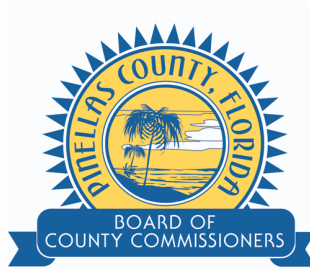


# **Pinellas County**



## **Minutes - Final**

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Virtual Regular Meeting**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

*Pat Gerard, Chair*  
*Dave Eggers, Vice-Chair*  
*Charlie Justice*  
*Janet C. Long*  
*Kathleen Peters*  
*Karen Williams Seel*  
*Kenneth T. Welch*

**ROLL CALL - 9:30 A.M.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair Dave Eggers, Charlie Justice, Janet C. Long, Kathleen Peters, Karen Williams Seel, and Kenneth T. Welch

**Others Present:** Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; Jeanette Phillips, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Teresa Adkins, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Office of Technology and Innovation Director Bryan Zumwalt introduced himself and announced that he would be the Technology Moderator for the virtual meeting; and that Chief Assistant County Attorney Don Crowell would serve as Process Moderator; whereupon, he conducted a roll call of the members.

**1. Local State of Emergency**

Mr. Burton provided an overview of Executive Order No. 20-112 issued by the Governor regarding Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* effective May 4. He discussed restrictions in the order pertaining to essential and non-essential businesses and social distancing requirements; whereupon, he presented two resolutions to the Board, indicating that staff recommends approval, and discussion ensued.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Burton, with input by Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, discussed the intent of the Governor's order and the interpretation of the verbiage and definitions related to the continued closure of specific types of businesses; whereupon, he noted that a guidance document has been provided for clarification.

Discussion ensued, and in response to query by Commissioner Welch, Department of Health in Pinellas County Director Dr. Ulyee Choe provided an update on efforts for enhanced testing protocols, additional testing sites, walk-up options, and appointment processes. He discussed the importance of contact tracing and the availability of testing for asymptomatic residents.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Eggers, Sheriff Gualtieri related that the Governor's Office declined a request to provide additional clarity; and that business categories not specified on the "no" list are permitted to open, adhering to social distancing guidelines, and Mr. Burton agreed to contact the appropriate state agency regarding daycare center capacity requirements.

Mr. Burton indicated that if the staff recommendations are accepted today, he will rescind Local Order No. 20-1 issued March 17 requiring establishments licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on-premises to cease serving alcohol each night by 10:00 P.M.; whereupon, responding to queries by the members, he clarified stipulations regarding alcohol sales in restaurants and outdoor seating allowances per Executive Order No. 20-112 moving forward.

Following further discussion, Chair Gerard called for citizens wishing to be heard, and the following individuals stated their concerns:

Jennifer Harmon, Dunedin  
Hillary Hogue, residence not provided  
Ken Copeland, Treasure Island  
Dylan Hubbard, Madeira Beach  
Carl Dobbins, St. Pete Beach  
Beth Teyber, St. Petersburg - *Technical difficulties*  
Matt Lettelleir, St. Petersburg  
Walt Belcher, Safety Harbor  
Lauren Heckert, Indian Shores - *Technical difficulties*

Commissioner Welch stated that he is supportive of both resolutions presented today, and referring to discussion earlier in the meeting, confirmed the intent to encourage the use of face coverings while indoors in public, and Attorney White suggested that the matter be addressed in the resolution clarifying local restrictions.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Justice, that the order extending the Local State of Emergency be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-38 adopted ratifying, restating, readopting, and extending the Local State of Emergency established in Resolution No. 20-16, as well as all resolutions and orders issued pursuant thereto, unless expressly rescinded by another action of the Board, until 3:00 P.M. on May 8, 2020, as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the order clarifying local restrictions subsequent to the issuance of Executive Order No. 20-112 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Gerard, Vice-Chair Eggers, Commissioner Justice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Seel, and Commissioner Welch

Resolution No. 20-39 adopted clarifying local restrictions that are to remain in effect subsequent to the Governor's issuance of Executive Order No. 20-112.

Sheriff Gualtieri related that the tip line and call center remain open and provided an overview of the measures being implemented to enforce social distancing guidelines upon the reopening of Pinellas County beaches on Monday, May 4, and indicated that the practices will remain in effect for a minimum of ten days.

At the request of Commissioners Seel and Eggers, Mr. Burton provided a brief overview of the Pinellas CARES programs for individual Pinellas County residents and small business owners effective May 4. He indicated that home businesses are being considered for phase two of the grant program; and that updates will be provided at each Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT - 11:02 A.M.**

Pat Seel  
Chair

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By Kenneth Caputo  
Deputy Clerk

