

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 – 9:31 A.M.
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Members Present: Calvin D. Harris, Chairman; Karen Williams Seel, Vice-Chairman; Susan Latvala; John Morroni; Kenneth T. Welch; Nancy Bostock; and Neil Brickfield.

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Robert S. LaSala, County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Arlene Smitke, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION: Reverend Bernard S. Smith, Green Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Largo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Bostock.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

Presentation of a Proclamation to Gay Lancaster, Executive Director, Juvenile Welfare Board, for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Pinellas County Schools dropout problem.
Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas families.
Mark P. Klutho, Largo.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 1 THROUGH 12 – APPROVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS NOS. 6 AND 11, WHICH WERE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM NO. 13.

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| Motion | - | Commissioner Morroni |
| Second | - | Commissioner Seel |
| Vote | - | 7 - 0 |

1 Minutes of regular meeting of March 3, 2009 approved.

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2 Reports received for filing:

- a. Internal Audit Division, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Report No. 2009-01 dated March 5, 2009 – Follow-Up Audit of Building Permits.
- b. Report of Expenses Incurred Under Incentives, Awards, and Recruitment Ordinance for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008.
- c. Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Financial Reports for the Fiscal Years ended September 30, 2007 and 2008.
- d. Juvenile Welfare Board Annual Local Government Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
- e. Tampa Bay Water Annual Local Government Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for Years Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and the Tampa Bay Water 2008 Annual Report.
- f. Dock Fee Report for the month of February 2009.

3 Vouchers and Bills Paid – Period of February 17 through February 27, 2009:

Payroll Journal Expenditures

Payroll Journal page numbers 1 through 2411

Payroll checks numbered 561244 through 561450

Imprest Fund Expenditures

Manual check numbered 751573

System checks numbered 956906 through 958478

ACH Transfers numbered 1969 through 2084

Wire Transfers numbered 010892 through 010895

4 Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- a. City of Clearwater Public Hearing Notices of Annexation, Land Use Plan, Zoning Atlas, and Community Development Code Amendments regarding Ordinances Nos. 8023-09, 8024-09, 8026-09 and 8047-09 through 8049-09 held April 2, 2009 and to be held April 15 and May 7, 2009.
- b. City of Tarpon Springs Resolution No. 2009-04 adopted February 17, 2009, supporting the retention of Egmont Key State Park by the Florida Park Service.
- c. Notification from Essilor of America regarding the closing of the Joe's Creek Processing Center located at 4360 28th Street N, St. Petersburg, pursuant to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act.

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- d. Pinellas Park Water Management District minutes of Regular Authority Meeting No. 4 dated January 15, 2009, and Special Meeting dated January 29, 2009.
 - e. Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue Resolutions Nos. 2009-01, 2009-02, and 2009-03 adopted February 17, 2009, amending the 2008/2009 budget and fixing the rate of non-ad valorem assessments.
- # 5 Bid for Concrete, Ready Mix and Batch Mix (Co-Op) (Contract No. 089-0187-B) awarded to Davis Concrete, Inc. on the basis of being the lowest responsible, responsive bid received meeting specifications; 12-month contract effective May 15, 2009 through May 14, 2010 with two additional 12-month term extensions, contingent upon the availability of funds and approval from the County Administrator; total contract estimated annual expenditure is not to exceed \$469,970.00; Pinellas County's estimated annual expenditure is not to exceed \$265,195.00; contract allows for price adjustments in an amount not to exceed the average of the Producer Price Index, Redi-Mix Concrete Manufacturing, Product: Redi-Mix Concrete, for the 12 months prior to renewal or five percent, whichever is less.
- # 6 See Item No. 13.
- # 7 Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the City of Clearwater for the Allen's Creek Erosion Control Project (PID No. 836) approved (estimated project cost, \$1,651,500.00; estimated cost to County, \$412,875.00); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the City and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.
- # 8 Bid for Water and Reclaimed Water Main Installation Annual Requirements for 08/09 – Rebid (Project No. 1979; Bid No. 089-0239-C) in the amount of \$1,304,685.00 awarded to Suncoast Development of Pinellas County, Inc., a prequalified contractor, on the basis of being the lowest responsible, responsive bid received meeting specifications; one-year agreement with an Option of Renewal for one additional 12-month period at the same terms and conditions; Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractor and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.
- # 9 Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Amendment No. 6 was filed and made a part of the record (Management and Budget).
- #10 Resolution No. 09-39 adopted supplementing the Fiscal Year 2009 General Fund Budget (various grants in the amount of \$130,760.00) to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose and transfer to the Sheriff (Management and Budget).

- #11 See Item No. 13.
- #12 Authority granted for submission of a Florida Forever grant application to the Florida Communities Trust requesting a reimbursement of approximately \$5,810,000.00 for the Brooker Creek Preserve Addition; County Administrator authorized to execute the grant contract, if awarded (Real Estate Management/Environmental Management).
- #13 Items for Discussion from Consent Agenda (County Administrator and Clerk of Circuit Court).

6 Ranking of firms and authorization for staff to negotiate agreements for Board approval with each of the top six ranked firms for Public Works Professional Engineering for Environmental and Geotechnical Services approved as follows:

1. Ardaman & Associates, Inc.
2. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
3. Nodarse & Associates, Inc.
4. Professional Service Industries, Inc.
5. URS Corporation Southern
6. Williams Earth Sciences, Inc.

Value of each agreement for the initial three-year term, \$1,000,000.00; total value of the six agreements for the three-year term, \$6,000,000.00; agreements will contain one additional three-year term extension.

Responding to query by Commissioner Brickfield, Director of Public Works and Transportation Peter J. Yauch provided information pertaining to the ranking methodology as it pertains to local preference and agreed to revisit the ranking criteria and point allocation scale.

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| Motion | - | Commissioner Bostock |
| Second | - | Commissioner Brickfield |
| Vote | - | 7 - 0 |

#11 Bid for Painting Services – Interior – Countywide (Contract No. 089-0181-B) awarded to Olympic Painting Contracting, Inc. on the basis of being the lowest responsive and responsible bid received meeting specifications for a total 24-month estimated expenditure not to exceed \$555,500.00; 24-month contract with three additional 12-month options for renewal at the same terms and conditions, subject to the availability of funds and approval by the County Administrator; contract allows for price adjustments every 12 months in an amount not to exceed

the average of the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Bids of Atlanta Contracting Enterprises, Inc. and J. L. Surface & Pressure Wash, Inc. rejected as non-responsive for not meeting bid specifications (Real Estate Management/Purchasing).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala
Second - Commissioner Seel

In response to query by Commissioner Seel, Mr. LaSala indicated that the County maintains a rule-of-thumb renovation schedule, but each situation is evaluated on its own merits; and that the severity of the need will be considered prior to proceeding with any renovations.

Vote - 6 – 1 (Commissioner Brickfield dissenting)

- #14 Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. for professional engineering consulting services for 22nd Avenue South from 58th Street South to 34th Street South (PID No. 736) approved increasing the contract amount by \$12,029.50 (revised agreement amount, \$567,213.22) to provide additional contingency and reimbursable funding required to develop a new alternative at the Beach Boulevard and 55th Street intersections and finalize the Preliminary Engineering Report phase of the project.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Latvala
Vote - 7 - 0

- #15 Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for State Road 699 (Gulf Boulevard) from Park Boulevard to Walsingham Road (The Narrows) (Project No. 1863) approved authorizing the addition of \$230,000.00 to the project contingency, to be totally funded by the FDOT, for the provision of 28 parallel parking spaces on the east side of Gulf Boulevard (total estimated project cost, \$24,156,882.00; FDOT's funding share, \$16,550,000.00). The Supplemental Agreement also amends Exhibit AR-1 and extends the expiration of the Agreement to December 31, 2010. Upon execution of the Agreement by the Chairman, the Clerk is authorized to attest.

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Bostock

Commissioner Seel indicated that she owns property nearby; that she does not stand to gain from the transaction; and that, consistent with her past practice regarding Gulf Boulevard items, she wishes to abstain from the discussion and vote. She submitted

Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers, which has been filed and made a part of the record.

Vote - 6 – 0 (Commissioner Seel abstaining)

- #16 Reappointment of Robert C. Decker to a four-year term as an alternate on the Pinellas County Public Employee Relations Commission approved (County Administrator).

Motion - Commissioner Morroni

Second - Commissioner Latvala

Vote - 7 - 0

- #17 Standard Contract with the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. (AAAPP) for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program approved in an amount not to exceed \$324,335.00 for the 2009-2010 program year; costs expended by the county are reimbursed by the AAAPP; contract in effect from the date on which it has been fully executed by both parties and ending on March 31, 2010; Chairman authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest (County Administrator).

Motion - Commissioner Seel

Second - Commissioner Latvala

Vote - 7 - 0

- #18 Resolution No. 09-40 adopted declaring a portion of county-owned property as surplus and granting authorization to convey the parcel to the City of Oldsmar, Florida, at no cost, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 125.38; Chairman authorized to execute the County Deed and the Clerk to attest the County Deed and record the resolution in the public records of Pinellas County. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties (Real Estate Management).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala

Second - Commissioner Seel

Vote - 7 – 0

- #19 Other administrative matters:

Utilities Director Tom Crandall noted that the Tampa Bay Area is currently suffering from a severe water shortage and distributed a document titled *Pinellas County Utilities Current Water Restrictions*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, which provides guidelines and information regarding the Phase IV water restrictions currently imposed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

Mr. Crandall provided a summary of the Phase IV restrictions; and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch, stated that citizens with private wells are still subject to Phase

III restrictions; and that citizens can access information with respect to restrictions for a particular neighborhood through the Pinellas County Utilities website or by calling the Utilities Department at 464-4000.

During discussion and in response to queries by Commissioners Welch and Seel, Mr. Crandall indicated that while all municipalities are required to follow these guidelines, with the exception of the City of Dunedin which has its own water system, some municipalities may be enforcing greater restrictions than those contained in the SWFWMD guidelines. He stated that he is unable to provide the particulars for each municipality at this time; and that he will provide the members with that information; whereupon, Commissioner Bostock requested that the Utilities Department make available on its website the restrictions for each municipality; and Mr. Crandall agreed to do so.

#20 County Attorney authorized to defend the cases of:

- a. Grow Financial Federal Credit Union, formerly known as MacDill Federal Credit Union, versus Tinna Losch and Angela Gross, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-003607-CI-13 - Mortgage Foreclosure Involving a Tax Lien.
- b. U.S. Bank National Association, Ltd. versus David L. McDonald, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-003477-CI-7 – Defense of Ken Burke in a Mortgage Foreclosure Involving a Judgment Lien.
- c. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. versus Jennifer G. Baker, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-003335-CI-19 - Mortgage Foreclosure Involving Judgment Liens.
- d. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. versus Thomas Rogers, et al. - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-003392-CI-11 – Mortgage Foreclosure Involving Judgment Liens.
- e. Robert Root versus FTBA Limited, a Dissolved Texas Limited Partnership, formerly known as Crow-Childress-Harrod #2, Ltd., the Florida Department of Transportation, and Pinellas County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-002651-CI-015 – Tax Deed Sale.
- f. Southwest Contracting, Inc. versus the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County - Circuit Civil Case No. 09-002856-CI-021 – Allegations of Breach of Contract and Fraud in the Inducement.

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| Motion | - | Commissioner Morrone |
| Second | - | Commissioner Seel |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

#21 County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation in the cases of:

- a. Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court versus Beneficial Florida, Inc., CitiFinancial Equity Services, Inc., and Diane M. Skillen – Interpleader Action Involving a Tax Deed Sale.
- b. Pinellas County versus Kim Preedom and Randall Preedom, as Co-Trustees, Preedom Land Trust, and KOS Corporation – Alleged Environmental Infraction.
- c. On Behalf of Peggy Troiano in the Claim of Peggy Troiano versus Paul and Gail Kraft and Vicky Dykens of All County Property Management and Realty, Inc. – HUD Case #04-08-0790-8; PC #08-026 – Allegations of Housing Discrimination.

