

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011 – 9:33 A.M.
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

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

Others Present: James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Robert S. LaSala, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Tammy L. Burgess, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION: Pastor Steve Nicholson, Faith Family Outreach, Largo, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Morroni.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS – None.

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)

1 First public hearing held regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 138, the Zoning Provisions, of the Pinellas County Land Development Code regarding Residential Zoning Districts in which the keeping of chickens is permitted. Eleven emails and one letter in support and one email in opposition to the proposed ordinance have been received. Second public hearing to be held December 20, 2011.

Elizabeth Freeman, Planning Department, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, the research performed, the proposed criteria, and enforcement. Ms. Freeman, with input by Administrator LaSala, Attorney Bennett, and Planning Department Zoning Manager John F. Cueva, answered technical and procedural questions from the members, indicating as follows:

- Wording using an “active voice” will be reviewed prior to the second public hearing on December 20, 2011.
- Enforcement would be handled through the Code Enforcement process.
- Penalties would be consistent with existing ordinance violation penalties.
- Animal Services would pick up hens in violation of the ordinance and could take them to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the Humane Society, or the two private poultry farms in the County.

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- Six cities currently allow backyard chickens; none have reported any major problems.
- St. Petersburg requires a neighbor's consent, which is not the standard used in other jurisdictions.

Thereupon, Chairman Latvala stated that because the proposed ordinance would only allow the keeping of hens, the ordinance should be referred to as the "hen ordinance" going forward.

Commissioner Morroni expressed concern regarding the potential impact on Code Enforcement staff and their ability to address higher priority issues if the proposed ordinance is adopted, pointing out that the department has suffered numerous staffing cuts and is overworked and understaffed; and Commissioner Bostock concurred, noting that policies have to be written with the future in mind; whereupon, she related that the Board essentially made a commitment to find the budget resources to strengthen code enforcement efforts; and that the commitment to code enforcement would be even more important if the proposed ordinance is adopted.

Responding to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance:

Jack Polmann, Dunedin (Pinellas County Citizens for Backyard Poultry)
Michaela Polmann, Dunedin (Pinellas County Citizens for Backyard Poultry)
Lisa McBride, Dunedin (Pinellas County Citizens for Backyard Poultry)
JoAn Totty, Palm Harbor
Dan Mink, Crystal Beach
Dr. Brian Rothemich, Spartanburg, SC
Jasmina K. Forcan, Clearwater
Marilyn Bartolo, St. Petersburg

Responding to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, Kristina Gionet, Gulfport, and Bill Thomas, Clearwater, expressed their concerns.

Alluding to comments by Ms. Gionet, Commissioner Welch stated for the record that the Board has discussed ways to put more Animal Control officers back on the streets to take over the animal control services that the deputies have been providing; that deputies know how to prioritize; and that there is no comparison of deputies protecting public safety versus chasing chickens.

Alluding to comments by Mr. Thomas, Commissioner Roche stated that he is not inclined to create policy to protect against irresponsible people and punish responsible people; whereupon, Chairman Latvala and Commissioners Welch and Roche indicated that they

will support the proposed ordinance when it comes back to the Board for final action on December 20, 2011.

- # 2 Petition of Clifford and Judy Jones to vacate an unopened portion of Pine Street, between Island Avenue and Bates Street, in Section A, Seminole Estates Subdivision (Legislative Hearing) temporarily deferred. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. One petition with 11 signatures in opposition to, one petition with five signatures rescinding opposition, and six letters in support of the petition have been received.

Referring to a map and aerial photograph, Director of Real Estate Management Paul S. Sacco pointed out the applicant's property, neighboring properties, and the subject right-of-way. He provided a brief overview of the petition and history regarding the previous vacation of a portion of the right-of-way, and stated that the County and Progress Energy would retain their respective easements if the vacation is granted, pointing out that the easements run the length of the entire right-of-way; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by Commissioners Seel and Roche, Mr. Sacco related that, if the vacation is granted, Mr. and Mrs. Jones would pay additional real estate taxes on the 30-foot right-of-way; and that the easements prevent building on the vacated right-of-way, as access to the easements must remain available.

Responding to the Chairman's call for the applicant, Clifford and Judy Jones, Seminole, appeared, provided details supporting the petition, and responded to queries by the members.

Responding to the Chairman's call for objectors to the petition, the following individuals appeared, expressed their concerns, and responded to queries by the members:

Dan Koske, Seminole
Jackson Hilliard, Esquire, St. Petersburg (attorney for Joseph Edwards)
David Yost, North Redington Beach
Viola Susan Alley, Seminole
Joseph Edwards, Seminole
Mary Corrieri, Trinity

Discussion ensued regarding the previous vacation of right-of-way to the north and south property owners, the County's petition to vacate process, easement restrictions, and the surface of the right-of-way; and in response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Senior Assistant County Attorney Michael A. Zas and Attorney Bennett indicated that there is a

permitting process for right-of-way utilization, which was not followed by Mr. Edwards and would not have allowed for a paved driveway.

Attorney Zas indicated that a life estate agreement between the two parties may be an option, but that a vacation of the right-of-way would still be necessary; whereupon, Chairman Latvala stated that it needs to be a joint vacation of the right-of-way; and requested that the parties meet with County staff to reach a resolution, noting that the item would be brought back at a future meeting, and no objections were noted.

Thereupon, Commissioner Welch moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel and carried, that the item be continued to a future meeting.

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

- # 3 Resolution No. 11-181 adopted granting the petition of Rose and Floyd Carpenter and Emily Lin to vacate a portion of right-of-way (15-foot alley) within Block W, Crystal Beach Subdivision (Legislative Hearing). Authority granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

In response to the Chairman’s call for the applicant, Rose Carpenter, Crystal Beach, appeared and indicated that persons wanting to use the County’s property should have to pay for the use.

Motion	-	Commissioner Seel
Second	-	Commissioner Welch

In response to queries by Commissioner Roche, Director of Real Estate Management Paul Sacco indicated that he believes the concrete drain pipe in the alley is owned by the County, is underground, and is in the easement; and that the department will take the impact of water flow into consideration; whereupon, Commissioner Roche indicated that vacations are relevant to the County’s stormwater issues and should be taken into consideration.

Vote	-	7 – 0
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- # 4 Resolution No. 11-182 adopted granting the petition of Robert A. Scartozzi to vacate a portion of a five-foot utility easement in Lot 40 and a portion of a five-foot drainage easement in Lot 42, Kapok Forest Subdivision (Quasi-Judicial Hearing). Authority

granted for the Clerk to record the resolution. Letters of no objection received from all appropriate parties. Interested property owners were notified as to the date of the public hearing. Staff recommended the vacation be granted. No correspondence has been received.

Motion - Commissioner Morrioni
Second - Commissioner Welch

Commissioner Roche pointed out that the recommended action on the agenda memorandum fails to note that a portion of a five-foot drainage easement is also being vacated; whereupon, he expressed concern regarding the potential impacts to stormwater drainage, and recommended that the vacation process, going forward, include some form of verification of potential impacts to stormwater drainage.

Vote - 7 – 0

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING AUTHORITY (CPA) PUBLIC HEARINGS

#5a Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-49 approving Case No. CW 11-25, the proposal by the City of Clearwater to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Transportation/Utility to Industrial Limited, re 1.0 acre m.o.l., located on a portion of three parcels northwest of North Hercules Avenue and Palmetto Street (subthreshold amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

5b Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-50 approving Case No. CW 11-27, the proposal by Pinellas County to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Suburban (up to 2 ½ units per acre) to Residential Urban (up to 7 ½ units an acre), re 0.8 acre m.o.l., located at the northern terminus of Ridgeview Road, approximately 800 feet east of U.S. Highway 19 North (subthreshold amendment). Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Commissioner Bostock expressed concern that projects are divided and brought before the Board as separate items for consideration, which may cause confusion for neighbors

with concerns regarding the project; and stated that projects need to be considered holistically.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioners Bostock and Roche, Gordon Beardslee, Planning Department, explained that the item is before the Board in its capacity as the Countywide Planning Authority to confirm the action the Board took as the Board of County Commissioners; and that it is not a separate action; whereupon, following further discussion, he stated that he will bring back additional information regarding the distinction between transfer of development rights and density averaging, as well as the differences in the criteria for the two processes, and Attorney Bennett provided input.

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

6 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-51 approving Case No. CW 11-26, the proposal by the City of Pinellas Park to amend the Countywide Future Land Use Plan from Residential Medium (up to 15 units an acre) to Commercial General, re 3.3 acres m.o.l., located at 8701 49th Street North. Pinellas Planning Council recommended approval of the proposal and staff concurred. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Pinellas County schools.
Curt Bosker, Seminole, re neighborhood lighted district.
Dianne Bosker, Seminole, re neighborhood lighted district.
William Israel, St. Petersburg, re fire protection (submitted document and petition with 234 signatures).

- Chairman Latvala instructed staff to work with Mr. Israel on putting together an item to be brought back to the Board.
- Commissioner Welch indicated that creating another Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) would require Board action prior to December 31; that the community is aware that there may be insufficient time to vet the options and potential consequences and for all parties to weigh in on the issue; that the requested merger could be postponed until next year; and that he would prefer a collaborative resolution, but has concerns regarding the potential

impact to the millage rate for the remaining unincorporated area residents; whereupon, he requested that Public Safety Services Fire Division Manager Mike Cooksey provide the members with an electronic copy of his spreadsheet.

- Attorney Bennett provided input regarding an email received from South Pasadena City Attorney Linda Hallis expressing concerns; stated that staff will review the options presented; and advised that action must be taken prior to December 31 should the Board choose to adopt an MSTU that changes the boundaries.
- Commissioner Roche expressed concern that creating another MSTU would exacerbate the existing fire service issue.
- ❖ Further discussion regarding the fire protection issue occurred following Agenda Item No. 43, County Commission Miscellaneous.

Greg Pound, Largo, re Pinellas families.

Norman Atherton, Palm Harbor, re EMS.

Doug Lewis, Pinellas Park, re EMS Dispatch #29.

JoAn Y. Totty, Palm Harbor, re Palm Harbor noise ordinance.

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At this time, 12:24 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 1:09 P.M.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 7 THROUGH 18 – APPROVED.

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

7 Minutes of regular meetings of October 25, 2011 and November 8, 2011 approved.

8 Reports received for filing:

- a. Division of Inspector General, Audit Services, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Report No. 2011-18 dated October 27, 2011 – Follow-Up Audit of Culture, Education and Leisure Department’s Belle Harbour Marina and Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp.
- b. Division of Inspector General, Audit Services, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Report No. 2011-19 dated October 27, 2011 – Follow-Up Audit of Human Services Program Homeless Street Outreach.

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- c. City of Safety Harbor Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, including Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2011/12 – Fiscal Year 2015/16.
- d. Juvenile Welfare Board Monthly Financial and Investment Report dated September 30, 2011.
- e. Pinellas County Historical Society, Inc. Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2011.
- f. Dock Fee Report for the month of October 2011.

9 Vouchers and Bills Paid – None.

#10 Miscellaneous items received for filing:

- a. City of Clearwater Public Hearing Notice of Land Use Plan, Zoning Atlas, and Community Development Code amendments regarding proposed Ordinances Nos. 8268-11, 8269-11, and 8306-11; public hearings held November 15, 2011 and to be held December 15, 2011.
- b. City of Largo Notice of Public Hearing re Ordinances Nos. 2012-16 and 2012-18 held December 6, 2011.
- c. City of Safety Harbor Resolution No. 2011-27 adopted November 7, 2011 supporting further discussion of Emergency Medical Care First Response and Ambulance Transport by the Fire Service of Safety Harbor.
- d. Eastlake Oaks Community Development District minutes of the meetings held April 14, June 9, and August 11, 2011.
- e. Florida Public Service Commission (1) Order No. PSC-11-0481-TRF-EI issued October 25, 2011, making Premier Power Service Rider, Rate Schedule PPS-1 permanent; (2) Consummating Order No. PSC-11-0506-CO-EQ issued October 28, 2011, approving negotiated power purchase agreement with U.S. EcoGen Polk, LLC by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.; and (3) Final Order No. PSC-11-0515-FOF-EI issued November 3, 2011, granting approval for Tampa Electric Company to issue and sell securities until December 31, 2012.

