



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**April 10, 2018**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Board passage of the attached resolution would deallocate \$200,000 of TDT revenues, thereby allowing these funds to be used for other projects.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 3

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Board approval of the attached resolution

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

On Oct. 10, 2017, the Board approved allocating TDT revenues to five projects, including Oars and Paddles Park and Pier.

On March 16th, 2018, the Governor signed legislation giving local governments more flexibility in using these funds to clean bodies of water which relate to tourism. As such, it would be prudent for the Board to revisit this decision in light of its broadened authority.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ **Oars and Paddles Resolution**

## **RESOLUTION 18-\_\_\_\_\_**

### **RESOLUTION RESCINDING APPROVAL OF THE USE OF TDT REVENUES FOR OARS AND PADDLES PARK AND PIER**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Brevard County have repeatedly made their wish of a clean and safe lagoon clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon is an estuary of critical importance to the local, regional, and national ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, fishkills are frequently occurring within the Indian River Lagoon, including severe fishkills in 2016 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, algae blooms, including those which have a direct impact on the health of citizens and visitors of Brevard County, have occurred in 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, and 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, an algae bloom condition currently exists in the Indian River Lagoon, increasing the likelihood of a fishkill; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution of the Indian River Lagoon has been a major contributor to the loss of more than 60% of seagrass beds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that revenue from the "Save Our Lagoon" tax, approved by 62% of voters, should not act to reduce other allocations made to protect the Indian River Lagoon; and

**WHEREAS**, events such as algae blooms and fishkills have a deleterious effect on local quality of life and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential restoration of the Indian River Lagoon has been projected to increase the economic impact of tourism by over \$997 million, according to a study conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Indian River Lagoon not be restored, it is estimated that the local economy would lose approximately \$3 billion in tourism and recreation revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16th, 2018, Governor Scott signed legislation which included an authorization for local governments to use Tourism Development Tax revenue to clean lagoons and estuaries critical to tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Oars and Paddles Watersports Park is located on the Indian River Lagoon; and

**WHEREAS**, this water has periodically been tainted by human excrement and other pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, it is illogical to allocate funds to renovate a watersports boat dock on a lagoon in which tourists and residents are uncomfortable with human contact with the water contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, until such time as the Indian River Lagoon is cleaned of filth, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is irresponsible to allocate funds to renovate and add parking to boat docks on the lagoon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA** does hereby rescind approval of the use of Tourist Development Tax revenue to be allocated to Oars and Paddles Park and Pier.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Board passage of the attached resolution would deallocate \$500,000 of TDT revenues, thereby allowing these funds to be used for other projects.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 3

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Board approval of the attached resolution

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

On Oct. 10, 2017, the Board approved allocating TDT revenues to five projects, including the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Keepers Cottage Museum.

On March 16th, 2018, the Governor signed legislation giving local governments more flexibility in using these funds to clean bodies of water which relate to tourism. As such, it would be prudent for the Board to revisit this decision in light of its broadened authority.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ **Lighthouse Resolution**

## **RESOLUTION 18-\_\_\_\_**

### **RESOLUTION RESCINDING APPROVAL OF THE USE OF TDT REVENUES FOR THE CAPE CANAVERAL LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS COTTAGE MUSEUM**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Brevard County have repeatedly made their wish of a clean and safe lagoon clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon is an estuary of critical importance to the local, regional, and national ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, fishkills are frequently occurring within the Indian River Lagoon, including severe fishkills in 2016 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, algae blooms, including those which have a direct impact on the health of citizens and visitors of Brevard County, have occurred in 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, and 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, an algae bloom condition currently exists in the Indian River Lagoon, increasing the likelihood of a fishkill; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution of the Indian River Lagoon has been a major contributor to the loss of more than 60% of seagrass beds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that revenue from the "Save Our Lagoon" tax, approved by 62% of voters, should not act to reduce other allocations made to protect the Indian River Lagoon; and

**WHEREAS**, events such as algae blooms and fishkills have a deleterious effect on local quality of life and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential restoration of the Indian River Lagoon has been projected to increase the economic impact of tourism by over \$997 million, according to a study conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Indian River Lagoon not be restored, it is estimated that the local economy would lose approximately \$3 billion in tourism and recreation revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16th, 2018, Governor Scott signed legislation which included an authorization for local governments to use Tourism Development Tax revenue to clean lagoons and estuaries critical to tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Keepers Cottage Museum's primary purpose is not to maximize economic impacts of tourism, but instead is purposed to preserve history; and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion, the lighthouse museum is projected to have only one full-time employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse is owned and operated by the United States Airforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the project plan includes purchasing period furniture, installation of landscaping and gardens, and picnic tables; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners do find that preserving history is a noble goal, the imminent and substantial risks of a tainted lagoon far outweigh the impact of a keeper's cottage museum at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lighthouse Foundation has explicitly stated that this project will continue to be viable without receiving tourism tax dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA** does hereby rescind approval of the use of Tourism Development Tax revenue to be allocated to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Keepers Cottage Museum.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



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**April 10, 2018**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Board passage of the attached resolution would deallocate \$7,000,000 of TDT revenues, thereby allowing these funds to be used for other projects.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 3

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Board approval of the attached resolution

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

On Oct. 10, 2017, the Board approved allocating TDT revenues to five projects, including the Titusville Multi-Use Sports Arena.

