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Ms. Powell,

Apologies, I forgot to include you in this email distribution and my request to be included in the 4/4 meeting minutes.

Can you please confirm receipt and inclusion in the minutes?

Kristin

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Brevard Commissioners and County Manager Abbate,

After doing a brief review of today's agenda, I am writing to provide the following feedback comments on today's consent agenda:

1. Consent Agenda item 5661 "Budget Change Request". In reviewing the back up documents, this item in District 4 has a budget overage of \$334K, and is requesting approval to move funding from the operating budget to Capital Projects.

Suggestions:

- \$334K variance is too high of a dollar amount to be on the consent agenda, and should be removed from the Consent items for a separate commission vote;
- The title "Budget Change Request" for the noted agenda item is not adequately descriptive.

Recommend changing the agenda description to something like the following: "Request authorization to move additional \$334K in District 4 MSTU funding from operating account to capital account to supplement the original \$150K due to Whispering Pines drainage project cost increases". A title like this would be very helpful to the viewer.

- there is just one (1) sheet back-up document available with limited description. Back-up documents that describe more on the overage (change orders, contract, correspondence, etc.) would assist the reader in understanding the overage.

2. Consent Agenda Item 5637 "Bill Folder"

- Suggest to add the total amount of the invoices in the agenda narrative "Bill Folder: District Invoices totalling \$___";
- Suggest to include individual totals for invoices in the agenda narrative and in the attachment titles.

3. Consent Agenda Standard Procedures:

- Suggest Mr. Abbate read each consent agenda item description into the record at meetings, including the dollar value for each item, to add visibility to the business that is being approved by commissioners, yet is not discussed at the meeting;
- Suggest that the dollar values of each agenda item be more evident in the descriptions, so that the reviewer does not have to open each agenda item attachment to become informed on the individual costs. This suggestion applies to the non-consent agenda item descriptions as well.

The above changes would assist the commission in adding visibility to commission decision-making, and would save time for individuals that are reviewing commission business through the online agenda access.

I request that this email be included in the meeting minutes for the 4/4 meeting as a public comment. If there is any special protocol for same I request to be advised.

Confirmation of receipt from the Clerk to the Board is requested.

Respectfully,

Kristin Lortie, Supporter of Visible, Easy to Access Local Decision-making