



AGENDA REPORT
September 18, 2018

**Confirmation of Elizabeth Shephard as the UF/Brevard Extension Services
Director**

SUBJECT:

Confirmation of Elizabeth Shephard as the UF/Extension Services Director

DEPT/OFFICE:

ACM Community Services

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners confirm the appointment of Elizabeth Shephard as the UF/Brevard Extension Services Director.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Brevard County Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to confirm the appointment of Elizabeth (Beth) Shephard as Director of the UF Brevard Extension Services. Ms. Shephard began her career with the UF Brevard Extension Services as a Family and Consumer Sciences Agent I in 1999 after obtaining her B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences from Carson Newman College in Tennessee. She then went on to earn a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Central Florida in 2004. Ms. Shephard has been promoted several times and obtained the position of Family and Consumer Sciences Agent IV in 2016.

Ms. Shephard has served as editor of a book, published numerous peer reviewed articles and conducted countless academic presentations in her UF career in Brevard County. She was named as the Interim UF/Brevard Extension Director in January 2018 and has lead the organization's programs which covers diverse programs including agriculture/livestock, horticulture, food and nutrition, marine science, financial management, child injury prevention, community development, 4-H and the Brevard County Farmer's Market. Ms. Shephard has lead the Extension Services' efforts to be inclusive and responsive to all its stakeholders.

Ms. Shephard is recommended by Brevard County and Dr. Anita Neal, South East District Extension Director, on behalf of UF/IFAS Extension Administration, to become the permanent UF Brevard Extension Director.

Ms. Shephard brings years of successful programing, collaborations and positive

leadership to UF Brevard Extension Services and is known for her strong interpersonal skills and operational expertise, and will continue to lead the Department forward in the future.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Elizabeth Shephard's resume pdf**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Assistant County Manager

RE: Item F.18., Confirmation of Elizabeth Shephard as the UF/Brevard Extension Services Director

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 18, 2018, confirmed the appointment of Elizabeth Shephard as the UF/Brevard Extension Services Director.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: UF/Brevard Extension Services Director

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EDUCATION

<i>University of Florida, Orlando, FL</i>	
M.P.A. in Public Administration	2004
<i>Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, TN</i>	
B.S. in Family and Consumer Science	1997
Areas of Concentration: Food and Nutrition and Child and Family Studies	
<i>Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL</i>	
A.A. in Liberal Arts	1994

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

<i>University of Florida IFAS Extension Brevard County, Cocoa, FL</i>	2016-present
Family and Consumer Science Agent IV	
<i>University of Florida IFAS Extension Brevard County, Cocoa, FL</i>	
Family and Consumer Science Agent I-III	1999-2016

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