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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: March 26, 2020
SUBJECT: Purchasing Requirements

BACKGROUND.

Pursuant to section 255.0518, Florida Statutes, “[w]hen opening sealed bids or the portion of any sealed bids that include the prices submitted that are received pursuant to a competitive solicitation for construction or repairs on a public building or public work, open the sealed bids at a public meeting conducted in compliance with s[ection] 286.011, [Florida Statutes].”

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-69 (“EO 20-69”), Governor Ron DeSantis suspended “any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place.” Furthermore in EO 20-69, Governor Ron DeSantis stated that “[l]ocal government bodies may utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.”

In an attempt to promote social distancing during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the County Attorney’s Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners waive any statutory or local public meeting requirements pertaining to procurement, to the extent permitted by EO 20-69, and authorize the use of communications media technology in order to make such meetings as transparent and accessible as possible.

FUNDING.

There is no funding associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney’s Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners waive any statutory or local public meeting requirements pertaining to procurement, to the extent permitted by EO 20-69, and authorize the use of communications media technology in order to make such meetings as transparent and accessible as possible.