

November 9, 2021  
ITEM 14.A.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Discussion on Indian River County Joining the Small County Coalition

FROM: Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman  
Commissioner, District 2

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**Discussion Item:**

The Chairman of the Small County Coalition has expressed a strong interest in Indian River County becoming a participating member of the Coalition.

The Small County Coalition was established in 1991, at the request of legislators from small counties, to help bring a clear focus on and support for issues pertaining to small and rural counties. Since its creation, the Coalition has worked with the legislature, state agencies, and various organization to encourage positive policies and programs that address the challenges faced in Florida's small communities. The Coalition does not conflict with the Florida Association of Counties; rather, it works closely with FAC to ensure the internal policies and elected leadership reflect the diversity that exists in our 67 counties.

The annual participation fees are set at \$4,850, a one-time yearly charge, and there are no additional registration fees or assessments.

I'd like to hear the Board's thoughts on this proposal. Should the Board decide to accept the offer, it would need to designate two members of the BCC to serve as IRC's appointments to the Coalition's Board of Directors, plus a lead staff person as the staff liaison.

Attachments

1. Cover letter from Terry Burroughs and Chris Doolin of the SCC
2. Participation of Small Counties and their commissioners in the Small County Coalition and on the FAC Board and Policy Committees
3. Form designating participants for the SCC Board of Directors