



SPECIAL CALL MEETING
AGENDA



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND
CITY OF VERO BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007 - 1:30 P.M.

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1801 27TH STREET, BUILDING A
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Indian River County Board of County Commission Chairman, Gary C. Wheeler

2. INVOCATION

Indian River County Public Works Director, Jim Davis

3. OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

A. Indian River County Board of County Commissioners and Staff
By Chairman Gary C. Wheeler

B. City of Vero Beach City Council and Staff By Mayor Thomas P. White

4. DISCUSSION OF PIPER PROPOSAL

5. ADJOURNMENT

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**JOINT SPECIAL CALL MEETING
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AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Commissioner Gary C. Wheeler, Chairman
DATE: October 2, 2007
SUBJECT: Piper Proposal

As a Commissioner on the Indian River Board of County Commissioners, I would like to propose consideration of the following:

The City of Vero Beach, Indian River County, and the State of Florida commit to provide Piper a financial incentive package to remain in Vero Beach, Florida. This package will consist of \$20 million in State Closing Funds plus \$16 million in funds pending the final approval by both Indian River County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Vero Beach City Council, subject to mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

Piper Stats

- **Generates \$518 million annually to the local economy**
 - **\$91 million in labor income**
 - **Employs 1,029 but a total of 2,136 high wage jobs in Indian River County result with an average income of \$39,171**
 - **More than 25% of Piper's annual revenues come from International sales, this means over \$54 million from overseas currency is flowing into Vero Beach**
 - **Is the ninth largest taxpayer in Indian River County, paying \$490,000 per year in taxes**
 - **Is Vero Beach's single largest consumer of utilities paying the City over \$2.3 million annually**
 - **Employees and their families account for approximately 2,500 residents to our community**

- **Having a company of Piper's stature and reputation in Indian River County adds to the value of our community and helps attract other businesses**

- **Contributions to the community include:**
 - **Is the largest blood donor in the county with over 400 units annually supporting the hospital during periods of critical shortages**
 - **Was presented the 2007 "torch bearer" for the IRC United Way**
 - **Sponsors "Piper Education Program" (PEP), an onsite-mentoring program on the Piper campus run by the Indian River School District for students at risk**
 - **Provides over 6,000 sq. ft. of office space and utilities on the Piper campus free of charge to the Education Foundation of Indian River County and the IRC Boys and Girls Club**
 - **Has a scholarship program for qualifying students who graduate from local high schools in Vero Beach and IRC totaling over \$16,000 annually**
 - **Donated \$25,000 to the Indian River Community College Foundation for construction of the Richardson Center**
 - **Is a platinum member of the Chamber of Commerce, with a \$3,000 contribution annually**
 - **Helps underwrite the Regional Science Fair**
 - **Has a special program "The Cherokee Flyers" that subsidizes most of the flight costs for any local resident that wants to learn to fly**