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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
**DATE:** April 20, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Children's Services Dedicated Millage

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**BACKGROUND.**

On January 14, 2020, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") voted to schedule a workshop concerning a referendum to establish a dedicated millage for children's services. On February 25, 2020, the Board conducted the workshop and provided guidance to the County Attorney on various issues pertaining to the dedicated millage, including the proposed millage rate, sunset date, millage phase-in, children's services advisory committee membership, executive director position and staffing, and the use of dedicated millage funds.

After the workshop, the County Attorney's Office began drafting the proposed ordinance, which called for the referendum and established a new chapter of the Indian River County Code of Ordinances pertaining to the dedicated millage and the other issues noted above. In March, Indian River County, the State of Florida and the entire country began to address the impacts of COVID-19. As the pandemic continues, it is clear that the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are widespread and dramatic. Thus, in coordination with the representatives supporting the referendum concerning children's services to be placed on the November 2020 ballot, the County Attorney's Office is recommending that the Board defer placing the matter on the November 2020 ballot. The County Attorney's Office will instead bring the matter and a draft ordinance back to the Board in 2021 for consideration of placing the matter on the November 2022 ballot.

**FUNDING.**

There is no funding associated with this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION.**

The County Attorney's Office recommends the Board defer placing the matter on the November 2020 ballot.

**ATTACHMENT.**

Letter from Lisa Kahle, dated April 17, 2020.