



**AGENDA REPORT  
May 30, 2019**

**Request for Approval of Forms 4A - Ms. Laurilee Thompson**

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**SUBJECT:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve Forms 4A - Ms. Laurilee Thompson

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 1

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Request the Board approve, by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> (super-majority) vote, the attached three Forms 4A for Ms. Laurilee Thompson to waive any potential standards of conduct issues under section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

Ms. Laurilee Thompson serves on the Tourist Development Council. Ms. Laurilee Thompson requests the Board of County Commissioner consider waiving three potential standards of conduct concerns. Ms. Thompson intends to comply with the voting conflict rules, as applicable. Ms. Thompson serves on the Board of Directors (Treasurer) of the Brevard Nature Alliance (a non-profit entity) in an uncompensated position. This non-profit is the main sponsor of the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival. This festival has been a signature event for the Tourist Development Office, bringing in tourists to Brevard County annually. In 2016, a Florida Today article reported that it was the largest birding and wildlife festival in the United States with nearly 1,000 people participating from throughout the world. This event may be considered to receive marketing support from the TDO in the future. Ms. Thompson does not benefit personally from the TDT funding.

Ms. Thompson also serves on the Board of Directors (Vice-President) with the Merritt Island Wildlife Association (a non-profit entity) in an uncompensated position. This non-profit has received a grant from the Tourist Development Council in the past and may be expected to apply for a grant in the future. Ms. Thompson does not benefit personally from the TDT funding. Finally, Ms. Thompson is the Vice-President/Co-owner of the Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant. On occasion, the Tourist Development Office hosts travel writers to Brevard County and may showcase the County by taking the writers to various restaurants. The Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant is one of the locations where the TDO may bring the writers. While this may be covered by a statutory exemption that allows the TDO to rotate among qualified suppliers, Ms. Thompson requests the exemption in an abundance of caution. Currently, Dixie Crossroads

provides a 50 percent discount to the TDO when they pay for the travel writers meals. The value of the restaurant's meal may exceed \$500 a year. The TDO's involvement was \$2,392 over the last 3 years.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

No Attachments Available



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May 31, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rita Pritchett, District 1 Commissioner

RE: Item J.3., Request for Approval of Forms 4A for Laurilee Thompson

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 30, 2019, approved the forms for Laurilee Thompson to waive any potential standards of conduct issues under Section 112.313(3).

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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