



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: August 19, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☒

Public Hearing ☐

County Administrator's Signature:

Subject:

Resolution revising Emergency Medical Service Districts

Department:

Safety and Emergency Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Bruce J. Moeller, Interim Chief of Staff

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD), SITTING AS THE PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AUTHORITY, ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

Summary Explanation/Background:

In accordance with Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (Special Act), the EMS Authority is required to designate districts within the territorial boundaries of Pinellas County for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Staff is recommending two (2) changes:

1) The City of Pinellas Park (Pinellas Park) has been providing Fire Protection Services to the Town of Kenneth City (Kenneth City) since February 2010. EMS Districts were designated by Resolution 10-154 of the EMS Authority in September 2010, however Kenneth City was inadvertently omitted.

Pinellas Park operates a contractor funded Paramedic Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engine from the Kenneth City's Fire Station. As such, Pinellas Park has requested that their responsibility for Kenneth City be included in their designated EMS District.

2) The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District has been providing ALS First Responder Services to the mainland (Oakhurst area) of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District since the inception of ALS First Response in the early 1980s.

In 2010, the EMS Authority eliminated EMS funding to the District for Paramedic ALS Ladder Truck 28. As such, the EMS District for the mainland portion of the Fire District was designated as part of the City of Seminole (Seminole) EMS District. The Fire District has agreed to continue to operate ALS Truck 28 as a contractor funded ALS unit through the ALS First Responder Agreement.

The District has requested the EMS Authority restore the service area to the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District to match the fire district's boundary lines. The District has expressed legal and operational concerns.

Seminole has expressed their support for updating the EMS District definition.

All other EMS Districts remain unchanged. The Resolution correlates with Appendix "D" of the ALS First Responder Agreement to delineate primary service area responsibilities for each EMS provider to further align Fire & EMS Districts for consistency.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

None

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO: 14-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 80-585,
LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.**

WHEREAS, The Florida Legislature in Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (the "Act"), established the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority ("Authority") which was subsequently approved by referendum of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is established as the governing body of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to provide for the designation of districts within the territorial boundaries of Pinellas County for the provision of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined, that certain adjustments to existing district boundaries should be made based upon changes in the service providers within certain districts heretofore established.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, sitting as the governing body of the Authority, in regular session duly assembled this _____ day of _____ 2014, that:

Section 1. The Following Municipalities and Independent Fire Districts are hereby designated EMS Districts:

- 1) East Lake Fire and Rescue District
- 2) City of Gulfport
- 3) Lealman Fire and Rescue District
- 4) City of Madeira Beach
- 5) City of Oldsmar
- 6) Palm Harbor Fire and Rescue District
- 7) Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District
- 8) City of St. Pete Beach
- 9) City of South Pasadena
- 10) Tierra Verde Fire District (including Ft. Desoto)
- 11) City of Treasure Island

Section 2. The following Cities along with the areas in which they provide Fire protection services are designated as Emergency Medical Service Districts:

- 1) City of Clearwater including the Clearwater Fire District
- 2) City of Dunedin including the Dunedin Fire District
- 3) City of Largo including the Largo Fire District, Highpoint Fire District served by Largo, Town of Belleair, City of Belleair Bluffs, and Belleair Bluffs Fire District
- 4) City of Pinellas Park including the Pinellas Park Fire District and Town of Kenneth City
- 5) City of Safety Harbor including the Safety Harbor Fire District
- 6) City of Seminole including the Seminole Fire District
- 7) City of St. Petersburg including the portion of the Highpoint Fire District served by St. Petersburg and the Gandy Fire District
- 8) City of Tarpon Springs including the Tarpon Springs Fire District

Section 3. The Towns of Redington Beach, Redington Shores and North Redington Beach have entered into Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of Seminole and Madeira Beach for the provision of fire suppression and rescue services. Based upon these agreements, the Authority believes that Emergency Medical Services can most effectively be provided by the Fire Districts the Cities have contracted with. Therefore the Authority creates the Redington Beaches Emergency Medical Services District consisting of the Towns of Redington Beach, Redington Shores and North Redington Beach. This District shall be served by those jurisdictions that have contracted to provide fire suppression services to these cities.

Section 4. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 10-154 and Resolution 13-71.

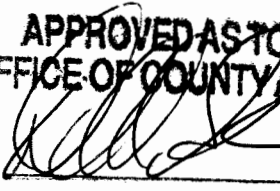
Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

In a regular meeting duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2014, Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY
By 
Attorney