#11 Purchase authorization for Water Treatment Chemicals – Polymers from BASF Corporation (Cooperative) (Contract No. 112-0031-PB) approved for an estimated annual expenditure not to exceed \$722,000.00; prices, terms, and conditions are per City of Las Vegas, Nevada Contract No. 0900027-TM sponsored by the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance; contract expires July 15, 2012. The request provides the ability to extend the agreement for two optional, one-year terms and the County Administrator may authorize term extensions based on Las Vegas extension, department recommendation, and available funds.

- #12 Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with SNF Polydyne, Inc. for Methanol, Reclaimed and Virgin (Rebid) (Contract No. 101-0408-B) approved decreasing the agreement amount by \$90,000.00 for a revised total expenditure of \$1,411,200.00.
- #13a Award of bid to R.E. Purcell Construction Company, Inc. for traffic flow improvements – Solid Waste Bridgeway Acres Landfill (Bid No. 101-0290-CP) (Project No. 1928) approved for an estimated total expenditure in the amount of \$2,589,145.40 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work to be fully completed within 456 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractor.
- #13b Bid of Intelligent Transportation Systems Traffic Equipment from Blackhawk Enterprises, Inc. (Group 4) approved by the Board on April 26, 2011, rescinded on the basis of being non-compliant; and bid for Intelligent Transportation Systems Traffic Equipment (Group 4) (Rebid) (Bid No. 101-0337-B) re-awarded to Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc., as delineated in the agenda memorandum dated December 6, 2011 (contract increase due to Rescind and Re-award Group 4, \$3,712.00; total revised estimated 36-month expenditure not to exceed, \$4,552,310.00).
- #14 DELEGATED ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RECEIVED FOR FILING (COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>
Airport	Airline Operating Permit with Vision Airlines, Inc.	\$199,596.21 Revenue; \$25,000.00 Expenditure	10.13.11
Building and Development Review Services	Special Event Permit for Legends Tournament of Champions	N/A	11.6.11
Community Development	Local Government Verification Forms for the Proposed Renovation of Affordable Housing Projects:		11.14.11
	(a) Eagle Ridge Apartments	(a) N/A	
	(b) Santos Isle Senior Housing Development	(b) N/A	
Community Development	Specific Performance Agreement with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. for Homeless Supportive Services Program	\$140,000.00 Grant Revenue	10.11.11

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Convention and Visitors Bureau	Indemnification Provision Waivers with the Amateur Softball Association of America and Destination Marketing Association	N/A	10.27.11
Convention and Visitors Bureau	Tourism Cooperative Marketing Agreement with Allegiant Air, LLC to Promote and Market Pinellas County in Inbound Airline Markets	\$200,000.00	10.11.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Time Extension to the Transportation Regional Incentive Program with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Bryan Dairy Road from Starkey Road to 72 nd Street	N/A Time Only	11.10.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Temporary Waiver for Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages for Downtown Palm Harbor – First Friday Bike Night	N/A	10.27.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Temporary Waiver for Alcoholic Beverage Consumption for Downtown Palm Harbor Octoberfest	N/A	10.14.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Agreements for Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals and Devices with Two (2) Municipalities	N/A Time Only Extension	10.11.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Releases of Lien (9)	All Liens are Paid in Full	9.23.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Notices of Lien (49)	N/A	9.22.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Releases of Lien (6)	All Liens are Paid in Full	9.16.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Releases of Lien (12)	All Liens are Paid in Full	9.14.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Notices of Lien (11)	N/A	9.12.11
Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Notices of Lien (13)	N/A	9.7.11

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Department of Environment and Infrastructure	Releases of Lien (5)	All Liens are Paid in Full	9.1.11
Economic Development	Agreement with WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. for Business Outreach Services	\$50,000.00 Revenue	11.2.11
Emergency Management	Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with United Way of Tampa Bay, Inc. for a Volunteer Reception Center in the Event of a Disaster	N/A	11.5.11
Emergency Management	Memorandum of Understanding with the Juvenile Welfare Board for Disaster Recovery Training	\$10,000.00 Grant Revenue	10.18.11
Health & Human Services	Pinellas County Health Program (PCHP) Specialty Provider Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Gateway Radiology for Increased Funding	\$25,000.00 Increase	10.27.11
Health & Human Services	PCHP Specialty Provider Agreement with: Bay Area Nephrology PL Total Foot Care, PA Jonathan A Mines, M.D., P.A., d/b/a Bay Area Retina Consultants Gubernick Allergy Asthma & Immunology Assoc., PA Dr. Dane Maxfield, D.O. Lazenby & Heath M.D.'s, PA Renal Hypertension Center Bay Surgical Specialists, PA Antony G. Sankoorikal M.D. PA William N Handleman, M.D., PA d/b/a Bay Area Medical West Coast Neurology PA Lee Shettle DO, PA Eqbal Kalani, M.D., PA Infectious Disease Consultants of St. Pete, PA Vilas Deshpande M.D., PA Diabetes Care Center, Inc Interventional Cardiac Consultants, PLC Bayside Urology PA Bay Area Heart Center PA Don B. Knapp II, M.D. Central Imaging Open MRI, Inc. Farese Physical Therapy Center, Inc. Digestive Disease & Cancer Institute, PA	Per Resolution 10-209 Waiving Purchasing Ordinance to Allow HHS Authority to Negotiate Specialty Health Care Services; Total FY 2012 expenditure \$3,715,000.00	10.13.11 10.6.11

	Advanced Orthopaedic Associates, PA Tampa Bay Imaging Nephrology Consultants of Pinellas, LLC Dharamraj, Inc William C Hulley D.O., PA Pinellas Radiation Oncology Associates		
Health and Human Services	Termination of the Florida Low Income Pool Program Agreements with Morton Plant Hospital Association, Inc. and St. Anthony's Hospital, Inc.	N/A	9.23.11
Health and Human Services	Amendment No. 1 to Specialty Provider Agreement with Levitt Medical Associations of Florida, d/b/a/ Advanced Dermatology Cosmetic Surgery for Increased Funding	\$50,000.00 Increase	8.11.11
Justice and Consumer Services	Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program Financial and Progress Reports	N/A	11.8.11
Justice and Consumer Services	Service Funding Agreements with:	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants	10.27.11
	(a) ALPHA House of Pinellas County, Inc. for Abuse Education and Prevention	(a) \$14,145.00, No Match	
	(b) Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast, Inc. for Skills, Mastery and Resistance Training Girls Program	(b) \$10,000.00, No Match	
	(c) Operation PAR, Inc. for Residential Treatment and Grant Award for Funding from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)	(c) \$30,000.00, No Match	
	(d) Suncoast Center, Inc. for Jail Diversion Expansion Program	(d) \$45,000.00, No Match	
	(e) Family Resource, Inc. for Community Placement Intake Service Program	(e) \$33,000.00	
Justice and Consumer Services	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund Grant Program Agreements with:		10.27.11
	(a) Directions for Mental Health, Inc. for Recovery Row Renovation of therapeutic spaces	(a) \$8,000.00	
	(b) Family Resources, Inc. for safe place building roof	(b) \$8,000.00	

