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March 3 Public Budget Meeting in Palm Harbor Focuses on \$60 Million Reductions

The Pinellas County Commission will host the first of three Public Budget Meetings on Wednesday, March 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Palm Harbor University High School. Facing the decision of how to reduce next fiscal year's budget by \$60 million, commissioners are looking to citizens for feedback on which services and programs should continue to be funded.

The Public Budget Meetings will give residents a chance to familiarize themselves with the budget process. All attendees will be given a questionnaire asking about priority programs and services. They can speak to the staff in charge of the program areas that are under the purview of the County Commission, and they can spend time with the commissioners and the county administrator. During the latter part of the evening, time will be allocated to citizens wishing to publicly address the commissioners, and the questionnaires will be collected.

The March 3 meeting will be followed by two more Public Budget Meetings:

- Thursday, March 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Osceola High School, 9751 98th St. N., Seminole
- Thursday, March 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Gibbs High School, 850 34th St. S., St. Petersburg

An eTownHall meeting is also planned for the convenience of all residents:

- Monday, March 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Blog will open at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 14, for questions and will continue to be open until the end of the event, at 8 p.m. Monday.

As part of the eTownHall meeting, residents can blog questions to the commissioners, which will be answered live during the eTownHall meeting. The meeting can also be viewed via live streaming video on www.pinellascounty.org or on the PCC-TV cable channels (Bright House 622, Knology 18 and Verizon 44).

Citizens can receive a reminder about the eTownHall by signing up on the website. The link is available on www.pinellascounty.org.

Computer access will be available during the eTownHall meeting at three county libraries: Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave.; Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive and the Johnson Branch of the St. Petersburg Library, 1059 18th Ave. S.

For more information on the meetings, visit www.pinellascounty.org or call (727) 464-3000.

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