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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., ICMA-CM, County Administrator

**DATE:** December 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** City of Vero Beach – Revised and Updated Request for County Funding for the Humiston Project

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**Background & Discussion**

At the December 3<sup>rd</sup> BOCC regular meeting, following its unanimous support to participate in the Humiston project, more specifically Alternative 3 (Concrete Sidewalk) as selected by the City of Vero Beach City Council, the Board directed me to meet with City Manager Monte Falls to discuss the project and the County's support. City Manager Falls and I met on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the project.

City Manager Falls agreed to resubmit a revised and updated cost estimate for the project. Please note the previous project estimate was developed in September 2023. We also discussed the shade structures and the lifeguard tower. The City Manager shared the City would not include the lifeguard tower in the resubmittal. We also discussed the project design, engineering, and construction schedule, and we discussed potential phasing of the project. Lastly, we discussed funding participation by the County.

The revised and updated submitted project table below provides updates estimated pricing, including two pavilions, and an ADA Ramp. The ADA Ramp was not previously mentioned but was included in the prior submitted alternatives. The ADA ramp is an addition to what previously existed at Humiston, and it will create access and enjoyment options for our physically impaired residents and tourists to enjoy the beach. The pavilions will provide shade and respite for seniors, infants, and those in need of a break from the sun while enjoying the oceanfront and the Atlantic Ocean.

<b>Alternative 3 Concrete Sidewalk</b>						
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>		<b>Unit Cost</b>		<b>Cost</b>
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	1	LS	\$30,000	LS	\$30,000
2	Concrete Sidewalk	531	SY	\$130	/SY	\$68,972
3	Dune Overwalks	1,360	SF	\$150	/SF	\$204,000
4	ADA Ramp	900	SF	\$150	/SF	\$135,000
5	Dune Restoration	9,778	Plant	\$3	/Plant	\$29,333
6	Sand Fill & Grading	240	Ton	\$50	Ton	\$12,000
7	Site Restoration	1	LS	\$20,000	LS	\$20,000
8	Two Wooden Pavillions	2	EA	\$40,000	/EA	\$80,000
<b>Subtotal:</b>						\$579,306
<b>Contingency: 30%</b>						\$173,792
<b>Design, Permitting, Construction Phase: 8%</b>						\$60,247.78
<b>Total Cost:</b>						<b>\$813,345</b>

I recommend the Board participate in a manner that clearly defines a maximum contribution toward the Humiston project, and to that end the below is submitted for the Board's consideration.

***Indian River County Board of County Commissioners will contribute up to \$400,000 or 50% of the Humiston project (Alternative 3) less any federal, state, or private grant, reimbursement, or appropriation, whichever is less.***

Based on the Board's decision to not use Tourist Development Tax revenues consistent with its Outside Agency Funding Policy, staff recommends use of General Funds undesignated fund balance and will process a budget amendment at the appropriate time based on the participation amount and or percentage determined by the Board.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board consider and determine their level of funding participation for the Humiston Boardwalk replacement project.

Direct the County Attorney to draft a project participation agreement outlining the Board of County Commissioners' commitment and participation in the Humiston project.