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The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, met in a Special Session at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Monday, February 22, 2010, to discuss the Modification of Resolution 2009-033, Section 3, to include County Commissioners as Officers of the County Economic Development Agency, and to request out of state travel for County Commissioners acting as Officers of the County Economic Development Agency. Present were Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Bob Solari, Commissioners Wesley S. Davis, Joseph E. Flescher, and Gary C. Wheeler. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, Deputy County Attorney William DeBraul, and Deputy Clerk Leona Adair Allen.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. INVOCATION

Commissioner Davis delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Solari led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

4.A. COMMISSIONER PETER D. O'BRYAN, CHAIRMAN

4.A.1. MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-033, SECTION 3, TO INCLUDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chairman O'Bryan was recently asked by the Principal of a technology partner for assistance in meeting with our Congressional Senators in Washington, D.C., and conveyed that he would help with the introductions. He reported that over the past three months, Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director for the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, and he had been meeting with company representatives who were interested in locating their manufacturing company in Vero Beach. He related that he would not be available, and that Legal staff advised him that the Board may want to consider modifying Resolution 2009-033, Section 3, in order to send Commissioner Davis in his place to Washington, D.C. to make the introductions, and to keep the name of the company confidential.-

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners and staff regarding this request.

Vice Chairman Solari indicated that he would make a Motion to send a Commissioner to Washington to make introductions.

Commissioner Wheeler did not support making a change to the Resolution for one incident.

Commissioner Davis said he would not have a problem going to Washington to make the requested introductions without the Resolution modification.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved sending Commissioner Davis and/or appropriate staff to travel to Washington, D.C., but denied the request to modify the Resolution.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the floor for public comment.

Penny Chandler, Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, supported confidentiality and the request for introductions. She also noted that the introduction request was not unusual.

Frank Zorc, Vero Beach, supported Chairman O'Bryan's intentions to send someone to Washington, DC.

Sam Pennington, business owner, voiced concern over spending taxpayer's money to send someone to Washington, D.C.

Chairman O'Bryan closed the floor for public comment.

Chairman O'Bryan stressed how this would show the company that Indian River County is serious about bringing their business to Vero Beach, and that the County would be willing to do everything possible to make it happen.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of a shade meeting, concerns over the travel budget, and considering this as money spent on "product development" for the County.

4.A.2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MOTION WAS MADE by Vice Chairman Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler to authorize Commissioner Davis and potential staff to travel to Washington, D.C.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION, and the Motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

Minutes Approved: _____

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