discussion ensued.

Deviating from the agenda, Chair Seel requested guidance regarding how to proceed concerning a request for a letter in support of the designation of Florida Gulf Coast waters as a *Hope Spot*. Following member discussion and consensus, she indicated that she would send a letter on behalf of the Commission.

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Commissioner Welch left the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

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10. Decision Packages and Funding Strategies (Information Only)

Mr. Burton provided background information regarding the item, indicating that if the millage rate remains the same, there will be approximately \$10 million to fund decision packages.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Berger discussed forecast models and assumptions, department and agency budget targets, and similar matters; whereupon, Mr. Burton related that staff will provide scenarios for review by the members at the June 6 Budget Information Session, allowing for thorough discussion to take place.

11. Agenda Briefing

Mr. Burton reviewed agenda items to be addressed at the May 21 BCC meeting. With input by staff, he responded to queries by the members regarding the following items, and Attorney White related that she does not anticipate anything will be brought forward under Item No. 26.

Item No. 19 Agreement for employee benefits consulting services

Item No. 22 Amendment to agreement for Behavioral Health High Utilizer Pilot program

Item No. 36 Bond issuance on behalf of Pinellas Preparatory Academy

ADJOURNMENT - 1:24 P.M.