

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 – 3:02 P.M.  
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR  
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

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

**Not Present:** Kenneth T. Welch.

**Others Present:** James L. Bennett, County Attorney; Robert S. LaSala, County Administrator; Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Michael P. Schmidt and Arlene L. Smitke, Deputy Clerks.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Dr. Timothy J. Parsch, Bethel Lutheran Church, Clearwater.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Brickfield.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

1. Presentation of the Governor's Point of Light Award to Sallie Parks.
2. Youth Advisory Committee presentation.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Greg Pound, Largo, re families.

Lenore Faulkner, Madeira Beach, re Pinellas County Schools.

Mark Klutho, Largo, re stupidity, waste.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 1 THROUGH 12 – APPROVED.**

Motion	-	Commissioner Harris
Second	-	Commissioner Morroni
Vote	-	6 – 0

# 1 Minutes of regular meetings of January 5 and 19, 2010 approved.

# 2 Reports received for filing:

- a. Audit Services, Division of Inspector General, Report No. 2010-02 dated January 14, 2010 – Audit of 911 Phone System Emergency Service and Equipment Special Revenue Fund.

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- b. Audit Services, Division of Inspector General, Report No. 2010-03 dated January 21, 2010 – Audit of Culture, Education and Leisure Department's Belle Harbour Marina and Sutherland Bayou Boat Ramp, together with The Audit Watch.
- c. Audit Services, Division of Inspector General, Report No. 2010-04 dated January 21, 2010 – Follow-Up Review to Audit of Lease Management.
- d. Juvenile Welfare Board Interim Financial Report (Unaudited) dated December 31, 2009.
- e. Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers & Family Day Care Homes Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

# 3 Vouchers and Bills Paid – Periods December 14 through December 18, 2009, December 21 through December 24, 2009, December 28 through December 31, 2009, January 4 through January 8, 2010, and January 11 through January 15, 2010.

Payroll Journal Expenditures

Payroll Journal page numbers 1 through 2299 (period December 21 through December 24)

Payroll Journal page numbers 1 through 2262 (period January 4 through January 8)

Payroll checks numbered 565826 through 566199

Imprest Fund Expenditures

Manual checks numbered 751633 through 751649

System checks numbered 987186 through 990197

ACH Transfers numbered 4152 through 4478

Wire Transfers numbered 11176 through 11210

# 4 Miscellaneous items received for filing:

City of Largo Notice of Public Hearings regarding Ordinances Nos. 2010-21 through 2010-23 to be held February 16, 2010, annexing certain property.

# 5 Award of bid to Heart Construction, LLC for the Hand Unload Facility, Bridgeway Acres Landfill (Project No. 1676; Contract No. 090-0078-CP) approved in the amount of \$2,745,000.00 on the basis of being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received meeting specifications. Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest after proper execution of the agreement by the contractor and written approval as to form by the Office of the County Attorney.

# 6 DELEGATED ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – RECEIVED FOR FILING (COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Dollar Value</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Airport	Airline Operating Permit with Vision Airlines, Inc. for Use of Airport Facilities for Charter Flight Service	\$36,180.00 direct annual revenue, \$79,148.00 indirect annual revenue	1.26.10
Airport	Airline Operating Permit with Locair, Inc. for Charter Service and Privileges to Use Facilities for Non-Exclusive Passenger Service to and from the Airport	Approximately \$8,223.00 direct annual revenue, plus \$15,007.00 indirect annual revenue	1.4.10
Building and Development Review Services	Escrow Agreement with Robert N. Lynch, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, A Corporation Sole and SunTrust Bank for Development of St. Jerome Catholic Church Right-of-Way Improvements	N/A	1.21.10
Community Development	Specific Performance Agreement (SPA) and Land Use Restriction Agreement with Suncoast Center, Inc., d/b/a/ Family Service Center for Facility Rehabilitation	\$72,800.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds	1.7.10
Community Development	SPA with Directions for Mental Health, Inc. for Operation of Homeless Supportive Services Program	\$150,000.00 CDBG funds	1.5.10
Community Development	Satisfaction of Mortgage (1)	Lien is paid in full	1.4.10
Convention & Visitors Bureau	Grant Agreement with the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Sports Commission for Marketing Support for the Big Ten Big East Baseball Challenge	\$5,000.00 grant revenue, no match	1.20.10
County Attorney	Memorandum of Authorization for Stipulated Final Judgment for Pinellas County v. C. Wayne Vaughn; Ferrell S. Vaughn, his wife, et al	\$112,500.00	1.27.10
Culture, Education and Leisure	Grant Funding Agreement with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program for Development and Installation of a Large Bat House on the South Portion of McKay Creek Greenway Natural Area	\$7,469.19 grant revenue, plus \$23,296.52 total County non-cash match	2.1.10

