# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 13, 2021	(X)Consent ()Regular ()Ordinance ()Public Hearing
Department Submitted By:	Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
Submitted For:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) review for sufficiency Report of County Officials Bonds dated June 2021, and B) receive and file Report of County Officials Bonds dated June 2021.

**Summary:** Ordinance No. 98-51 sets the various bond amounts for specified county officers and provides for examination of the sufficiency of all the bonds at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in January and June of each year. (DB) <u>Countywide.</u>

**Background and Justification:** Each county officer of whom bond is, or shall be required by law, shall give bond to the governor of the State, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office.

Palm Beach County Ordinance 98-51 outlines the various bond amounts of each elected official. These are referenced on attached report for examination. All bonds are listed in compliance with Chapter 98-34, Laws of Florida, Section 137.05, Florida Statutes, and Ordinance 98-51.

# Attachments - Bond document for:

- 1. Report of Palm Beach County Officials' Bonds
- 2. List of Florida Statutes
- 3. Ordinance 98-51

Recommended By:	Melissa M. Corrales, Manager - Finance Services	USY S

Approved by: \_\_\_\_ County Administrator Date

# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

# A. Five-Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	2024	<u>2025</u>			
Capital Expenditures								
Operating Costs								
External Revenues								
Program Income (County)								
In-Kind Match (County)								
NET FISCAL IMPACT								
Number of additional FTE positions (Cumulative)								
Is Item Included in Current	t Budget?			Yes	No			
Does this item include the	use of Fede	ral Funds?		Yes	No			
Budget Account No.: Fu	nd	Dept	_ Unit	OI	oject			
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:								

No Fiscal Impact

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

# III. <u>REVIEW COMMENTS</u>

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

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Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

		Report of County	Official's Bonds											
		Sureties Sufficie												
(Required by F.S. 137.05)														
Office Bonded		Surety Co Name Expiration Date		Premium Term	Amount Bonded	Required \$ By ORD 98-51								
Clerk & Comptroller	JOSEPH ABRUZZO	Hartford Fire	January, 2025	4 years	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$680							
Property Appraiser	DOROTHY JACKS	Ohio Casualty	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$400									
Tax Collector	Tax Collector       ANNE M. GANNON       Ohio Casualty       January, 2025       4 years       \$100,000       \$1													
Supervisor of Elections WENDY SARTORY LINK Old Republic May, 2022 3 years \$25,000						\$5,000	\$270							
Sheriff         RIC L. BRADSHAW         Western Surety         January, 2025         4 years         \$25,000					\$25,000	\$425								
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriffs (blanket bond)	iffs (blanket bond) Travelers Casualty August, 2021		1 year	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$100							
Commissioner Dist. #1	MARIA G. MARINO	ARIA G. MARINO Hartford Fire November, 2024		4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$355							
Commissioner Dist. #2	GREGG K. WEISS	Hartford Fire	November, 2022	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$340							
Commissioner Dist. #3	DAVE KERNER	Hartford Fire	November, 2024	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$355							
Commissioner Dist. #4	ROBERT S. WEINROTH	Hartford Fire	November, 2022	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$340							
Commissioner Dist. #5	MARIA SACHS	Hartford Fire	November, 2024	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$355							
Commissioner Dist. #6	MELISSA MCKINLAY	Hartford Fire	November, 2022	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$340							
Commissioner Dist. #7	MACK BERNARD	Hartford Fire	November, 2024	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$355							
Note:       Elected officials are responsible for obtaining their bond and may choose a bonding agency.       Bond premiums shall be paid out of General Revenue Fund.         ALL BONDS LISTED ABOVE COMPLY WITH FLORIDA STATUTES AND PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 98-51.       98-51.														

# **SURETIES UPON OFFICIAL BONDS: F.S. 113.071**

Sureties upon officials shall be in an amount sufficient as prescribed by law and approved by County Commissioners:

<b>CLERK &amp; COMPTROLLER -</b>	F.S. 28.02
SHERIFF & DEPUTY SHERIFF(S) -	F.S. 30.02
<b>SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION -</b>	F.S. 98.015
TAX COLLECTOR -	F.S. 137.02
PROPERTY APPRAISER -	F.S. 137.03
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -</b>	F.S. 137.04



#### ORDINANCE NO. 98-51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIED COUNTY OFFICERS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 98-34, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 98-34, 12 Laws of Florida, eliminating or revising bond requirements for 13 certain public officials, including specified County officers; and 14 WHEREAS, Chapter 98-34 eliminated the statutory bond 15 requirements for specified County officers and provided that the 16 17 Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") may establish bond requirements for specified County officers and must require bonds 18 from County Commissioners; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Chapter 98-34 provides that any bond required of 21 specified County officers be established by ordinance of the Board; 22 and

WHEREAS, in establishing the amount of any required bond, the amount of money or property likely to be in custody of the specified County officer at one time may be considered by the Board.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY 28 COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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Section 1. Title.

30 This Ordinance shall be known as the "County Officer Bond31 Ordinance".

Section 2. Bond of Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$50,0000 conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of office.

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#### Section 3. Bond of Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$25,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

Each appointed Deputy Sheriff shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office. In the alternative, a blanket bond in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office of all appointed Deputy Sheriffs is acceptable.

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#### Section 4. Bond of Supervisor of Elections.

11 The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections shall be 12 required to give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 conditioned for the 13 faithful performance of the duties of office.

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#### Section 5. Bond of Tax Collector.

The Palm Beach County Tax Collector shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$100,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office, and specifically conditioned for the Tax Collector's accounting duly and faithfully for all taxes collected.

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#### Section 6. Bond of Property Appraiser.

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

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#### Section 7. Bond of County Commissioners.

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Each Palm Beach County Commissioner, whether elected or appointed, must give a bond in the sum of \$2,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

#### Section 8. Approval of Form and Surety of Bonds of County Officers; Delegation of Authority.

All bonds of County officers required by this Ordinance must be approved by the Board. Approval of the form and surety of any such bonds is hereby delegated by the Board to the County Administrator or designee, with the concurrence of the County Attorney in such approval.

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# Section 9. Filing of Bonds of County Officers.

9 All bonds of County officers required by this Ordinance 10 must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court promptly upon 11 execution.

# 12 Section 10. Examination of Sufficiency of Bonds of 13 County Officers.

At its regular meetings in January and June of each year 14 15 beginning January, 1999, the Board shall examine carefully the 16 sufficiently of all bonds required of County officers. If the 17 Board has reason to believe that the sufficiency of any such bond has become impaired, the Board must at once require that the County 18 officer to execute and file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court a 19 new bond for the same amount and under the same conditions as the 20 former bond. 21

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#### Section 11. Applicability.

This Ordinance is applicable countywide. This Ordinance shall not affect any currently existing bonds of County officers.

#### Section 12. Repeal of Laws in Conflict.

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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Section 13. Severability.									
If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or									
word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be									
unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not									

affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

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7 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made 8 a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, 9 Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or 10 relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be 11 changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word.

Section 14. Inclusion in The Code of Laws And Ordinances.

#### SECTION 15. Effective Date.

13The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective14upon filing with the Department of State.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS 18 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK 19 UNIY Board of County Commissioners Bv UN BEAR DEPUTY CLERK COUNTY 20  $\Box$ Chairman 21 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND 22 23 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY" 24 By: A County Attorney 25 EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the 28th 26 27 day of <u>OCTOBER</u>,  $199 \times 120$ , at N/A .m.

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