

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 29, 2026
Department: Engineering and Public Works

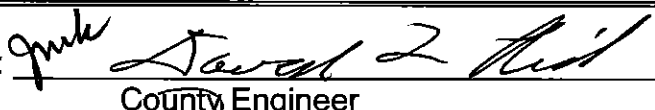
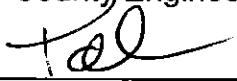
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Information on License Plate Readers

Summary: On September 1, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) directed staff to present information regarding License Plate Readers (LPR) as a workshop item on September 29, 2026. This presentation will include details on LPR policy, sample plans, current approvals issued, a statement from the Criminal Justice Commission, and any information received from local law enforcement agencies. LPRs were initially discussed and allowed by the BCC in 2019, and there are about 50 approved locations to date.

Attachments:

- 1. Presentation
- 2. Agenda Item 5C1 from December 3, 2019

Recommended by:  9/18/2026
County Engineer Date
Approved By:  9/24/20
Chief Deputy County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Is Item Included in Current Budget?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is this item using Federal Funds?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is this item using State Funds?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Account No: Fund Dept Unit Object

Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

****No Fiscal Impact****

Note: This presentation will include details on License Plate Readers (LPR) policy, sample plans, current approvals issued, a statement from the Criminal Justice Commission, and any information received from local law enforcement agencies.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Sam Manti 9/22/2026
OFMB
PA 9/22
AM 9/22

Frank P. [Signature] 9/22/26
Contract Dev. and Control
26 9.22.26

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 9/25/26
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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License Plate Reader Workshop



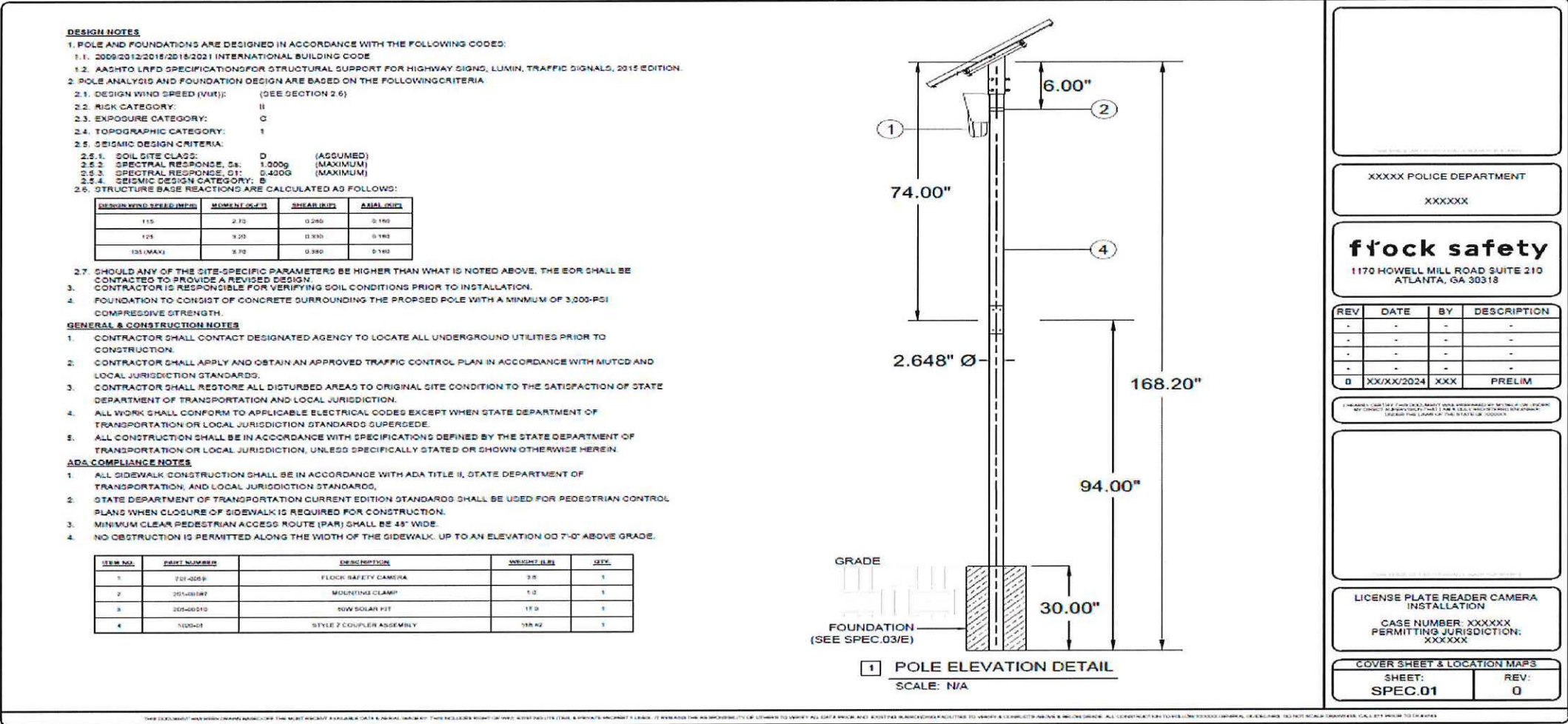
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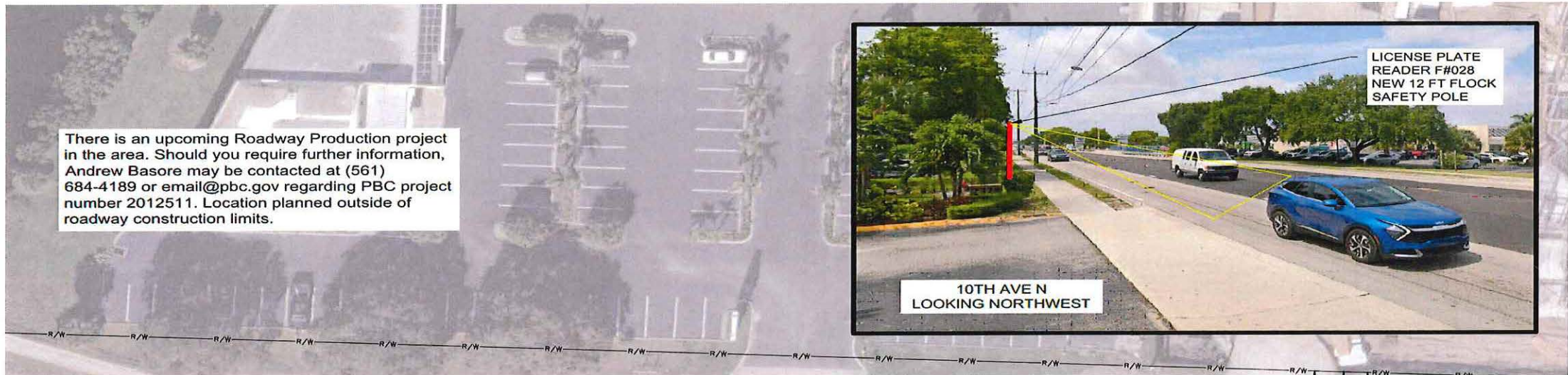
What are LPRs?

- License Plate Readers
 - High-speed computerized camera system
 - Uses optics and software to capture and convert vehicle license plate images into digital data
 - May be installed on a standalone pole or attached to another structure within a road right of way or on private property
 - Cameras are manufactured by several companies including Flock Safety, Axon, and Genetec

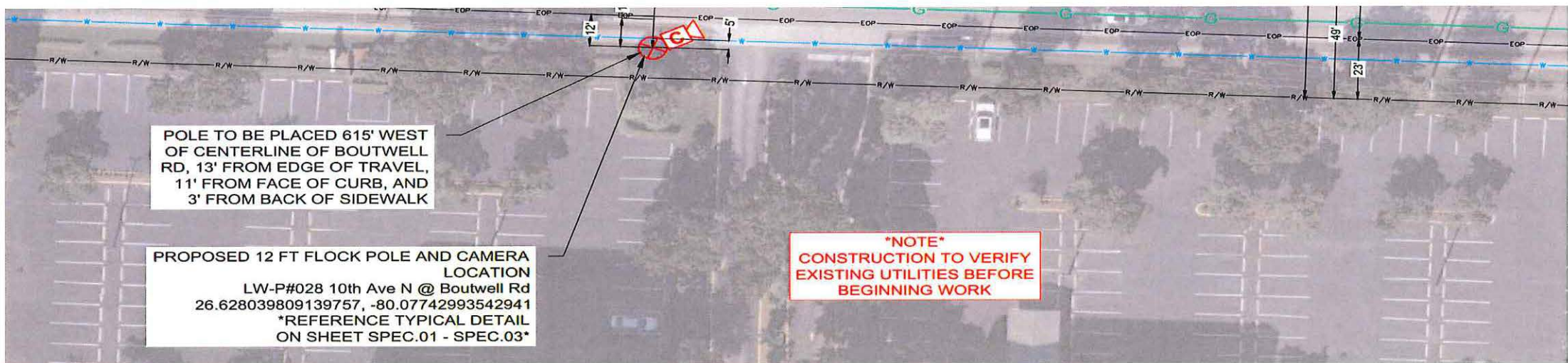


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Sample Plan



Approval History

- In 2019, local law enforcement agencies asked County for permission to install LPRs within the County's road rights of way
- Ord 2019-030 (Right of Way Permitting Ordinance) governs approval of facilities placed within County rights of way and authorizes County Engineer to approve permits at his or her discretion
- Since LPRs had not been approved before, Engineering & Public Works (EPW) staff brought an agenda item forward requesting Board of County Commissioner (BCC) direction
- On December 3, 2019, BCC directed EPW to issue permits for LPRs with conditions including that they be used solely for law enforcement purposes



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PPM EL-O-3609

- EPW subsequently created a Policy and Procedure Manual for LPR approvals, EL-O-3609 (PPM)
- PPM requires that permits only be issued to public police and/or sheriff's departments in support of their official duties
- If permit conditions were violated, permittees have 30 days to remove LPR, or face fine of \$1,000 per day
- EPW provides an annual update to the BCC to inform where LPRs have been approved and if staff is aware of any data collection or privacy issues



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Approvals Statistics

- After policy was created in 2019, no LPRs until 2022
- Last BCC update in April 2026 showed 18 LPR permits were approved in calendar year 2025
- There are a total of about 50 locations with LPR approvals that are either in place or approved for installation currently
- To date in 2026, there have been 20 applications submitted; 6 were approved prior to the BCC direction given on September 1, 2026, to stop additional approvals



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- On September 16, 2026, pursuant to BCC direction, EPW requested contract and data information from all LPR permittees and was informed by PBSO that their administration has discussed this matter and is unable to provide certain information publicly
- It was instead suggested that information be presented either individually to each commissioner or through a secure meeting or possibly shade meeting
- County Attorney's Office (CAO) has advised that, based on the limited information provided at the time of the request, this does not meet the requirements for a shade meeting



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Law Enforcement Response



“On behalf of the Palm Beach County Chiefs Association & Law Enforcement Planning Council, Criminal Justice Commission, I would like to share our perspective regarding the benefits and proper use of the Flock system. The Flock system can be a positive and valuable tool for law enforcement agencies throughout the country. When used properly and within the law, it can assist law enforcement in investigating crimes, locating stolen vehicles, and helping keep our communities safe. However, the Palm Beach County Chiefs Association strongly believes that the system must never be used for personal purposes or abused by law enforcement personnel. Any law enforcement officer who uses the Flock system for personal reasons or outside the scope of their official duties should be held accountable and face appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination when warranted.”



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➤ Law Enforcement Response (cont.)

“The Flock system is not fundamentally different from other investigative systems and databases that law enforcement agencies have used for years. Like any law enforcement tool, it must be used responsibly, lawfully, and with appropriate safeguards. The Association & LEPC fully supports protecting the privacy and constitutional rights of all citizens. At the same time, we want to make it clear that supporting the lawful use of the Flock system does not mean that the Association supports illegal or improper practices by any law enforcement practitioner. The Association supports effective law enforcement tools while also demanding accountability, transparency, and respect for the rights and privacy of our citizens. We believe these principles can and should coexist. Our citizens deserve both safety and protection of their rights, and the Association supports both.”

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**Michael A. Coleman, Chief of Police
Riviera Beach Police Department**



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THANK YOU!

Questions/Comments



PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 03, 2019	☐ Consent	☒ Regular
		☐ Ordinance	☐ Public Hearing
Department:	Engineering & Public Works		
Submitted By:	Engineering & Public Works		
Submitted For:	Traffic Division		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

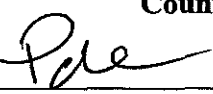
Motion and Title: Staff requests Board direction: establishing a policy to allow the installation of license plate readers (LPRs) within Palm Beach County (County) maintained right-of-way (ROW) for law enforcement purposes only, as requested by local law enforcement agencies and municipalities. Staff recommends allowing LPRs within County maintained ROW and recommends that the LPRs approval process be handled through the County’s existing ROW permit process.

SUMMARY: Local law enforcement agencies and municipalities within the County have requested the installation of LPRs on standalone poles within County ROW as well as on County maintained traffic signal support structures located within County maintained ROW, and on County maintained traffic signal support structures located within Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and municipally maintained ROW. LPRs provide personal information from license plate images to law enforcement agencies in support of their official duties and serve a public purpose by enhancing the safety and security of the public. Approval of LPRs in FDOT ROW is not being considered at this time.

Since this is the first of future requests, staff is seeking Board direction allowing LPRs on County ROW and is recommending using the existing permit process for review and approval of the installation of LPRs within County ROW. Staff would issue the ROW permit, with a condition that the LPRs will be used only for law enforcement purposes. LPRs shall be installed in a manner so as not to interfere with the operation and maintenance of traffic signals and associated support structures. The permit applicant shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of the LPRs. Countywide (YBH)

Background and Policy Issues: The County was asked to allow LPRs on County ROW as well as on non-County ROW. This agenda items seeks direction on whether to approve LPRs on County ROW only. Whether the County will be involved in the approval process for LPRs on non-County ROW will be discussed at a later date. However, it should be noted that the County has original traffic control jurisdiction and maintains traffic signals within County ROW, except for ROW over which municipalities have original traffic control jurisdiction. The County operates and maintains traffic signals within FDOT ROW and municipal ROW through traffic signal maintenance agreements and traffic control jurisdiction agreements. FDOT has deferred approval and installation of LPRs within FDOT ROW to the local signal maintaining agency. The County does not have the authority to issue permits for work performed outside of County ROW. Although the FDOT has deferred approval and installation of LPRs within FDOT ROW to the local signal maintaining agency, the County does not currently have authority to approve devices installed outside of County ROW and shall not issue permits for the installation of LPRs on any signal support structures it maintains within FDOT ROW or pursuant to traffic control jurisdiction agreements with municipalities. The FDOT and those municipalities wishing to allow LPRs to be installed on their signal support structures that are maintained by the County will have to amend their respective agreements with the County in order to include such installation.

Attachments:
None

Recommended By:		11/15/19
	County Engineer	Date
Approved By:		11/14/19
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital Expenditures	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$ **	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No **X**

Budget Acct No.: Fund__ Dept.__ Unit__ Object
Program

Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

**This item has no fiscal impact. Staff is requesting Board direction.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: .

Alice Kovalainen

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Lisa R. 11/5/19
OFMB 11/11/19

A. S. Javalley 11/13/19
Contract Dev. and Control 11/12/19 RD

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 11/14/19
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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