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# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 15, 2017 [ ] Consent [X ] Regular [ ] Ordinance [ ] Public Hearing

**Department:** County Administration

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff requests Board direction regarding: Adoption of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Resolution No. R-2017-0218, Section 4(B)(1), relating to personnel classifications and pay grades for County Commission Administrative Assistants and County Commission Secretaries, to become effective the first payroll period beginning after October 1, 2017.

**Summary:** On September 10, 2013, the Board approved a change in pay policy for County Commission staff which created a progression plan for Commission support staff and allowed all employees that held the position of County Commission Administrative Assistant to be eligible, at the discretion of the Commissioner, for a promotion to an E01 pay grade. On February 7, 2017, the Board directed staff to work with Commissioner Bernard to address salary concerns for commission staff. The proposed amended resolution would provide for an additional step in the Commission support staff progression plan, and an amended schedule for progression eligibility. On the effective date of the amended resolution, Commission staff would be eligible, at the discretion of the Commissioner, to be placed into whichever pay grade their tenure dictates, consistent with the resolution. Countywide (DO)

**Background & Policy Issues:** The resolution establishing guidelines for budgeting for County Commission District Offices, which addresses issues concerning travel, equipment, auto allowances, staffing and salaries, has been amended numerous times since its formal adoption in 1988. The previous version of the resolution required all newly hired staff to start at the base of the entry level pay grade, regardless of education or experience and made no special provision for re-hired staff with previous experience in the same role. The most recent amendment to the resolution was approved on March 14, 2017 (R-2017-0218) and provides for the recognition of the value of the services of former Palm Beach County Commission employees seeking re-employment with the County and allows a Commissioner to re-hire such an employee, after a break in service, to the minimum salary of the pay grade of his or her former job classification.

#### Attachments:

1. Amended Resolution

# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

# A. **Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Years** 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 **Capital Expenditures Operating Costs External Revenues** Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County) **NET FISCAL IMPACT** # ADDITIONAL FTE **POSITIONS (Cumulative)** Is Item Included in A Bud Budget? Yes \_\_\_ No\_X Budget Account No: Fund \_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_ Object B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: $^{m{ imes}}$ The estimated FY 2018 fiscal impact is approximately \$32,000. No budget transfer is necessary at this time. A budget transfer will be included with the FY 2018 mid-year balance brought forward adjustment agenda item. Impact in future years will depend on longevity of current employees.

**OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development & Control Comments:** 

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

Contract Dev. and Control

**Assistant County Attorney** 

**Legal Sufficiency:** 

C. Other Department Review

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS:** 

A.

B.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-**

RESOLUTION **OF** THE **BOARD** OF COUNTY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS **FLORIDA** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-0224, AS RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-0324, AS AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. R2013-1281. **AMENDED** RESOLUTION R2017-0218. **AMENDING** NO. **PROGRESSION PLAN FOR** COUNTY COMMISSION **ASSISTANTS** AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY COMMISSION SECRETARIES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.** 

WHEREAS, it is vital that government exercise its power and perform its duties according to laws, policies, established procedures, and sound management practices; and

WHEREAS, government must be held accountable for the use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize the value of the services of former Palm Beach County Commission employees seeking re-employment with the County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that: Resolution No. R-20100224, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-0324, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION
NO. R2013-1281, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. R2017-1281 is amended as follows:

- 1. The County Commission office budget shall be composed of eight cost centers: one for each Commission district, and one for Shared Expenses.
- 2. Shared Expenses costs shall include office supplies for the Governmental Center Commissioners' offices, copier charges and supplies, Board memberships, maintenance of equipment, communication costs except cell phone costs and usage, and data processing costs. Signature authority for the Shared Expenses cost center shall be the Mayor or the Commission Office Manager.
- 3. Commissioners are authorized to modify their district budgets by moving funds between line items, except that salary and benefit budget lines shall not be increased by transfers from other operating accounts and provided that expenditures do not exceed the overall annual budget established for such district office. Signature authority for each district budget shall be the Commissioner of that district or the Commissioner's specific

designee.

- 4. All expenditures of public funds must be in accordance with State law. All expenses paid from public funds must be for a County purpose. The use of Commission staff during regular working hours and County-owned equipment for personal or political purpose is prohibited.
- 5. All expenses shall be charged to the appropriate budget account as identified in the most current State Chart of Accounts.
- 6. To establish budgetary controls over Commission expenses, the following rules shall take effect immediately and may be waived only by a majority vote of the entire Board of County Commissioners.

## **SECTION 1.** TRAVEL

- A. Each Commissioner may budget an annual amount for Travel and Per Diem and Registration Fees accounts (4001 and 4941, respectively).
- B. Authority to approve travel for a County commissioner and his or her staff is hereby provided to each County Commissioner provided that adequate funds are available within the individual County Commissioner's budget.

# **SECTION 2.** COUNTY VEHICLES AND AUTO ALLOWANCES

Commissioners and Commission staff shall be subject to the Countywide policies and procedures promulgated by the County Administrator in PPM#CW-F-008, as they may relate to the assignment of County vehicles or the payment for use of private vehicles for County business.

# **SECTION 3.** POLICY - COMMISSION SALARIES

- A. <u>Budgeting (Relating to Staff Salaries).</u> The salary budget shall increase annually in accordance with annual Countywide salary policy for as long as the Commissioner is in office. If a current County employee joins the staff of a Commissioner, the budget shall be adjusted accordingly based on the pay action that should occur pursuant to County policy.
- B. <u>Future Commissioners.</u> Budget will be established at time of election based on three positions: two full-time County Commission Administrative Assistants, and one full-time Commission Secretary.

#### **SECTION 4.** STAFFING AND SALARIES

A. <u>Temporary Staff.</u> The County Commission may, from time to time, adopt and budget for programs providing for the employment of students. The use of temporary employees on a contract basis to temporarily replace or augment Commission staff shall be authorized as provided by the adopted fiscal year budget. Temporary employees shall not receive benefits and shall be paid only for actual time worked.

#### B. <u>Permanent Staff.</u>

#### 1. <u>Personnel Classifications.</u>

Effective with the pay period ending after October 1, 2017, County Commission staff will be classified as follows, subject to the approval of the Commissioner. Employees will be initially hired at the base of the entry level pay grade. After one year, the employee will be eligible, at the Commissioner's discretion, to move up to the second level. After one more year, for a total of two years in the position, the employee will be eligible, at the Commissioner's discretion, to move to the third level of progression, as noted in the table below. Following two additional years of service, after a total of four years in the position, the employee will be eligible, at the Commissioner's discretion, to move to the fourth and final level of progression..

County Commission Administrative Assistant Pay Grades		
County Commission Administrative Assistant I (New Hire)	32	
County Commission Administrative Assistant II (following 1 year of service)	34	
County Commission Administrative Assistant III (following an additional year of service, total of 2)	36	
Senior County Commission Administrative Assistant (following 2 additional years of service, total of 4)	E01	

County Commission Secretary Pay Grades		
County Commission Secretary I (New Hire)	24	
County Commission Secretary II (following 1 year of service)	26	
Senior County Commission Secretary I (following an additional year of service, total of 2)	28	
Senior County Commission Secretary II (following 2 additional years of service, total of 4)	30	

New hires will be required to start at the base of the entry level pay grade, regardless of education or experience. However, a new hire for a County Commission Administrative Assistant or a Commission Secretary who was previously employed by Palm Beach County in the same capacity may, at a Commissioner's discretion, be hired at the minimum salary of the

pay grade of their former job classification.

The pay grades for County Commission Administrative Assistants and Commission Secretaries may be adjusted periodically as determined by Human Resources review.

#### 2. Staffing.

Commissioners shall be authorized three (3) full-time equivalent staff members: two full-time County Commission Administrative Assistants, and one full-time Commission Secretary. Commissioners may hire staff in a different job classification with a lower pay grade (e.g. Clerk Typist), but in no instance may Commissioners hire staff in a different job classification with a higher pay grade than the pay grades for the job classifications listed above. Commissioners' staff shall normally be entitled to any across-the-board pay increases and longevity pay increases available to other County employees as approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners, subject to availability of budget and approval of the Commissioner. In no case may staff salary exceed the maximum of the designated pay grade; however, employees at the maximum of the pay grade may receive a lump-sum bonus in lieu of across-the-board pay increases and longevity pay increases.

#### 3. Tenure.

Commission staff shall be considered Non- Merit System employees and shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Commission.

#### 4. Benefits.

Commission staff shall receive employee benefits pursuant to applicable County policy.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution	was offered by	_, who moved for its
adoption. The motion was sec	onded by Commissioner	, and upon
being put to a vote, the vote was	as follows:	
Commission	er Paulette Burdick, Mayor	
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Commission	er Melissa McKinlay, Vice Mayo	r -
Commission	er Hal R. Valeche	
Commission	er Dave Kerner	
Commission	er Steven L. Abrams	
Commission	er Mary Lou Berger	
Commission	er Mack Bernard	
The Mayor thereupon dec	lared the Resolution duly passed	d and adopted this
day of August, 2017.		
	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL BOARD OF COUNTY COMI	
	SHARON BROCK, CLERK 8	& COMPTROLLER
	By:	
	DEPUTY CLER	RK
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY		
By: County Attorney		

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