

**FEBRUARY 20, 2024**  
**ITEM 14.E**

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** February 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Request from Vero Beach Film Festival to use Commission Chambers April 12-14, 2024

**FROM:** Laura Moss  
Commissioner, District 5

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**Discussion Item:**

The highly successful Vero Beach Film Festival (VBFF) is to be held April 12-14 this year. As they did last year, the organizers have reached out and requested use of the Commission Chambers. Staff has advised that the event went smoothly last year. There were two information technology technicians who worked a combined total of 24 hours and three facilities personnel who worked a combined total of 24 hours. Cost for the same staff time this year is estimated to be \$2,544.49 to which VBFF has agreed.

Gary Mastro, Board Chair of VBFF, reports in 2023 over 20% of the 1,250 attendees, including volunteers, filmmakers, and others, were from outside of Indian River County. A 17% increase in spending at restaurants and hotels was reported during the festival as compared to the dates prior and post festival dates.

**Action:**

Respectfully request that the Board grant permission to VBFF to utilize the Commission Chambers again this year. The venue is popular and reflects well on our community. VBFF attracts tourism to our area.