



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.2.

11/12/2019

Subject:

Resolution to Limit Resolutions

Fiscal Impact:

Indeterminate due to work potentially accomplished by staff during time otherwise spent at meetings

Dept/Office:

District 3

Requested Action:

Board Passage of Attached Resolution

Summary Explanation and Background:

There are many issues and ideas that individual commissioners care deeply about which are brought up during the Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations section of the Board agendas. Many are weighty issues that have a significant impact on the community, such as efforts to raise funds to fight cancer.

However, some items are put on the agenda that may not have a significant impact. It has been pointed out that commissioners should be more cognizant of what issues are worthy of the Board's time. More importantly, the Board should be cognizant of the amount of time staff and members of the public spend listening to these items during its meetings.

While it is not the place of any individual commissioner to judge what is or is not important to others, it is the intention of the attached resolution to place reasonable limitations on the number of such items that are introduced. This prioritization would allow members of staff and the public the ability to concentrate on issues of greater public importance.

The attached resolution would limit the number of items any individual commissioner can add to the Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations section of the agenda to twelve per calendar year. Because it may be desirable to add more than one item per agenda, commissioners would be able to add up to three such items on any one agenda, so long as no more than twelve are introduced in any calendar year.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

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November 13, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eden Bentley, County Attorney

RE: Item J.2., Resolution to Limit Number of Resolutions an Individual Commissioner Can Add to the Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations Section of the Agenda

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on November 12, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-223, limiting resolutions an individual Commissioner can add to the Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations Section of the Agenda to two per Commissioner per meeting; anything over and above the two resolutions per Commissioner per meeting would have to be added to New Business under the Miscellaneous section of the Agenda or under the Consent Agenda with the understanding that they are not to be pulled from the Consent Agenda by the Commissioner who added them; and this applies to all Commissioners except the Chair. Enclosed is a fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager

RESOLUTION 19 - 223

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA TO PLACE REASONABLE QUANTITATIVE LIMITS ON ITEMS UNDER THE "RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS" SECTION OF ITS AGENDA

WHEREAS, many hours of cumulative staff time are spent at meetings listening to the "Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations" section of the board meeting agendas, preventing them from working on matters of import on behalf of the citizens of Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, members of the public are left waiting a significant amount of time, often at the expense of losing their own wages through employment, until matters of substance that concern them are heard by the Board; and

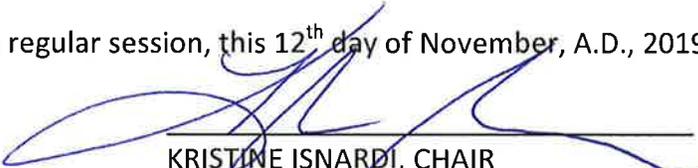
WHEREAS, it is recognized that it may be beneficial and efficient to allow the flexibility of County Commissioners and staff to include more than one such resolution per meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is determined, therefore, that a limit of two resolutions per Commissioner, per meeting, excluding the Chair, is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA that

- a) Items falling under the "Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations" category, hereinafter "Resolutions", shall be limited to two (2) Resolutions per County Commissioner in any one meeting, excluding the Chair.
- b) Any additional Resolutions normally assigned to the "Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations" section of the agenda which exceed the limitations stated above may be placed on the Consent Agenda or the Miscellaneous section under New Business. Any Resolution placed on the Consent Agenda by a Commissioner may not be pulled from the Consent Agenda by the Commissioner who placed it on the agenda.
- c) These limits shall only apply to those items conducted under the "Resolutions, Awards, and Presentations" section of the agenda, or its successor should this section be restyled.
- d) This resolution shall take effect January 1, 2020.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 12th day of November, A.D., 2019.


KRISTINE ISNARDI, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL
Approved by Board 11/12/19

ATTEST:


SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK