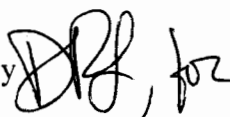


11.27.12 #16

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney 

SUBJECT: Approval of Public Official Bonds - County Commissioners

DATE: November 27, 2012

RECOMMENDATION: I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RATIFY THE CHAIR'S APPROVAL OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS.

DISCUSSION: Chapter 137, Florida Statutes (2012) requires that public officers post bonds insuring performance of the duties of their offices as provided by law. Pinellas County Resolution No. 98-216 establishes the bonds for County Commissioners in the amount of \$2,000. The bonds are secured by Hartford Fire Insurance Company in these amounts. Section 113.07, Florida Statutes, indicates that the cost of the premium of the bond will be paid out of the general revenue fund of the County.

Section 137.01, Florida Statutes, requires the Board of County Commissioners to approve the bonds. Since the Commissioners were sworn in at your November 20, 2012 meeting, it was necessary to have the Chair approve the bonds and I am now recommending that you ratify that action.

JLB:JW:tsr

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