On March 16th, 2018, the Governor signed legislation giving local governments more flexibility in using these funds to clean bodies of water which relate to tourism. As such, it would be prudent for the Board to revisit this decision in light of its broadened authority.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▯ **Titusville Resolution**



**RESOLUTION 18-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING APPROVAL OF THE USE OF TDT REVENUES FOR  
THE TITUSVILLE MULTI-USE SPORTS ARENA**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Brevard County have repeatedly made their wish of a clean and safe lagoon clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon is an estuary of critical importance to the local, regional, and national ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, fishkills are frequently occurring within the Indian River Lagoon, including severe fishkills in 2016 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, algae blooms, including those which have a direct impact on the health of citizens and visitors of Brevard County, have occurred in 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, and 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, an algae bloom condition currently exists in the Indian River Lagoon, increasing the likelihood of a fishkill; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution of the Indian River Lagoon has been a major contributor to the loss of more than 60% of seagrass beds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that revenue from the "Save Our Lagoon" tax, approved by 62% of voters, should not act to reduce other allocations made to protect the Indian River Lagoon; and

**WHEREAS**, events such as algae blooms and fishkills have a deleterious effect on local quality of life and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential restoration of the Indian River Lagoon has been projected to increase the economic impact of tourism by over \$997 million, according to a study conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Indian River Lagoon not be restored, it is estimated that the local economy would lose approximately \$3 billion in tourism and recreation revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16th, 2018, Governor Scott signed legislation which included an authorization for local governments to use Tourism Development Tax revenue to clean lagoons and estuaries critical to tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Director of the City of Titusville has expressed reservations about the project, stating that she was "uncomfortable with the presumption" that Titusville would financially contribute to the project; and

**WHEREAS**, at a time in which concerns have been raised regarding developing parking lots in the County, the Titusville Multi-Use Sports Arena will not have the capacity to absorb the projected increased parking demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners find that using limited resources to fund sports arenas for archery and field hockey, while the Indian River Lagoon is in severe distress, is irresponsible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA** does hereby rescind approval of the use of Tourist Development Tax revenue to be allocated to the Titusville Multi-Use Sports Arena.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**April 10, 2018**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Board passage of the attached resolution would deallocate \$1,700,000 of TDT revenues, thereby allowing these funds to be used for other projects.

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

District 3

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Board approval of the attached resolution

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

On Oct. 10, 2017, the Board approved allocating TDT revenues to five projects, including Palm Bay Nature Center and Campground.

On March 16th, 2018, the Governor signed legislation giving local governments more flexibility in using these funds to clean bodies of water which relate to tourism.

As such, it would be prudent for the Board to revisit this decision in light of its broadened authority.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ **Palm Bay NC Resolution**

**RESOLUTION 18-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING APPROVAL OF THE USE OF TDT REVENUES FOR  
PALM BAY NATURE CENTER AND CAMPGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Brevard County have repeatedly made their wish of a clean and safe lagoon clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River Lagoon is an estuary of critical importance to the local, regional, and national ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, fishkills are frequently occurring within the Indian River Lagoon, including severe fishkills in 2016 and 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, algae blooms, including those which have a direct impact on the health of citizens and visitors of Brevard County, have occurred in 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, and 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, an algae bloom condition currently exists in the Indian River Lagoon, increasing the likelihood of a fishkill; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution of the Indian River Lagoon has been a major contributor to the loss of more than 60% of seagrass beds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that revenue from the "Save Our Lagoon" tax, approved by 62% of voters, should not act to reduce other allocations made to protect the Indian River Lagoon; and

**WHEREAS**, events such as algae blooms and fishkills have a deleterious effect on local quality of life and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential restoration of the Indian River Lagoon has been projected to increase the economic impact of tourism by over \$997 million, according to a study conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Indian River Lagoon not be restored, it is estimated that the local economy would lose approximately \$3 billion in tourism and recreation revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16th, 2018, Governor Scott signed legislation which included an authorization for local governments to use Tourism Development Tax revenue to clean lagoons and estuaries critical to tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Bay Nature Center and Campground is designed to allow tourists and residents experience the natural beauty of Brevard County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners find that while allowing people to experience the natural beauty of our ecosystem is of importance, preventing our natural beauty from being destroyed is of greater concern.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA** does hereby rescind approval of the use of Tourism Development Tax revenue to be allocated to the Palm Bay Nature Center and Campground.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

ATTEST:

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK