

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2010

Date Submitted: December 21, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator

Subject: Request Board Approval to Adopt the Proposed Resolution Amending Resolution #09-55, Related to the Industrial Development Authority and Appoint Brent Thurmond as the Certified Public Accountant Representative

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**Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to adopt the proposed Resolution amending Resolution #09-55 related to the Industrial Development Authority and appoint Brent Thurmond, Clerk of Court to serve as the Certified Public Accountant Board Member.

**Background:**

Ordinance No. 09-14 was approved by the Board at the November 16, 2009 Board meeting to create an Industrial Development Authority (IDA). In addition, a related Resolution was approved, as required by Chapter 159, to confirm the creation of the IDA and to appoint Board members. Commissioners were tasked to make appointments in the following categories.

Commissioner	IDA Membership Categories	
Kessler	Officer of a local manufacturing firm or an officer of a business with industrial revenue bond experience	
Green	An Attorney	Citizen-at-large
Artz	Sustainability, renewable energy or natural resources representative.	Certified Public Accountant
Brock	An officer of a Major, local, financial institution	Nature- or heritage-based tourism industry representative
Stewart	Developer or officer of a development company of industrial sites or a commercial contractor or officer of a commercial building company	An Engineer

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The following appointments were made:

- Amy Geiger--- An officer of a major, local, financial institution shall serve an initial term of one (1) year;
- Leon Jacobs--- An attorney shall serve an initial term of two (2) years;
- Ted Gaupin---A developer or officer of a development company of industrial sites, or a commercial contractor or officer of a commercial building company, shall serve an initial term of three (3) years;
- Steve Fultz---An officer of a local manufacturing firm, or officer of a business who has experience with industrial revenue bonds, shall serve an initial term of four (4) years;
- Cynthia Paulson---A nature- or heritage-based tourism industry representative shall serve an initial term of four (4) years;
- Tom Harrington---A sustainability, renewable energy, or natural resources industry representative, shall serve an initial term of four (4) years;
- Jack Rudloe---A citizen-at-large, shall serve an initial term of four (4) years;
- Joe Hope---An engineer, shall serve an initial term of four (4) years; and
- Beverly Keister---A Certified Public Accountant, shall serve an initial term of four (4) years.

**Analysis:**

Ms. Beverly Keister was confirmed to the IDA as the Certified Public Accountant representative. Ms. Keister has extensive background in accounting and is certified in the State of Missouri, however is not currently licensed in the State of Florida. Per the County Attorney, it is recommended that the Board confirm a certified public accountant that is licensed in the State of Florida to serve on the IDA Board at this time. Brent Thurmond, Clerk of Court has expressed his willingness to serve on the IDA. At this time, staff is requesting approval to adopt the amended Resolution and appoint Brent Thurmond to serve as the IDA Certified Public Accountant representative.

**Options:**

1. Adopt the amended Resolution and appoint Brent Thurmond to serve as the IDA Certified Public Accountant Representative.
2. Do not adopt the amended Resolution and do not appoint Brent Thurmond to serve as the IDA Certified Public Accountant Representative.
3. Board Direction.

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**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Amended Resolution