



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.1.

12/2/2021

Subject:

Presentation by Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of Court, Re: Appreciation for Financial Assistance Provided to the Clerk's Office in August 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

Dept/Office:

Clerk of Court

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners hear a presentation by Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of Court.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



December 3, 2021

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

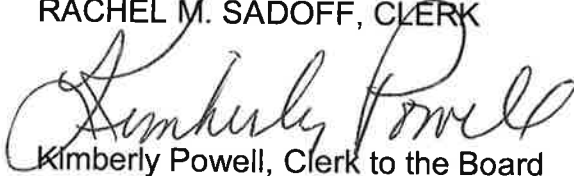
RE: Item E.1., Presentation by Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of Court for Appreciation of Financial Assistance Provided to the Clerk's Office in August 2020

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 2, 2021, acknowledged presentation given by Clerk Sadoff for appreciation of financial assistance provided to the Clerk's Office in August 2020, by returning \$500,000 to the Board as promised and within one budget year.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK**


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ds

cc: Clerk Sadoff
Finance
Budget

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November 22, 2021

The Honorable Kristine Zonka
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940

Dear Chair Zonka:

On August 25, 2020, the County Commission approved allocating \$500,000 from the County's reserves to our office to allay continued furloughs of our staff during a downturn in court filings and fees caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$500,000 allowed then-Clerk Ellis and me to bring 60 employees back from unpaid furloughs and restored the remainder of our staff to their full salaries following a 20-percent reduction in pay.

At that meeting, Clerk Ellis and myself stood before this Board and committed to repaying that financial assistance back as soon as possible. One of my first goals as Clerk was to establish an expedited timeline to meet that commitment. As the year progressed, I continued to work with my management team and established a plan to meet that goal without hindrance to my office or the constituents we serve. Due in large part to an increase in Recording revenue, I am happy to inform you that my office is able to return the \$500,000 to this Board as promised and within one budget year.

As you know, the vast majority of the Clerk's budget is entirely out of the control of the Clerk, the County, or my team of dedicated staff. Because of the way clerks across the state were funded for the last several years, we were far more susceptible to drastic cuts in our budgets than nearly any other agency in Florida. Thankfully during the 2021 legislative session, the Florida Legislature made changes to allow clerks to maintain reserves going forward. Although this is not a guarantee against economic changes in the future, it is certainly a step in the right direction in providing more stable and coherent budgets for clerks.

As always, I am thankful for your support and very much value the constructive working relationship my office has with the Commission and County staff.

Sincerely,

Rachel M. Sadoff
Clerk of the Circuit Court
& Comptroller

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The Honorable John Tobia, District 3
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