



Indian River County, Florida

Special Call Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of County Commissioners

Indian River County Administration
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Deryl Loar, District 4, Chairman
Laura Moss, District 5, Vice Chairman
Susan Adams, District 1
Joseph Flescher, District 2
Joseph H. Earman, District 3

John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Jennifer W. Shuler, County Attorney
Ryan L. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Present: 5

Chairman Deryl Loar
Vice Chair Laura Moss
Commissioner Susan Adams
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Joe Earman

2. A Moment of Silent Reflection for First Responders and Members

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. County Attorney Case Overview

5.A. Special Call Meeting - IRC Sheriff Pending Cases Settlement Negotiation

Chairman Loar explained that the Board had held an extensive shade meeting at the April 7, 2026, BCC meeting with Sheriff Eric Flowers, County Administrator John Titkanich, and County Attorney Jennifer Shuler.

Attorney Shuler presented an overview of the proposed settlement agreement intended to resolve both the Sheriff's Circuit Court case and his Administration Commission budget appeal. She stated that the agreement provided that the County would appropriate an additional \$3.5 million to the Sheriff's FY 2025–2026 budget. In exchange, the Sheriff would dismiss both pending cases and would not seek further budget amendments this fiscal year except in the event of a declared emergency. She further explained that both parties agreed to a \$4 million increase to the Sheriff's FY 2026–2027 budget and that the Sheriff agreed not to appeal that budget if funded at that level. She noted that the agreement had been signed by the Sheriff and that each party would bear its own legal fees and costs.

6. Sheriff Comments

Sheriff Eric Flowers addressed the Board and thanked Commissioners and staff for their efforts and cooperation. He expressed hope the parties could move forward in a positive and professional manner.

7. Board Comments / Questions

There was consensus among the Board that reaching an agreement was in the best interest of the County. Commissioner Adams expressed concerns regarding fiscal sustainability, noting that achieving the settlement required drawing from the fund balance. The Commissioners supported long-term planning efforts and looked forward to working in a collaborative manner.

8. Public Comment

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment. Mary Martinez spoke in support of the Sheriff's leadership. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the floor.

9. Board Action

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Moss, to approve the settlement as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Earman

Nay: 0 - None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chiarmen adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.