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Environmental Management	Notice of Award and Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Air Pollution Control Program	\$241,700.00 revenue, plus \$1,067,612.00 County match	2.4.10
Environmental Management	Notice of Award with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Development of a Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for Clearwater Harbor and St. Joseph Sound Area	\$300,000.00 grant revenue, plus \$230,000.00 SWFWMD match, plus \$68,329.75 City (Clearwater, Dunedin, Largo, and Tarpon Springs) match, plus \$71,690.25 County match	1.26.10
Environmental Management	Memo Approving Memberships to the American and Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Associations	\$1,000.00	1.5.10
Environmental Management	Short-Term Facility License Agreements (STFLs) (5) for a Center Hallway Exhibit at Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center (Weedon Island)	N/A	12.30.09
Environmental Management	STFL for Use of a Classroom at Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center (Brooker Creek) (1)	\$325.00 revenue	12.17.09
Environmental Management	Grant Assistance Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Air Quality Title V Major Stationary Source Regulatory Control Program	\$154,450.00 grant revenue, no required County match, plus \$8,945.00 balance of program cost paid by the County	12.10.09
Environmental Management	STFLs (2) for Use of the Auditorium and Conference Room at Brooker Creek	N/A	12.8.09
Environmental Management	STFL for Use of the Class Room at Brooker Creek	\$140.00 revenue	11.4.09
Environmental Management	STFL for Use of the Auditorium at Brooker Creek	N/A	11.3.09
Environmental Management	STFL for Use of the Class Room at Weedon Island	\$350.00 revenue	10.23.09
Environmental Management	(a) STFLs (2) for Use of the Auditorium at Brooker Creek; and	(a) N/A; and	10.16.09

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	(b) STFL for Use of the Gift Shop at Weedon Island	(b) \$50.00 estimated revenue	
Health and Human Services	Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program for the Elderly	N/A	1.7.10
Health and Human Services	Low Income Pool Program Funding Agreement and Letter of Agreement with Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc., Retroactive to July 1, 2009, for: (a) Diabetes Care Management Program at the Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center St. Petersburg and Largo Facilities; and (b) Expansion of Primary Care and Nutrition Services to Support Emergency Room Diversion	(a) \$72,810.00; and (b) \$40,450.00	12.15.09
Justice and Consumer Services	Service Funding Agreement with Operation PAR, Inc. for an Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity Enhancement by 120 Slots	\$100,000.00	1.7.10
Justice and Consumer Services	Partially Executed Application for Funding Assistance with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for an American Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant for More Health for Firearm Education Program	\$26,815.00 requested funds, application denied	6.17.09
Public Safety Services	(a) Vehicle Lease Agreement with Lealman Special Fire Control District for a Quick Response Apparatus; and (b) Memo Regarding Renewal Emergency Medical Services Billing Agreement with Werfel & Werfel, PLLC	(a) N/A; and (b) \$18,000.00 annually, plus 2 site-related expenses, not to exceed \$1,000.00	2.5.10
Real Estate Management	(a) Foreign Trade Zone 193 2009 Annual Report; (b) License Agreement with Road Pictures, Inc. for Use of Facilities and Adjacent Areas of Gulf Coast Museum of Art for Purpose of Photographing and Recording Scenes for Motion Pictures; and (c) License Agreement with City of Belleair Bluffs for Access to Areas North and South of West Bay Drive on the East Side of the Belleair Causeway for Maintenance of Grounds and Flag Pole	(a) N/A; (b) \$2,000.00 revenue; and (c) N/A	2.5.10

