Office of the
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

FROM: Kathy Copeland, Legislative Affairs and Communications Manager

DATE: December 17, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Legislative Priorities
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Background & Discussion

The Florida Legislature completed an organizational session, and all committee meetings scheduled for 2024 were completed on December 13th. Additional committee meetings will be held in January and February of 2025 with the Regular Session starting at noon on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the Small County Coalition have both completed the process to identify the priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session. Several of you were able to attend the recent FAC Legislative Conference where the submitted policies were debated and voted on. Those policies supported by their respective committee votes will serve as the overarching guiding principles for the 2025 Legislative Session statewide.

Today you are being provided proposed policy issues and appropriation requests, as well as a list of issues that staff will be monitoring at the federal level. Because members of the Board are not permitted to discuss these issues with one another privately, it is important for a discussion to occur in this forum so staff can get a sense of the Board

regarding priorities for this Session. Many of the issues are described broadly by design, allowing staff to pivot depending on the actual language in a proposed legislative bill filed for consideration.

A Legislative Program will be posted on the website prior to the start of the 2025 Legislative Session.

Staff Recommendation

Provide direction to staff regarding identified legislative policy issues and priorities.

Attachment:

Draft legislative policy issues and appropriations requests.