

Meeting Date
<b>February 3, 2015</b>



AGENDA	
Section	Resolutions
Item No.	I E

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:	Emergency Operations Center & Communications Center Resolution
DEPT/OFFICE:	District 2 Commission Office

**Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and the Chair sign the attached resolution, requesting state and federal financial support for the construction of a new Emergency Operation Center and Communications Center.

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

This resolution will be received by the Office of Emergency Management.

Fiscal Impact: None

Clerk to the Board instruction: Does not need to be framed – please provide 12 copies with seal

Exhibits Attached: Resolution

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No     PR

County Manager	Deputy County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	Commissioner Jim Barfield



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February 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Barfield, County Commissioner District 2

RE: Item I.E., Resolution Requesting State and Federal Financial Support for the Construction of a New Emergency Operations Center and Communications Center

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 3, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-012, requesting that Legislators recognize the significance of this County, and the private and public assets within its borders, to the State and Nation, and to identify funding with which to construct a facility that would enhance local and regional public safety, as well as national security. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Etheridge*

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Resolution

*WHEREAS, Brevard County has unique significance to the state and nation due to the assets located within its borders, with military facilities including Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Naval Ordnance Test at Port Canaveral, and Patrick Air Force Base, which houses the Air Force Technical Applications Center, a high-value national security asset; and*

*WHEREAS, rocket launches at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station occur regularly, there is pending development of dedicated commercial launch site at Kennedy Space Center, as well as the future return of manned spaceflight; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard County's EOC is the most frequently activated in the State of Florida, and the second most frequently in the nation; and as a coastal county, Brevard County is extremely vulnerable to storm surge, tornadoes, flooding and high winds resulting in severe property damage, and to the potential for loss of life from the effects of a hurricane or tropical storm; and*

*WHEREAS, Port Canaveral, the fastest-growing port in Florida and the second-busiest cruise terminal in the world, is home to SeaPort Canaveral, the major supplier of jet fuel for Orlando, Sanford, and Jacksonville international airports; and Brevard is also susceptible to a nuclear power plant incident, as parts of the county are within the 50-mile ingestion pathway for the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard has had 26 presidentially declared disasters in the past 50 years, ranking it 78<sup>th</sup> of 3,144 counties in the nation, or in the top 3% of frequency; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard has the fifth-oldest Emergency Operations Center in the state of Florida's 67 counties, as well as the oldest and smallest EOC in the region, at 50 years old and 11,000 square feet; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard County Emergency Management is responsible for carrying out the provision of Florida Statute 252 which requires the management of emergencies, and the EOC serves as a central coordinating point for all emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities; and*

*WHEREAS, the EOC operates with key representatives from public safety agencies, emergency relief organizations, county departments, municipalities, utility companies, the school board, news media, and other essential organizations, coordinating activities with surrounding jurisdictions, the State of Florida, and FEMA; and*

*WHEREAS, it is an initiative of the State of Florida to collocate and consolidate 911 communication centers, but Brevard County has eleven different public safety answering points, and officer and firefighter safety would be improved through the increased information-sharing that a single communications center would provide; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard County and the State of Florida would be positioned for a quicker recovery from a from a disaster, if the county's EOC were of adequate size, technology, and functionality to accommodate the personal and resources needed; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard County desires to provide space for a representative of each affected municipality within its borders during response and recovery operations; and*

*WHEREAS, a spatial needs analysis has already been completed for a facility which would encompass an EOC floor, collocated law enforcement/fire 911 communications dispatch center, traffic management center, 800 MHz public safety radio system administration, E911 administration, emergency management administration, and logistical space; and*

*WHEREAS, Brevard County is eager to participate in the National Weather Service's initiative to collocate its regional weather forecast offices with local EOCs for better information-sharing and decision-making ability.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby request that legislators recognize the significance of this county, and the private and public assets within its borders, to the state and nation, and identify funding with which to construct a facility that would enhance local and regional public safety, as well as national security.**

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of February, 2015.**

ATTEST:

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

## Emergency Operations Center & Communications Center Funding Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Brevard County has unique significance to the state and nation due to the assets located within its borders, with military facilities including Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Naval Ordnance Test at Port Canaveral, and Patrick Air Force Base, which houses the Air Force Technical Applications Center, a high-value national security asset; and

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**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED**, in regular session, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, A.D., 2015.

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*As approved by the Board on February 3, 2015*