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	(c) Suncoast Center, Inc. for HVAC improvement	(c) \$8,000.00	
	(d) Operation PAR, Inc. for PREVENT	(d) \$7,000.00	
	(e) Operation PAR, Inc. for Residential Treatment	(e) \$5,000.00	
	(f) WestCare Gulf-Coast Florida, Inc. for Bathroom Renovations	(f) \$3,500.00	
	(g) Boley Centers, Inc. for Safe Haven Lighting Upgrade	(g) \$3,000.00	
	(h) Pinellas Ex Offender Reentry Coalition	(h) \$3,000.00	
	(i) Gulf Coast Community Care for 66 th Street Group Home	(i) \$2,500.00	
Justice and Consumer Services	(a) Data Collaborative Services Agreement with the University of South Florida for Information Sharing	(a) \$20,000.00	10.27.11
	(b) Grant Award from U.S. Department of Labor for Success Training and Retention Services, Employment Readiness Training Program (STARS-STRIVE)	(b) \$200,000.00 Grant Revenue	
Justice and Consumer Services	Traffic Law Enforcement Agreement for Crescent Oaks Community Association, Inc.	\$7,000.00 Revenue	10.12.11
Justice and Consumer Services	Grant Award from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, Justice Assistance Grant for :	Grant Revenue	10.11.11
	(a) Child Abuse Education and Prevention	(a) \$14,145.00	
	(b) Jail Diversion Expansion	(b) \$45,000.00	
	(c) Community Placement Intake Service	(c) \$33,000.00	
	(d) SMART Girls Project	(d) \$10,000.00	
	(e) Sexual Predator and Offender Tracking Unit Deputies	(e) \$125,000.00	
Justice and Consumer Services	Grant Award from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, Justice Assistance Grant for the Justice Program Analyst	\$36,905.00 Grant Revenue	10.9.11

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Justice and Consumer Services	Cooperative Agreement Award with the Department of Justice for the FY2011 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program – Pinellas Forensic Lab	\$414,921.00 Grant Revenue	9.22.11
Parks and Conservation Resources	(a) Second Amendment to the Grant Funding Agreement with East Lake Youth Sports Association for Time Extension	(a) \$145,928.00	11.9.11
	(b) Application for Local Government Partnership Funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for Resource Management at Brooker Creek Preserve and Sawgrass Lake Park	(b) \$111,004.00 Revenue	
Parks and Conservation Resources	License Agreement with the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. for Operation of the Brooker Creek Retail Gift Shop	\$400.00	10.28.11
Parks and Conservation Resources	(a) Environmental Protection Assistance Amendment for the National Air Toxics Trends Site, Tampa Bay Area	(a) \$85,662.00 Grant Revenue	10.11.11
	(b) Ambient Air Monitoring Services Grant Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	(b) \$96,449.00 Grant Revenue	
Planning	Annual Report of Florida Quality Development, Criminal Courts and Jail Complex	N/A	11.7.11
Public Safety Services	Amendment No. 4 to Medical Direction Service Agreement with Emergency Medical Services Group, Inc. to Correct Scrivener’s Error	N/A	11.2.11
Real Estate Management	License Agreement with Northside Baptist Church, Inc. for Temporary Citizen Shelter During Storm Events	N/A	11.9.11
Real Estate Management	Amendment to Use and License Agreement with Florida Power Corporation, d/b/a/ Progress Energy Florida, Inc. for Weedon Island Gatehouse	N/A	10.11.11
Real Estate Management	Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Renewal for Sutherland Bayou	\$581.00	9.27.11
Real Estate Management	Lease Agreement with the State of Florida for 501 1 st Ave. N., St. Petersburg	\$134,925.00 Annual Revenue; \$40,000.00 Renovation Expenses	8.24.11

- #15 Ranking of firms and authorization for staff to negotiate with the two top-ranked firms: Edward C. Hoffman, Jr., Architects, P.A., d/b/a Hoffman Architects, P.A.; and SEArchitecture, LLC, for Professional Services Community Development Programs (Contract No. 101-0294-CN) approved. Final negotiated agreements to be presented to the Board for consideration at a later date (Community Development).
- #16 Department of Justice Grant Awards Ratified and Accepted:
- a. Supplemental Second Chance Act (SCA) Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the Re-Entry Court Program (Award No. 2010-RM-BX-0006) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2012 (Justice and Consumer Services).
 - b. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Grant Award for Pinellas County, Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Training and Improvements Program (Award No. 2011-WC-AX-K018) in the amount of \$299,310.00 for Fiscal Year 2012 (Justice and Consumer Services).
- #17 Resolution No. 11-183 adopted appropriating earmarked receipts for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund Budget (unexpended grant balance to the Community Development Department totaling \$1,200.00) (Management and Budget).
- #18 Award of bid to Kenyon and Partners, Inc. for Air Handling Unit Replacement – STAR Center (Project No. 1060; Bid No. 101-0405-CP) approved for an estimated total expenditure in the amount of \$280,900.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications; all work to be fully completed within 150 consecutive calendar days; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractor (Real Estate Management).
- #19 Items for discussion from Consent Agenda (County Administrator and Clerk of Circuit Court) – None.
- #20 Installation of one four-way stop condition to be located at Illinois Avenue and 11th Street in accordance with the Residential Traffic Management (RTM) program adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 97-291 dated October 14, 1997 and revised June 4, 2002 and June 7, 2005 approved.

Administrator LaSala indicated that the Board had previously denied the application, noting that a traffic analysis was conducted based on a request received for relief of speeding and cut-through traffic; and at the request of Chairman Latvala, Director of

Transportation and Stormwater Peter J. Yauch provided an overview of the analysis, affirming that the item qualified for the program procedurally. Mr. Yauch indicated that when the item was previously heard, the applicant was not aware that it was on the agenda; and that the process has since been changed to notify applicants of the meeting dates.

In response to the Chairman's call for citizens wishing to be heard, the following individuals spoke in support of the request:

- Ruth M. Fairchild, Palm Harbor
- Martha Loza, Palm Harbor
- Charles Kallmeyer, Palm Harbor

In response to the Chairman's call for objectors, Norman Atherton and JoAn Totty, Palm Harbor, expressed their concerns.

Commissioner Welch stated that the Board made a mistake the first time the item was heard; and confirmed that the notification process has changed; whereupon, he moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel, that the application be approved.

- Motion - Commissioner Welch
- Second - Commissioner Seel

Commissioner Roche suggested implementation of a neighborhood policy versus traffic engineering of a particular street, and discussion ensued. Mr. Yauch stated that over the past several years, various stop signs have been placed in the neighborhood; that the program has experienced drastic budget cuts; and that the Board may choose to discuss other options for the program at a future work session or get rid of it entirely; whereupon, Chairman Latvala and Commissioner Roche related that they do not want to end the program.

Commissioner Brickfield related that he made two trips to the impacted area during both the morning and afternoon hours; and that the street was not busy; whereupon, Commissioners Morroni and Welch contended that the people who live in the neighborhood know best whether a stop sign is needed; that the majority of the residential property owners who were polled supported installation of the four-way stop; and that the Board did not have complete information when it previously voted to deny the application.

Discussion ensued wherein Commissioners Roche and Bostock suggested implementing a countywide neighborhood-based plan to control traffic; and Chairman Latvala pointed out that the former traffic-calming program had been eliminated.

Vote - 6 – 1 (Commissioner Brickfield dissenting)

- #21 Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for the Lake Seminole Dredging Project approved, revising the funding contribution for Phase I of the project as outlined in the Financial Project Overview, which has been filed and made a part of the record (N191) (SWFWMD No. 10C00000082; PID No. 922025); Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Administrator LaSala indicated that this is a water quality-oriented dredge project; and that the amendment is an equal split between SWFWMD and the County; whereupon, in response to query by Commissioner Roche, he related that it is an increase in the amount of the agreement.

Motion - Commissioner Morrioni
Second - Commissioner Roche
Vote - 7 – 0

- #22 Change Order No. 2 to the agreement with Rowland, Inc. for annual requirements of Pump Station Rehabilitations/Improvements (PID No. 1965; Contract No. 089-0311-C) approved increasing the agreement amount by \$300,000.00 (revised contract total amount, \$4,891,066.90); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.

Commissioner Roche commented that he has observed a general continuing increase in change orders; and suggested that there be a periodic review of original bids in order to maintain the lowest bid structure. Following discussion, Chairman Latvala stated that it is not the vendor increasing the contract; and that the County is increasing the workload; whereupon, Commissioner Roche acknowledged that he understands the nature of the increase; and reiterated his suggestion that there be a periodic review of original bids in order to maintain the lowest bid structure.

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

- #23 Final negotiated agreement with E.C. Driver & Associates, Inc. for the Beckett Bridge Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study approved (PID No. 2161; Contract No. 101-0131-NC); estimated total lump sum amount not to exceed \$750,000.00,

including \$16,143.05 in contingency, and \$47,320.99 in optional services funds (County funding, \$369,035.00); Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest after proper execution by the contractor and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.

In response to queries by Commissioner Seel, Public Works Operations Bureau Director Jorge Quintas indicated that the PD&E study will determine the cost for the bridge construction; that the options include maintaining the bridge, removing the bridge and considering an alternate route, rehabilitating the bridge, or replacing the bridge with either a movable or fixed span; that possible sources of funding for the project may be grants or federal funding; and that the intent of the study is to explore the options to determine how to proceed and to prepare a budget, noting that the study follows federal parameters.

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

#24 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on January 10, 2012, regarding the updated Safety Harbor Downtown Master Plan.

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

#25 Resolution No. 11-185 adopted initiating the process provided for under the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement Act for negotiating one or more interlocal agreements as provided for in Chapter 171, Part II of the Florida Statutes; authorization granted for transmittal to the local government jurisdictions and the Independent Special Districts listed in the resolution, which shall include an explanation of the reasons for initiating the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement process, along with an outline of the procedure to be followed and the timetable established in the statute for the various decision-making steps.

Administrator LaSala stated that the resolution is a result of the recommendation of the Board to develop an approach to non-contiguous annexation within enclaves that are totally surrounded by the municipality; and in response to query by Commissioner Roche, clarified that the resolution is without regard to the size of the enclave.

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

#26 Airline Operating Agreement between Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and Allegiant Air, LLC, at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport approved for a two-year term with an option for a third year (total projected revenue for the two-year term, \$6,983,140.00); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest (Airport).

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

#27 Resolution No. 11-184 adopted approving Project B110275 as a qualified applicant pursuant to Section 288.106, Florida Statutes, and identifying sources of local county financial support as local participation in the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund Program (total contribution of Pinellas County will not exceed \$105,000.00 to be paid over a series of fiscal years as determined by the State) (Economic Development).

Administrator LaSala indicated that the project is estimated to create 225 new jobs and have an economic impact of \$14,900,000.00; and that it is contingent upon the creation of jobs.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Administrator LaSala indicated that staff is working on a current status report of QTI projects; whereupon, Economic Development Director Mike Meidel stated that the members voted on approximately 20 applicants in recent years; and upon request by Commissioners Morrioni and Roche, affirmed that a current status update will be provided on January 10, 2012, notwithstanding staff's regular annual report, noting that the annual report is a total program update with a state-mandated schedule; whereupon, he explained the QTI program process.

Commissioner Seel stated that although she voted against keeping the companies anonymous a year ago, she supports the program. Discussion ensued wherein Mr. Meidel reported that State law allows the companies to remain confidential; and that in this case, the company chose to remain anonymous.

Discussion ensued as to how the QTI program is budgeted by the County, and Commissioner Bostock indicated that she is concerned about the impact of the current budget process on future Commissions; and that she would support placing funds into a reserves account. Mr. Meidel indicated that the annual report shows the current and future financial commitments; whereupon, Commissioner Bostock suggested that the members consider returning the reserved funds to the general budget, and Chairman Latvala concurred.

