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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dylan Reingold, County Attorney *DR*  
**DATE:** May 4, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Amending Utilities Sludge and Septage Rate

**BACKGROUND.**

On May 2, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County (the "Board") directed the County Attorney's Office to draft a resolution amending the Indian River County Department of Utility Services Schedule of Water and Sewer Rates, Fees and Other Charges to increase the sludge and septage rate charge per wet ton from \$7.51 to \$15.00. The Board requested that the resolution be presented at the Board's May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The increase in the rate is necessary in order to more closely match the revenues with expenses at the biosolids dewatering facility. The current rate covers just under fifty percent of the expenses. Per the Board's direction, the County Attorney's Office has drafted the attached proposed resolution. Per the resolution, the rate will go into effect upon execution of the resolution.

**FUNDING.**

The combination of the reduced flows into the biosolids dewatering facility and the increase in the rate results in average revenues of \$335,000 per year. Prior to the rate change, revenues averaged \$508,000 per year. The average annual shortfall after the rate increase is approximately \$624,000. Before the rate change it was \$635,000. Therefore, the expected shortfall after this change should be similar to the current shortfall experienced at the biosolids dewatering facility.

**RECOMMENDATION.**

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Chair allow for public comment on this matter and then have the Board vote to approve the resolution as drafted.

**ATTACHMENTS.**

Proposed resolution  
Biosolids Revenue and Expense Analysis