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Real Estate Management	(a) Access License with Friends of Weedon Island, Inc. for Use of Roof and Surrounding Areas of Weedon Island Education Center for Installation of Items to Enhance the Rooftop Nesting Area Used by Threatened Least Terns; and (b) Temporary Right of Entry Agreement with the City of Clearwater for Reconstruction of a Sidewalk	(a-b) N/A	1.26.10
Real Estate Management	(a) Contract for Sale and Purchase with Largo Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc. and Acceptance of Utilities, Sidewalk, and Grading Easement for the Bryan Dairy Road Project; and (b) Access License with Clearwater Audubon Society, Inc. for Use of a Portion of the Pinellas Trail to Relocate an Osprey Nesting Pole	(a) \$92,239.38 total estimated cost; and (b) N/A	1.20.10
Real Estate Management	Contract for Sale and Purchase for the Bryan Dairy Road Project with:  (a) BP Land Holdings, LLLP; and  (b) Childress-Harrod #5 Limited Partnership	(a) \$258,700.00 total estimated cost; and (b) \$5,800.00 total estimated cost	1.13.10
	Traffic Signalization Easement with BCH-1 Limited for Bryan Dairy Road Project	\$10,950.00 total estimated cost	
Real Estate Management	Contract for Sale and Purchase of Drainage Easement with Dean M. Miller for Lake Seminole Alum Injection Project	\$80,400.00	10.13.09
Risk Management	Medicare Profile Section 111 Mandatory Report	N/A	1.26.10
Utilities	First Amendment to Agreement with the City of Pinellas Park for Reclaimed Water Service	N/A	1.25.10
Utilities	(a) Notices of Lien (20); and (b) Releases of Lien (9)	(a) N/A; and (b) All liens are paid in full	12.15.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (44)	N/A	11.30.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (13)	All liens are paid in full	11.24.09

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Utilities	Releases of Lien (15)	All liens are paid in full	11.20.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (33)	N/A	11.17.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (8)	All liens are paid in full	11.3.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (4)	All liens are paid in full	10.22.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (10)	All liens are paid in full	10.21.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (21)	N/A	10.20.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (12)	N/A	10.13.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (12)	N/A	10.3.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (15)	All liens are paid in full	10.1.09
Utilities	Releases of Lien (15)	All liens are paid in full	9.17.09
Utilities	Notices of Lien (8)	N/A	1.22.08
Utilities	Notices of Lien (5)	N/A	12.28.07
Utilities	Notice of Lien (1)	N/A	12.18.07
Utilities	Notices of Lien (16)	N/A	1.7.07
Utilities	Notice of Lien (1)	N/A	1.5.07
Utilities	Notice of Lien (1)	N/A	4.6.05

# 7 In accordance with Resolution No. 05-61, the Report of Write-Offs for Accounting Purposes Delegated to the County Administrator for Approval for the period April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 was received for filing (Management and Budget).

# 8a Resolution No. 10-33 adopted to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Department of Justice and Consumer Services (Management and Budget).

# 8b Resolution No. 10-34 adopted to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant for the Medical Examiner (Management and Budget).

- # 8c Resolution No. 10-35 adopted to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the Department of Culture, Education, and Leisure (Management and Budget).
- # 8d Resolution No. 10-36 adopted to appropriate earmarked receipts for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget for WorkNet Pinellas sponsorship funding for the Economic Development Department (Management and Budget).
- # 9 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board adopted Resolutions Nos. 10-37, 10-38, 10-39, and 10-40 approving updated Determinations of Consistency with the Countywide Future Land Use Plan and Rules for the municipalities of Clearwater, Madeira Beach, Pinellas Park, and Redington Beach, respectively.
- #10 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board approved a form submitted by the City of Clearwater for recording Transfers of Development Rights within the City.
- #11 Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Board approved execution of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Tender Touch Transport Service, LLC to provide non-medical wheelchair transport services in Pinellas County.
- #12 Receipt and file of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Annual Report on the Pinellas Community Housing Trust Fund from the Housing Finance Authority approved.
- #13 Items for discussion from Consent Agenda (County Administrator and Clerk of Circuit Court) – None.
- #14 Fourth Amendment to the agreement with IBI Group, Inc. for consultant services for 46th Avenue North (80th Street North to 62nd Street North) (PID No. 922493, Contract No. 012-0849-A) approved for construction phase services in the amount of \$30,000.00 (revised agreement amount, \$719,770.13); Chairman authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest.
  - Motion - Commissioner Latvala
  - Second - Commissioner Bostock
  - Vote - 6 – 0
- #15 Adoption of the 2010-2011 Federal Legislative Program approved (County Administrator).
  - Motion - Commissioner Harris
  - Second - Commissioner Latvala

Commissioner Brickfield thanked Assistant County Administrator Elithia V. Stanfield for working with him to revise the wording of the document; and Commissioner Bostock indicated that she appreciates and concurs with the changes, but still has objections to a few items.

Vote - 4 – 2  
(Commissioners Bostock and Brickfield dissenting)

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Chairman Seel directed that Item No. 16 be heard later in the meeting, along with its companion item No. 26, and no objections were noted.

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#17 Other Administrative Matters – None.

#18 County Attorney authorized to defend the case of Craig Andra Moore versus Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats; Dr. Bailey, Chief Health Officer, Pinellas County Jail; Dr. Miller, Senior Psychiatrist, Pinellas County Jail; ARNP Casp, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; Nurse Morea, Registered Nurse – United States District Court Case No. 8:09-CV-01842-VMC-TBM – Allegations of Violations of Federal and State Law.

Motion - Commissioner Harris  
Second - Commissioner Latvala  
Vote - 6 – 0

#19 County Attorney Miscellaneous – None.

#20 Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, the Board authorized public hearings to be held March 16 and April 6, 2010, to consider a proposed Countywide Rule amendment regarding transfer of development rights and density/intensity averaging.

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

#21 Florida Back to Work Program Agreement between WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. and Pinellas County approved providing up to \$750,000.00 in federal funding for subsidized employment of temporary workers (maximum County contribution, \$53,329.38); County

Administrator authorized to amend the agreement by adding additional positions throughout its term; Chairman authorized to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest.

Motion - Commissioner Harris  
Second - Commissioner Latvala

Commissioner Brickfield related that the program provides an 80 percent subsidy for hiring new workers; and that it is available to any company in the state; whereupon, Chairman Seel requested that the County continue to explore opportunities to add positions under the program.

Laura Berkowitz, Human Resources, indicated that the employees would be leased from WorkNet Pinellas, Inc. to work on the OPUS project; that they would not be replacing any County positions that are in jeopardy; that the positions will end at the end of September, 2010; and that the County's contribution would consist of in-kind supervision and approximately ten percent of the hourly wages of the workers.

Chairman Seel thanked Commissioner Brickfield for his service on the WorkNet Board and for bringing the program to the attention of the County.

Vote - 6 – 0

#22 ToyTown Landfill Land Use Change Status Report

Director of Economic Development Mike Meidel provided an update on the progress of the proposed land use change on the former ToyTown Landfill site from Open Space/Recreation to Planned Redevelopment-Mixed Use.

Mr. Meidel indicated that the property is currently owned by the County but lies entirely within the City limits of St. Petersburg; and that the request must go through the City's Comprehensive Plan change process, as delineated in the *ToyTown Landfill Land Use Change Status Report*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record. He reported that the City's Planning and Visioning Commission has unanimously approved a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the land use change; that the parties are in the process of negotiating a Development Agreement that would reduce the maximum amount of development that could occur on the site, because the proposed land use designation would allow significantly more development than the surrounding transportation network could handle; and that the Development Agreement will come before the Board in April 2010.

Responding to queries by Chairman Seel, Mr. Meidel indicated that the developer has determined that inclusion of the Struthers Landfill property in the development would not be cost effective; that the 60-acre Struthers property will remain in the Industrial Limited classification, but could be included in the project at a later date; and that the 247-acre ToyTown property contains more than enough room for the intended use. Regarding environmental assessments, Mr. Meidel reported that the consultants believe the builder will be able to put pilings down into the clay layer underneath the landfill to construct the foundation; that borings have yet to be conducted, but the developer is confident enough to proceed with the land use change; and that the due diligence period will end in June, at which time the developer must make the decision whether to put another \$500,000.00 in escrow to move forward into the development approval period.

#23 County Commission Miscellaneous:

- a. Commissioner Brickfield related that he had attended his first Tampa Bay Water meeting, and indicated that the desalinization plant has passed its final two tests.

will be distributing a study documenting how Marion County/Ocala saved ten percent on its ambulance transport fees by switching from a not-for-profit ambulance provider to fire-based transit.

- b. Commissioner Harris provided a water conservation tip.

- c. Chairman Seel noted that a Transit Summit will be held on March 22 from 7:30 until 10:00 at the Hilton Carillon, and reminded the members to submit names and contact information for individuals in the business community who may wish to attend.

announced that the Transportation Task Force will officially launch in May, stated that she hopes to form a Task Force that is geographically diverse, and urged the Board members to submit additional nominations.

indicated that the BCC and municipal leaders will conduct a volunteer teach-in on April 9 to teach 3rd graders about city planning and economic development; and urged the members to pick a volunteer community service project to be carried out by the Board.

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At this time, 3:42 P.M., the meeting recessed and reconvened at 6:35 P.M. with all members present, with the exception of Commissioner Welch.