Motion - Commissioner Roche
Second - Commissioner Morroni
Vote - 7 – 0

- #28 Contract with State of Florida, Department of Health for operation of the Pinellas County Health Department for Contract Year 2011-2012 approved retroactive to October 1, 2011; County’s appropriated responsibility not to exceed \$3,479,540.00; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest (Health and Human Services).

Responding to query by Commissioner Roche, Administrator LaSala stated that a paperwork delay was the reason for the retroactive date; and that the contract is consistent with the budget that was adopted by the Board effective October 1, 2011; whereupon, Commissioner Roche explained that his question was in reference to a fluoride discussion held in a previous Board meeting, noting that the Board had looked for ways to reallocate some of those dollars into a new plan; and Gwendolyn Warren, Director, Health and Human Services, stated that the matter is on the December 20, 2011 agenda.

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

- #29 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on December 20, 2011, regarding an ordinance creating Section 54-98 of the Pinellas County Code providing for promulgation by resolution of processes for handling calls received by the 9-1-1 Call Center (Public Safety Services).

Administrator LaSala indicated that this is a continuation of the priority dispatch program, noting that it has been reviewed by the Medical Control Board, Medical Director, and the EMS Advisory Council; whereupon, Chairman Latvala pointed out that since it is merely a motion to advertise, a presentation today would not be necessary.

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

- #30 Other Administrative Matters – None.

- #31 Authorization granted to advertise a public hearing to be held on January 10, 2012, regarding proposed revisions to the Pinellas County Code regarding Pinellas County employee bonuses.

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

#32 County Attorney authorized to accept offer to settle the County’s interest in real property subject to foreclosure action in the case of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company versus Carol Neal et al., Circuit Civil Case No. 08-17237-CI-15 – Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement.

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

#33 County Attorney authorized to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County versus Evelio Calzadilla, Jr., a/k/a Evelio Calzadilla, a/k/a Leo Calzadilla, 3426 14th Avenue South L.L.C., and 3432 14th Avenue South L.L.C. – Violation of Laws Relating to Asbestos Requirements.

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

#34 County Attorney Miscellaneous – None.

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Chairman Latvala stated that the next three items will be considered by the Board as the EMS Advisory Council; and introduced Deputy Chief Donald Sayer, ex officio Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council Chair; whereupon, Deputy Chief Sayer cited a portion of House Bill 849, and encouraged the Board to fully utilize the expertise of the EMS Advisory Council.

Chairman Latvala stated that EMS is a very complicated issue, noting that steady progress has been made, but that there is still a lot of work to be done. She enumerated the accomplishments to date, and cautioned everyone against becoming polarized before the issues have been worked through and the Board against taking actions without allowing ample time for the issues to be thoroughly considered.

Chairman Latvala distributed the comparative study prepared by Administrator LaSala and a League of Cities public opinion poll, copies of which have been filed and made a part of the record. She indicated that the comparative study reflects that the County and

Sanford-Millican plans agree on (1) the proposed funding scenario recommended by the IPS study, and (2) priority dispatch. She stated that the health care providers want the private transport system to remain in place; that the public opinion poll reflects that citizens have concerns regarding how the County is spending their money; and that the citizens were shocked to discover how much firefighters receive in salaries and benefits; whereupon, she related that the Board must consider these findings during its deliberations.

Thereupon, Chairman Latvala stated that a reasonable plan has been presented; and that it is the Board’s responsibility to thoroughly vet that plan; whereupon, she suggested that both plans be operationalized before bringing in a Big Four accounting firm to review the plans.

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#35 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board approved the Second Extension of Advanced Life Support First Responder Services Agreement between the Authority and the City of St. Petersburg (retroactive to October 1, 2011). Extension agreement provides more specific contract language than the Master Agreement Extension previously approved by the Authority and updates the appendices. Chairman authorized to execute the extension agreement. Extension agreement is for a one-year term effective October 1, 2011, and ending at midnight on September 30, 2012; Fiscal Year 2010-2011 expenditure was \$12,414,148.00.

Motion - Commissioner Brickfield
Second - Commissioner Roche

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Administrator LaSala indicated that the City of St. Petersburg requested some wordsmithing, but that no substantive changes were made to the agreement.

Vote - 7 – 0

#36 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board granted authorization to advertise a public hearing to be held on December 20, 2011, to amend the definition of “Prudent Net Worth” contained in Pinellas County Ordinance 88-12, now codified in part in Section 54-56 of the Pinellas County Code.

Administrator LaSala indicated that the action is consistent with the budget discussions and submittal reducing the EMS reserves from 33 1/3 percent to 25 percent of the EMS Authority’s then-current budget amount.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioners Morroni, Roche, and Welch, Administrator LaSala and Public Safety Services EMS Division Manager Craig Hare, with input by Commissioner Brickfield and Assistant County Administrator Maureen Freaney, indicated that staff believes reserves of 25 percent would be sufficient in the event of a catastrophic natural disaster until revenue collection can be resumed; that 25 percent would represent a figure somewhere in the \$20 million range, but the exact figure will be provided to the Board; and that the forecast summary currently reflects reserves of \$19.4 million, or 22.4 percent, pointing out that the percentage is measured at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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

- #37 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, the Board temporarily deferred a proposed resolution establishing EMS Districts, designated in Resolution No. 10-154, as taxing units in accordance with Section 200.066, Florida Statutes, to the December 20, 2011 meeting.

Administrator LaSala stated that the resolution is consistent with the Special Act directive authorizing the EMS Authority to establish sub-districts for millage levying purposes, pointing out that the resolution authorizes creation of the sub-districts but does not actually set up the sub-districts; and that if the Board chooses to set up the sub-districts, it must do so by December 31 in order for the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser to prepare for the next fiscal year.

Attorney Bennett referenced Section 10 of the 1980 Special Act, noting that it contemplated the establishment of sub-districts; and indicated that the proposed resolution establishes the sub-districts and sets up the sub-districts for the purposes of the Property Appraiser’s requirements, which would provide a tool that would be available to the Board in the future, if needed, to make the system work. He related that the County Attorney’s Office has been working with the Property Appraiser regarding the sub-districts and making sure the Property Appraiser is comfortable with the ability to build in maximum flexibility without constraining the utilization of that flexibility.

