

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Revision to County's Local Job Grant Program

FROM: Commissioner Bob Solari

During a chat I was told that a company that had used our jobs grant program in the past was not going to use it for an upcoming expansion because of its complexity.

After hearing that comment I made further inquiries and heard that our staff was already working on revisions to the County's local job grant program award computation methodology. After listening to the discussion that took place at the 6-20-17 Economic Development Council meeting, where the item was tabled, I could not understand why the staff's proposal did not go forward.

The County has what I consider to be a good, long term, economic development program, which I have no desire to expand, but I do believe that given ours is a limited program, and given the jobs grant program is a major piece of it, I believe that we should have each element functioning and not sidelined by unnecessary bureaucratic procedures.

I would like to see if the BCC would like to have staff present us with a presentation geared to improving the jobs grant program while reducing just a very wee bit of bureaucracy.

Thank you.