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| Motion | - | Commissioner Latvala |
| Second | - | Commissioner Welch |
| Vote | - | 7 – 0 |

#22 Settlement approved in the case of Pinellas County versus Patricia S. Humberstone, as Trustee, Circuit Civil Case No. 06-2019-CI-21 Parcel P001-R1 (Eminent Domain) in accordance with the confidential memorandum from Mary Doty Solik, Esq., Foley & Lardner, outside counsel, dated March 4, 2009.

Managing Assistant County Attorney Dennis R. Long provided background and stated that this is an eminent domain case where the wife of a county employee is the trustee of the land trust which owned the property taken; that the property was acquired in 2006; and that the case has been in litigation since then. He indicated that in accordance with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee convened to assess real estate practices in the county, Foley & Lardner was retained as outside counsel to conclude the litigation; and that the firm has recommended the proposed settlement.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Morroni, Mr. Long elaborated on the recommendations made by Andrew H. Hines, Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee, as well as those made by the consultants to the committee; and stated that the county has followed those recommendations in this matter; and that for the first time, a proposed settlement agreement was made part of the public record before being considered by the Board in order to provide the transparency recommended by the committee.

In response to a request by Commissioner Brickfield, Mr. Long provided additional background information regarding the project and the property taken; noted that a trial had been scheduled for April; and indicated that a settlement was reached in mediation and contingent upon the Board's approval. He stated that additional eminent domain actions could come before the Board in connection with the Keystone Road project; and reiterated that the trustee of the land trust is the spouse of a county employee; whereupon,

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Commissioner Seel stated that she had requested that the county engage outside counsel in order to ensure that the litigation would be an independent process.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Seel, Mary Doty Solik, Esq., Foley & Lardner, provided specific information on the parcel's ownership; noted that the county employee owned the parcel as trustee pursuant to a land trust agreement dated November 14, 1985; and that ownership was transferred to his spouse as successor trustee in November 2003, retroactive to July 2003, long prior to the eminent domain action. She noted that she was not aware of any other properties taken for use in the airport development project; and that an attempt to purchase the property voluntarily was not successful; whereupon, Director of Public Works and Transportation Peter J. Yauch provided additional information regarding the location of the project.

In response to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Solik described the appraisal procedure used by both the county and the property owner and explained the difference in the values contained in the resultant appraisals. She provided information on the concept of severance damage; indicated that both the county and the property owner have expressed very credible positions that could have been presented to a jury; and noted that the difference in the dollar value is explained by the property owner's inclusion of the severance damage in their appraisal figure. She noted that it is unusual to settle for an appraisal amount; indicated that the costs for bringing the case before a jury could be more than the cost of the settlement, even if the county was successful in its claim; and provided information with respect to both the statutory scheme used to determine costs and attorneys' fees in an eminent domain proceeding and the definition of statutory interest; and Mr. Long provided additional input, noting that the county will seek reimbursement for fees and costs from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Following additional discussion, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Bostock, that the settlement agreement be approved. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried 6 to 1, with Commissioner Seel dissenting.

#23 County Attorney Miscellaneous – None.

#24 Enhanced Transportation in Pinellas County.

Public Works Director of Transportation Engineering Mahshid D. Arasteh conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Enhancing Transportation in Pinellas County*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. Ms. Arasteh provided historic background information on the implementation of Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS) and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), costs and types of

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funding for the projects, and interlocal agreements by which the county will be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and traffic control responsibilities of the systems.

Ms. Arasteh outlined the goals and explained the projects:

- ✓ New technology.
- ✓ Provide ATMS/ITS elements.
- ✓ Improve operation on a corridor-by-corridor basis using ATMS.
- ✓ Provide motorists information in real time for improved route planning.
- ✓ Provide essential infrastructure for “intelligent vehicles” vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadway communication.
- ✓ Share infrastructure and data across jurisdictional boundaries.

Referring to the PowerPoint, Ms. Arasteh related that projects had been broken down into three phases, with the first to be complete by 2012, the second by 2015, and the third by 2018; and provided detailed information with respect to each project. She noted that additional projects are in progress; and described planned new initiatives and benefits of the systems.

Responding to queries by the members, Ms. Arasteh indicated that the Pinellas Suncoast Transportation Authority has been actively participating in the projects; that the systems change the timing of the signals according to road volume; that it is a challenge to operate the systems in Pinellas County because major corridors exist in both north-south and east-west directions; and that testing of the system on McMullen-Booth Road and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard is planned.

#25 American Recovery Act: Economic Stimulus Update.

Assistant County Administrator Elithia V. Stanfield conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record; and provided detailed information on the general provisions of the act, its purpose, and the certification requirements which are in place.

Referring to the PowerPoint, Ms. Stanfield provided specific information with respect to frequently asked questions, as follows:

- ✓ How will the Recovery Act work?
- ✓ What is the timetable for disbursement of funds?
- ✓ What are the requirements for transportation stimulus projects?

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- ✓ When will the competitive grant process begin?
- ✓ Is match funding required?
- ✓ What is the timetable for funds to be spent?
- ✓ Will there be reporting requirements?

Ms. Stanfield related that there is an application procedure to be followed for the formula grants that the county is eligible to receive; and noted that the applications for the following grants are either completed, in process, or under consideration by the county:

- ✓ Aviation Grant.
- ✓ Community Development Block Grant.
- ✓ Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.
- ✓ Federally Qualified Community Health Centers.
- ✓ Homeless Emergency Shelter Grants.
- ✓ Justice Assistance Grants.

She noted that the funds are not automatic; that there is a procedure to be followed; and that the federal agency disbursing the funds must determine if the project adheres to its guidelines. Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Stanfield related that the energy efficiency and conservation block grant funds cannot be accessed by individual homeowners, but if the county receives the grant it could develop a pool of dollars from which individual homeowners could draw. She indicated that the county is currently exploring all options regarding these grants; and Commissioner Latvala provided additional information.

Ms. Stanfield described grants to be received by other agencies in the county, including the Pinellas Suncoast Transportation Authority, WorkNet Pinellas, housing authorities, community health centers, and municipal governments; provided information with respect to the competitive grants; discussed the various transportation projects that could be partially funded with federal dollars; and noted that the transportation projects will also be funded with local dollars in addition to the federal funds.

Ms. Stanfield noted that the county will continue to explore partnerships; that the Office of Management and Budget will continue to refine its grant tracking system; that there is an internal website and an external website which will be accessible by the citizens; that grant announcements will be monitored and eligible grants pursued; that additional referrals will be made to community agencies when appropriate; and that updates will be provided to the Board throughout the process.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Welch, Latvala, and Seel, Ms. Stanfield indicated that grants must be used to create and maintain jobs locally; and that some funding should be received by late summer or early fall; and Mr. LaSala noted that as funding is received, the county will look for opportunities to match it with local services. She related that no new programs will be created with the funding; stated that citizens will be able to access the website with a link from the county site; confirmed that the funds described today are different from any funds the state may receive; and noted that at present only doctors and hospitals with Medicare and Medicaid clients are being considered for grants to implement electronic health records; whereupon, Commissioner Seel suggested that the county should consider conducting a presentation for businesses and individuals regarding grants that may be available.

#26 Pinellas Hope Follow-Up Report.

Health and Human Services Director Maureen A. Freaney conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Pinellas Hope*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, which included information on the following topics:

- ✓ Pinellas Hope program features.
- ✓ Recap of pilot project results.
- ✓ Highlights of follow-up study.
- ✓ Funding history of Pinellas Hope.
- ✓ Additional Pinellas Hope projects.

Ms. Freaney provided specific information with respect to the target population, the project's capacity, the number of clients served, and the average length of stay; and described the difficulties which exist in trying to track a homeless population. She noted that with the partnership of the University of South Florida, the pilot study report was published in October 2008; that the goal of the project was to successfully transition 40 percent of the population out of street homelessness; that this goal had been exceeded by 11 percent; that a follow-up study of the 189 individuals successfully discharged from Pinellas Hope had been conducted which found that 31 percent of those individuals able to be contacted had maintained their homes; and that 16 percent of the total number of clients discharged had been successful in maintaining housing.

Ms. Freaney related that one benefit of the project is learning how to improve tracking of the homeless; that the discharge form will be improved to gather as much information as possible on each client; and that President of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of St. Petersburg Frank Murphy, who oversees Pinellas Hope, has suggested that the use of a community voicemail through 2-1-1 might be an additional way to accomplish the

tracking. She provided a brief funding history for the project and information on Pinellas Hope Phase II, which is an 80-unit permanent supportive housing project, Phase III, which will consist of 64 transitional housing units, and the Pinellas Hope Medical Respite project.

Responding to queries by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Freaney related that good contact information was not collected at the start of the project; and Mr. Murphy provided additional information. Commissioner Welch commented that he was pleased with the funding provided and in-kind services leveraged thus far; and that a discussion about funding for the upcoming year has not yet taken place.

Mr. Murphy noted that when the project began, the Board challenged him to find additional partners; indicated that he had done so; and announced that on April 22, 2009, there will be action by the Diocese of St. Petersburg for an additional seven acres to be used for Pinellas Hope Phases II and III.

Responding to query by Commissioner Welch, Assistant County Administrator Elithia V. Stanfield related that she was not familiar with the criteria to receive housing authority dollars, nor how those funds may be expended; and Mr. Murphy provided information regarding the progress of a similar project in Hillsborough County.

- #27 Reappointment of Grant Hurst, Elena Parsons-Wilson, Doug Leonardo, Linda Parsons, and Gynette Barney and appointment of Nadine S. Nickeson, David M. McKalip, and Helen D. King, to the Suncoast Health Council, Inc. approved.

Motion - Commissioner Seel
Second - Commissioner Morrone
Vote - 7 – 0

- #28 Reappointment of Michael Kalt, Melissa McCormick, Ed Peachey, Ava VanNahmen, Raymond J. Walsh Jr., and Michael Wisniewski, each for a two-year term ending December 31, 2010, and appointment of Stanton Englander, Jack Kirkland, Douglas Linder, Ed Montanari, and Greg Soulliere, each for a two-year term ending April 2011, to the Pinellas County Economic Development Council approved.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala
Second - Commissioner Bostock
Vote - 7 – 0

- #29 Appointment of City of Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen by the Barrier Islands Government Council to the Tourist Development Council for a term to expire on October 31, 2009 approved.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala
Second - Commissioner Bostock
Vote - 7 – 0

#30 Appointment of Paul Douglass to the Social Action Funding Advisory Board approved.

Motion - Commissioner Brickfield
Second - Commissioner Seel
Vote - 7 – 0

#31 County Commission Miscellaneous:

a. Commissioner Welch suggested that the Board meet with the St. Petersburg City Council to discuss the EMS issue, and the members concurred; consensus of the members is that the Board will meet with the cities on a regular basis to address matters of mutual interest.

b. Commissioner Bostock commended the County for its approach in addressing the big picture in the current financial situation; and expressed concern about spending on smaller expenses and on the upward reclassification of positions in the existing budget climate; and Mr. LaSala provided additional comment.

c. Commissioner Brickfield nominated Matthew C. Coe to the Gas Board for Examining, Adjustments, and Appeals.

Motion - Commissioner Brickfield
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 7 – 0

discussed PSTA bus shelters with advertising; staff to prepare a comprehensive report.

d. Commissioner Morroni reported that his final radiation treatment will take place today; and thanked Commissioners Bostock and Brickfield for attending meetings during his treatment.

- e. Commissioner Seel referring to Commissioner Bostock’s remarks, suggested that the Appointing Authorities work together toward rewriting the Pinellas County Personnel Rules; and commented re Historic Preservation Advisory Board, Heritage Village, and The Heart Gallery display in the Courthouse lobby.

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At this time, 12:15 P.M., Commissioner Morrone left the meeting.

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- f. Chairman Harris discussed results of County Administrator LaSala’s six-month performance review; and provided a water conservation tip.

#32 Meeting adjourned at 12:19 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk