



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Resolution/Award/Presentation

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E.2.

10/26/2021

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**Subject:**

Resolution Honoring County Attorney Eden Bentley Upon Her Retirement

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Dept/Office:**

District 3

**Requested Action:**

Board Passage of Attached Resolution

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

After 35 years of service to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney Eden Bentley is retiring. Her contribution to the County has been immense, and the attached resolution makes an attempt to recognize her for this. In addition to being an intellectual asset to the Board, she has executed her duties with the utmost professionalism and with a positive attitude. In short, she will be sorely missed.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please frame the attached resolution.



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October 27, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Commissioner John Tobia, District 3      Attn: Billy Prasad

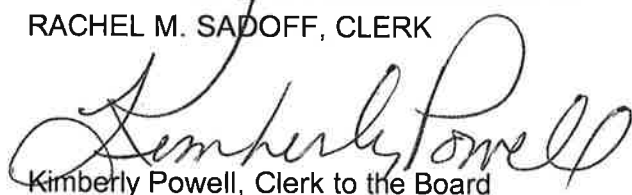
RE: Item E.2., Resolution Honoring County Attorney Eden Bentley Upon Her Retirement

The Board of Commissioners, in regular session on October 26, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-148, honoring County Attorney Eden Bentley upon her retirement. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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# Brevard



# County

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Resolution

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING EDEN BENTLEY FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS, EDEN BENTLEY** has been providing sound counsel to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in various capacities since 1986; upon her elevation to County Attorney in 2018, Ms. Bentley became the first female County Attorney selected in Brevard County's history; Ms. Bentley was admitted to the Florida Bar on October 27, 1983, after graduating from University of Florida's Levin College of Law; Ms. Bentley is Board Certified in the area of Real Estate by the Florida Bar and Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell, Preeminent, peer rated for the highest level of professional excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** her contributions to the County are, quite literally, immeasurable due to the sheer breadth of her career, having worked to protect the interests of the County in matters including, but certainly not limited to, land use, countless road projects, utilities projects, environmental law, business transactions, emergency powers, labor law, taxation, and ethics; and

**WHEREAS, MS. BENTLEY** is associated with the Florida Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brevard County v. Snyder*, in which the Court turned the world of land use and zoning law in Florida on its head by converting zoning decisions into quasi-judicial proceedings, to the exclusion of legislative determinations by City Councils and County Commissions; and

**WHEREAS, MS. BENTLEY'S** reputation for providing level-headed, detail-oriented advice is well-deserved; Ms. Bentley has litigated many critical cases on behalf of the County, always doing so with the utmost skill and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS,** she has spent many hours at Board meetings, keeping a straight face while witnessing such things as presentations involving live tortoises, visits from Santa Claus, hawks, giant dogs, Commissioners' outrageous outfits such as a pirate, a farmer, and a mime, as well as a certain Housing and Human Services Director's loud, yet tasteful, suits, Ms. United States, bins full of allegedly carcinogenic garbage, yoga performances, and claims that the North Koreans would spy on citizens through sonar; and

**WHEREAS, MS. BENTLEY** is now ending her career having helped guide the County through several stages of an unprecedented public health emergency; she accomplished all of these things and much more in a fiscally responsible way, while earning the respect of her colleagues; and

**WHEREAS, EDEN BENTLEY'S** expert advice will be sorely missed in the years to come by all members of the Board of County Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA** does hereby recognize and thank

**EDEN BENTLEY**

for her outstanding legal advice and wise counsel on behalf of Brevard County, and congratulates her on her retirement.

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED,** in regular session, this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



**RESOLUTION 21-\_\_\_\_\_**

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BREVARD COUNTY, FL

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