



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**August 6, 2019**

**Discussion RE: Citizen Cost Savings, Dist. 2**

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**SUBJECT:**

This agenda item seeks to discuss the creation of a mechanism by which individuals and/or business entities may be granted a percentage of taxpayer funds saved as a result of the County implementing their cost-saving proposals and realizing savings as a result thereof.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Unknown.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 2

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners discuss Commissioner Lober's proposal. If the Commission receives the proposal favorably, it is requested that the County Attorney's Office work with Commissioner Lober to draft a Resolution or Ordinance accomplishing the desired goals and that the document produced be placed on a subsequent agenda for action by the Commission.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

This agenda item seeks to discuss the creation of a mechanism by which individuals and/or business entities may be granted a percentage of taxpayer funds saved as a result of the County implementing their cost-saving proposals and realizing savings as a result thereof.

Brevard County has a population of roughly 600,000 with a number of highly educated, trained, and skilled professionals. Brevard County could benefit from cost savings as a result of incentivizing its sizeable population to review the County's budget in the hopes of discovering various means of reducing governmental expenditures. As most people have other things they would prefer to do in lieu of reviewing a roughly \$1.3B governmental budget, financial incentivization may be essential in order to encourage citizen involvement and research.

It is proposed that the granting of an award be explicitly predicated on the Board of County Commissioners, or its lawful designee, making written findings that:

- (1) the proposal will not, in any way, be detrimental to public health or safety;
- (2) the proposal will not meaningfully reduce the quality of services provided;
- (3) no employee of Brevard County had proposed the same or a substantially similar suggestion within the preceding 36 months;
- (4) the proposal has been implemented in a manner compliant with all applicable policies and procedures;



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Bryan Lober, District 2

RE: Item J.3., Discussion for Citizen Cost Savings

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 6, 2019, discussed the creation of a mechanism by which individuals and/or business entities may be granted a percentage of taxpayer funds saved as a result of the County implementing their cost-saving proposals and realizing savings as a result thereof, but took no formal action.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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(5) the proposal has been fully implemented within 18 months of the suggestion having first been received by Brevard County staff designated, by the Board of County Commissioners, to process such citizen budgetary savings proposals; and

(6) but for the proposal, Brevard County would not have taken any action resulting in the cost savings.

It is proposed that the award be capped at the lesser of 3% of first-year savings up to a maximum award amount of \$150,000 (3% of \$5M).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

No Attachments Available