Chief Assistant County Attorney Dennis R. Long related that the issues of (1) reserving the Board’s ability to either levy a uniform millage on a countywide basis or by district and (2) identifying the parcels in the unincorporated area that currently pay EMS millage but do not fall within the boundaries of any fire districts need to be addressed before the resolution is passed; and that the legal description needs to include all of the parcels;

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whereupon, he recommended that the item be continued to the December 20, 2011 BCC meeting.

During discussion and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Roche, Attorneys Long and Bennett indicated that the parcels cannot be included in an EMS sub-district through an addendum after the end of the year; that from a tax roll perspective, it is unclear if the properties would be included; that the parcels are tied to fire districts; and that if the resolution were adopted today, it would not cover all of the parcels in Pinellas County within the sub-districts established; whereupon, Attorney Long reiterated that legal staff is also working on the appropriate language for the resolution to reserve the Board's ability to levy a uniform millage throughout the County for the current countywide special taxing district for first responder services.

Commissioner Welch stated that he adamantly opposes the resolution; that he does not support marginal engine funding, as he sees it as a cost-shift to the cities, not a solution to the problem; that a lot of progress has been made on the issue; and that staff refers to this option as the "nuclear option" for a reason, pointing out that if the resolution is adopted, it would stop all of the Board's collaborative efforts and would lead to additional lawsuits.

Attorney Long related that the 1980 Special Act language indicated that it was appropriate, and might be necessary, to establish sub-districts with different millage rates to address the needs of each separate district, depending on the level of services and other factors involved in establishing the millage rate. He indicated that from a legal perspective, staff recommends recognizing the continuation of the countywide special taxing district and establishing the sub-districts articulated in the resolution, while ensuring that all of the properties currently paying EMS millage are addressed; and that taking that approach would allow the Board maximum flexibility to set different millage rates, if necessary, to maintain the financial viability of the first responder system.

In response to comments and queries by Commissioner Welch, Attorneys Long and Bennett indicated that the item was brought before the Board based on a staff recommendation; that the Board previously adopted resolutions concerning reasonable and customary costs; and that millage rates and standards would be revisited as part of the Board's detailed review of costs and level of service; whereupon, Commissioner Welch expressed concern that the basis for the higher millage rates is actually a way to have areas that do not comply with the Integral Performance Solutions (IPS) plan pay their own costs.

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Commissioner Welch expressed his disappointment that the item was put on the agenda without the majority of the Board's direction, relating that the Board directed moving forward with a pilot program and addressing St. Petersburg's pension cost, which has not begun. He related that the Board has had the authority and capability to do several things that it has not done; and that moving forward at the present time would be a mistake; whereupon, he pointed out that fundamentally changing the way taxes for EMS in the County are collected needs to be done at a public hearing; and stated that he opposes moving forward with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Bostock stated that she likes that the Board would have maximum flexibility, which is what she has wanted all along; that the resolution is a tool that would provide the Board with more options, noting that one of the main options that could be exercised would be one standard millage rate; and that the important decisions are not inherent in today's vote. Chairman Latvala and Commissioner Seel indicated that they want all options available when making the decision; that multitasking and moving forward expeditiously would be required to meet the Legislative Delegation's deadline; and that vetting the plans from a financial standpoint alone is insufficient.

During discussion and in response to query by Commissioner Roche, Administrator LaSala indicated that the recommendation is not driven by or based on the IPS plan; and Commissioner Roche opined that opening the Special Act would allow the Board to solve the problem; and that he sees the resolution as an incentive for all stakeholders to come to the table and collaboratively solve the problem.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent meeting with the Legislative Delegation, its recommendations and involvement in the issue, and the Board's rights as the EMS Authority. Commissioner Brickfield related that his understanding was that Senator Jack Latvala was going to assemble a committee; and that the committee would pick the company to perform the study to prevent any perception of bias, noting that he believes Senator Latvala would be more flexible with the deadline if the County was going to perform the study on the plans before having an accountant evaluate them; whereupon, Administrator LaSala stated that, based on his conversation with Senator Latvala after the meeting, the Legislative Delegation was recommending to the Board that a committee be created; that the Legislative Delegation would suggest a structure for the committee; that the committee would develop a scope of service for the County to conduct a request for proposals for an accountant to evaluate the current service, the IPS recommendations, and the Sanford-Millican recommendations in terms of costs; and that the EMS Authority would pay for the accountant, and discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Seel warned that the Legislative Delegation could open the Special Act; and Commissioner Welch stated that Representative Jeffrey Brandes and some others want to open the Special Act. He restated that he has concerns regarding who is driving the issue; and reiterated that at the November 28 work session, the majority of the Board supported looking into pilots and getting them implemented; whereupon, Commissioner Welch stated that he wants to know if fire based transport would work in Pinellas County and how much it would cost, regardless of whether an accountant reviews the plans or not; and in response to his concerns and queries, Chairman Latvala indicated that she would contact Senator Latvala and explain that just an accounting audit of the numbers is insufficient; and that a study of fire based transport is necessary, noting that she believes the Legislative Delegation would not object.

Administrator LaSala related that staff has already filled in the holes in the Sanford-Millican plan, as reflected in the report previously provided to the Board, the analysis and evaluation of the report, and the summary distributed earlier in the meeting; that if the Board feels it is necessary to have a detached third-party evaluate the Sanford-Millican plan a second time, then that is what should be done. He stated that fire based transport could work, pointing out that the question is the cost involved; whereupon, he recommended that, for the sake of the public, the issue of whether fire based transport could work be removed from the discussion, noting that it is a distraction. Commissioner Roche concurred, and recommended that the 7.5 minutes, 90 percent of the time response time also be removed, pointing out that it is an arbitrary number established by the County when the system was established, not a national standard.

Commissioner Welch stated that the model has to change; and that the Board needs to get a clean look at the options; and in response to comments by Administrator LaSala, he related that the transition should not take years to be completed if the majority of the Board supports pursuing fire based transport and the County Administrator fully embraces and implements the new model. Commissioner Welch indicated that he has concerns regarding the issue becoming personalized and the Board's decision, when it is made, being embraced and implemented by the County Administrator, and Chairman Latvala concurred, indicating that all the members agree. She stated that the members want to be confident that the decision the Board makes will provide the same level of service currently provided, contain costs, and be fair to all the fire departments and the cities, pointing out that everyone needs to remember the goals as the issue moves forward; whereupon, she indicated that the current system works well, but is no longer affordable.