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**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**

#24a Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) public hearing held and Resolution No. 10-41 adopted approving issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority Industrial Development Revenue Refunding Bonds (Family Resources, Inc. Project), Series 2010, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard (Companion to Item No. 24b).

Motion - Commissioner Harris  
Second - Commissioner Latvala  
Vote - 6 – 0

#24b Sitting as the Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority doing business as the Pinellas County Economic Development Authority, the Board adopted Resolution No. 10-42 approving issuance of not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 Pinellas County Industrial Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Family Resources, Inc. Project), Series 2010, setting forth the terms and conditions of the financing, and approving all documents (Regular Agenda Item; Companion to Item No. 24a).

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Harris  
Vote - 6 – 0

#25 Resolution No. 10-43 adopted approving the application of Alfred and Velma J. Mariani through Katherine E. Cole, Esquire, Representative, for a change of zoning from E-1, Estate Residential, to R-R, Rural Residential (Z-1-1-10), re a parcel of land containing approximately 5.9 acres located at the southwest corner of 74th Avenue North and 123rd Street North. Staff recommended approval of the application based on the Local Planning Agency Report. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Morrone  
Vote - 6 – 0

- #16 Non-competitive purchase of a 2009 Pierce Quantum Ladder Truck for the Tierra Verde Fire Control District Municipal Services Taxing Unit approved; County Administrator authorized to sign the purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$649,120.00 (Companion to Public Hearing Item No. 26) (Public Safety Services).

At the request of Commissioner Morrone, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Administration Fire Division Manager Michael M. Cooksey explained that the Tierra Verde Fire Control District is served under a contract with the Lealman Special Fire Control District, which operates a similar truck out of Station 19; and that Lealman has emphasized the importance of having standardized equipment within its fleet to allow firefighters to maintain familiarity with the equipment location and vehicle operation and for consistency in maintenance and repairs.

Motion - Commissioner Morrone  
Second - Commissioner Latvala  
Vote - 6 – 0

- #26 Resolution No. 10-44 adopted establishing the intent to levy a non-ad valorem assessment in the Tierra Verde Fire Control District Municipal Services Taxing Unit and to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Such Assessment, pursuant to §197.3632, Florida Statutes, for the purchase of a ladder truck (Companion to Regular Item No. 16). No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Harris  
Vote - 6 – 0

- #27 Ordinance No. 10-08 adopted approving changes to Ordinance No. 00-70 relating to the City of Largo West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment District Trust Fund, providing for a 15-year review of redevelopment activities in the District. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion - Commissioner Latvala  
Second - Commissioner Morrone  
Vote - 6 – 0

- #28 Ordinance No. 10-09 adopted amending Section 2-161 et seq. of the Pinellas County Code relating to Purchasing. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Purchasing Director Joseph Lauro indicated that the proposed amendments are the result of a study of the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) procurement process conducted pursuant to direction by the Board in August 2009; that the review included input from both external and internal stakeholders, a hired consultant, and the Purchasing Director; and that the resulting CCNA process will be open and competitive and factors in many of the consultant's recommendations.

Mr. Lauro conducted a PowerPoint presentation titled *Modifications to County Code Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA)*, a copy of which has been filed and made a part of the record, and Attorney Bennett provided input with regard to lobbying provisions, noting that significant changes have been made to the ordinance including sanctions for mandatory disqualification and possible disbarment, and mandatory reporting by employees and Commissioners.

Responding to queries and concerns of Commissioner Brickfield, Mr. Lauro indicated that location is worth up to 50 points, or five percent of the maximum evaluation score, which is typical among other Florida counties; that the due diligence process pertains to the financial capacity, experience, and qualifications of the prime contractor, which has the ability to utilize smaller firms as subcontractors, but remains responsible for all actions under the contract; and that, while many small contractors are excellent, it is desirable to utilize a larger, fully qualified firm for large-scale projects, such as the \$80 million public safety complex; whereupon, he noted that the CCNA due diligence process had received a positive response from external stakeholders; and that the process is the same as that used for every other County contract.

In response to queries by Commissioners Harris and Morroni, Mr. Lauro related that firms located in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, and Manatee Counties would be eligible for the 50-point location award, which is clearly set forth in the Code; that state statute requires only that location be included in the evaluation criteria; and that the provision is more a matter of convenience than local preference.

Motion	-	Commissioner Latvala
Second	-	Commissioner Harris
Vote	-	5 – 1 (Commissioner Brickfield dissenting)

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#29 Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Chairman

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk