

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 8, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to:

**A) adopt** a Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Court to disburse \$250,000 from the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund for the Mooring Buoy Program; and

**B) approve** a Budget Transfer of \$250,000 from the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund Reserves to the Mooring Buoy Program for ongoing maintenance.

**Summary:** Previously allocated monies for the program were spent and Term Contract #900405 with Industrial Divers Corp., Inc. for offshore buoy inspection, maintenance and repair services expired February 22, 2021. The County entered into a new Term Contract #450927 with Industrial Divers Corp., Inc. on February 23, 2021 that expires February 22, 2022, but can be renewed four more times for a total of five years. These additional funds are needed to fund five years of mooring buoy maintenance and repair.

District 1, 4, 7 (SS)

**Background and Justification:** The Palm Beach County Mooring Buoy Program costs are supported by grants, donations, and the County Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund. The Mooring Buoy Program began in 2009 and has proven popular with boaters and serves to protect the underlying reefs from anchor damage. Annual maintenance of 36 active mooring buoys and 52 mooring buoy anchor pin locations is estimated to be \$50,000 per year.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Budget Transfer

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Recommended by:  4-22-2021  
Department Director Date

SAS 4/20/21

Approved by:  5/5/21  
Assistant County Administrator Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Budget Account No.:

Fund 1224 Department 380 Unit 1034 Object 3401 Program \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

\$250,000 County Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund

**C. Department Fiscal Review:**

*S. Henry*

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

*ASDA 4/26/21*      *Dr. J. J. ... 5/13/21*  
 OFMB *GA 4-26-21*      Contract Development & Control  
*Reviewed Jackson 4/26/21*      *5-3-21 TW*

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*John ... for Scott Stone*  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

## RESOLUTION NO. R2021-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE MOORING BUOY PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County enacted the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance, No. 88-40 which began collecting fees June 1, 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance provides that monies collected from vessel registration fees be utilized to protect coastal marine and estuarine habitats, maintain and enhance fisheries and other salt and freshwater habitats, and construct artificial reefs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the monitoring and maintenance of mooring buoys until the end of the previous buoy maintenance contract, which expired on February 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County has 36 mooring buoys offshore from Jupiter to Boca Raton, and they are found to be very popular with the boating and diving communities; and

**WHEREAS**, repairing and maintaining mooring buoys has been found to help protect the coastal reefs by reducing anchor damage in addition to assisting boaters in locating reef areas; and

**WHEREAS**, long-term regular maintenance is essential for the safety and proper functioning of mooring buoys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Environmental Resources Management recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Clerk of the Court to disburse Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund monies in the amount of \$250,000 for repair and maintenance for the Mooring Buoy Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified.

Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clerk to disburse funds of \$250,000 for repair and maintenance for the Mooring Buoy Program.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Dave Kerner, Mayor	_____
Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth, Vice Mayor	_____
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	_____
Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss	_____
Commissioner Maria Sachs	_____
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay	_____
Commissioner Mack Bernard	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH ABRUZZO  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott A. Stone                      Date  
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 BUDGET TRANSFER

BGEX 033021\*1142

FUND  
 1224 Environmental Enhance-Saltwtr

ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED As of 03/30/2021	REMAINING BALANCE
<b><u>REVENUES/EXPENDITURES</u></b>								
1224-380-3891-9902	Operating Reserves	844,820	572,631	0	250,000	322,631	0	322,631
1224-380-1034-3401	Other Contractual Services	19,966	36,446	250,000	0	286,446	0	286,446
<b>Total Receipts and Balances</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>		

Signatures & Dates

Environmental Resources Management

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

*Joseph Stum* 4-22-2021

By Board of County Commissioners

At Meeting of

June 8, 2021

Deputy Clerk to the

Board of County Commissioners