Discussion ensued regarding implementing a pilot program and in response to comments and queries by Commissioner Welch, Commissioner Brickfield pointed out that the current contract with Paramedics Plus does not allow for pilot programs; and that even if the Board wanted to pursue a pilot program, it could not until the current contract expires; whereupon, Administrator LaSala stated that staff is sensitive to Commissioner Welch’s concerns regarding the potential tax burden to the cities; that discussions with the City of St. Petersburg are ongoing; that when the discussions are complete and before coming back with a pilot program, he will provide a written report to the Board that would include a written position from the City of St. Petersburg.

Thereupon, following brief discussion, Commissioner Seel moved, seconded by Commissioner Brickfield and carried, that the item be continued to the December 20, 2011 meeting.

Motion	-	Commissioner Seel
Second	-	Commissioner Brickfield
Vote	-	6 – 1 (Commissioner Welch dissenting)

In response to the Chairman’s call for citizens wishing to be heard, Beth Rawlins, Clearwater, appeared, expressed her concerns, and responded to queries by the members.

In response to query by Commissioner Brickfield, Chairman Latvala indicated that it would be appropriate to formalize the Board’s direction, and discussion ensued wherein Commissioner Roche expressed concern that the IPS plan is constantly referred to as “our” plan or “the County’s” plan, and Commissioner Welch concurred, indicating that it should be referred to as the IPS recommendations or consultant plan; that the Board has not adopted the IPS plan; and that taking the plan operational would not constitute the Board’s adoption, and no objections were noted.

Thereupon, Commissioner Brickfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Seel and carried, that the County work with the Legislative Delegation to form the task force; that the task force hire a consultant to operationalize the IPS plan and the Sanford-Millican plan; and that when the study is complete, the study be submitted to a Big Four accounting firm for a full evaluation.

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

#38 Resolution No. 11-186 adopted approving voting precinct line adjustments as submitted by the Supervisor of Elections.

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

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Deviating from the agenda, Chairman Latvala indicated that Agenda Item No. 42 would be addressed at this time, and no objections were noted.

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#42 Chairman Latvala indicated that nominations were in order for the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Calendar Year 2012.

Commissioner Brickfield moved that Commissioner John Morroni be elected Chairman, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Seel moved that Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch be elected as Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Commissioner Morroni. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the process and criteria for determining the rotation for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board; whereupon, in response to comments and queries by Commissioners Roche and Bostock, Commissioner Seel indicated that she would prefer to provide notice of the topic and discussion, which could include other policies the Board wishes to discuss, and no objections were noted.

#39 County Administrator Report:

INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

Web Analytics

Administrator LaSala distributed an activity report produced by Business Technology Services regarding web analytics, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and indicated that the report provides information regarding use of the County’s website, including self-service web transactions; whereupon, he provided additional details regarding the report and the website.

#40 County Administrator Report:

STORMWATER UPDATE

Administrator LaSala indicated that this update is a continuation of the stormwater discussion that began at a February workshop and has included one-on-one briefings with the Commissioners and a tour of the stormwater facilities. He related that staff is seeking the Board's validation of the strategy and approach it has developed based on the Board's feedback; and that a budget amendment will be brought before the Board at its next meeting for funding to ensure full compliance with regulatory permits. He indicated that staff will explore opportunities with the County's partners to address surface water management issues in the county, to develop a long-term strategy, and to determine how to pay for and carry out the strategy; whereupon, he identified some of the partners, including: the citizens, the cities, the state, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Tampa Bay Water, and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.

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At this time, 3:16 P.M., the meeting was recessed and reconvened at 3:24 P.M. with all Commissioners in attendance, with the exception of Commissioner Roche.

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Kelli Levy, Department of Environment and Infrastructure, conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Comprehensive Surface Water Strategic Initiative*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and stated that the purpose of the presentation is to (1) present a comprehensive surface water strategic initiative that is part of an integrated water resource management strategy; (2) bring the strategy into context with the challenges being experienced that bring threats to the communities and environment, as well as opportunities and means to adapt to the challenges; and (3) seek the Board's validation in the areas of permit compliance for 2012, proposed management strategy for the future of surface water management in the County, and discussions with local government partners to discuss roles and responsibilities.

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At this time, 3:44 P.M., Commissioner Seel left the meeting.

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Following the presentation and in response to queries by Commissioner Welch and Chairman Latvala, Ms. Levy indicated that the budget amendment will fund a complete inventory of the County’s assets and a condition assessment, which will probably be outsourced; that it will pay for two new staff positions and reinstate some of the staff positions eliminated in previous years, including part of the inspection and monitoring staff for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program; that the added staff will be General Fund positions; and that the request will be for approximately \$400,000.00.

Administrator LaSala discussed the importance of a long-term, systematic, methodical, and deliberate approach to the stormwater issue and, at his request, Attorney Bennett discussed some of the mandatory obligations related to the federal program; whereupon, Administrator LaSala indicated that future briefings will be scheduled.

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At this time, 3:53 P.M., Commissioner Roche entered the meeting.

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#41a Lauralee Westine appointed to serve as a regular member on the Local Planning Agency.

Motion - Commissioner Morrioni
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 6 – 0

#41b Ronald Schultz appointed to serve as the alternate member on the Local Planning Agency (term effective December 6, 2011).

Motion - Commissioner Brickfield
Second - Commissioner Welch
Vote - 6 – 0

#41c David Brandon appointed to serve as a regular member on the Local Planning Agency (term effective immediately).

Motion - Commissioner Welch
Second - Commissioner Brickfield
Vote - 6 – 0

#43 County Commission Miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch and carried, that Attorney Bennett prepare a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation and Representative Jim Frishe regarding not raising the Pinellas Bayway toll.
- b. Commissioner Roche expressed condolences on the loss of Pinellas County School Board Member Lew Williams.
- c. Commissioner Welch announced that he will hold Community Office Hours at West St. Pete Community Library at St. Petersburg College on December 7, 2011 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.
- d. Chairman Latvala commented on the letter and material received from the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council. Commissioner Roche moved, seconded by Commissioner Welch and carried, to add a request that the Legislature not reduce funding for health and behavioral health to the BCC legislative agenda.

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Following brief discussion, Chairman Latvala indicated that there is consensus for Commissioner Welch to continue discussions regarding fire protection alternatives with the citizens of Pasadena Golf Club Estates.

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#44 Meeting adjourned at 4:09 P.M.

Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk