



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY May 27, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.**

Council Member Christopher Nunn – City of Sebastian
Council Member Aaron Vos – City of Vero Beach
Jennifer Bates – Owner/Operator Tourist Accommodations
Will Collins – Owner/Operator Tourist Accommodations
Keith Kite – Owner/Operator Tourist Accommodations
Amanda Owens – Interested in Tourist Development, Not an Owner/Operator
Nichole Johanson – Involved in Tourist Industry, Interested in Tourist Development
Karen Mechling – Interested in Tourist Development, Not an Owner/Operator, Vice-Chair

Indian River County Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher, District 2, Chairman

County Commission Chamber, County Administration Building A
1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2026
5. Authorized Uses of Tourist Tax Revenue per Florida Statute 125.0104(5)(a)
6. Tourist Tax Revenue Update
7. Description of Tourist Development Grant Rating Sheets
8. 2026-2027 Budget Presentations

2026/2027 Budget Request Summary

Tourist Development Council

May 27, 2026 • 2:00 PM • Building A • Commission Chambers

Agency	2025/2026 Budget	2026/2027 Requested	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Indian River County Chamber of Commerce	\$1,200,138	\$1,373,446	\$173,308	14.4%
Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce	\$288,730	\$333,300	\$44,570	15.4%
Cultural Council of Indian River County	\$55,000	\$0	(\$55,000)	-100.0%
Indian River County Historical Society	\$50,000	\$57,500	\$7,500	15.0%
Treasure Coast Sports Commission	\$300,000	\$310,000	\$10,000	3.3%
Vero Heritage, Inc.	\$33,200	\$85,000	\$51,800	156.0%
Coastal Connections, Inc.	\$24,735	\$30,000	\$5,265	21.3%
Vero Beach Art Club	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	100.0%
Main Street Vero Beach	\$0	\$62,400	\$62,400	n/a
Vero Beach Air Show	\$50,000	\$99,999	\$49,999	100.0%
Total	\$2,011,803	\$2,371,645	\$359,842	17.9%
Reserve for Contingency	\$236,832	\$147,934	(\$88,898)	-37.5%
Grand Total Expenses	\$2,248,635	\$2,519,579	\$270,944	12.0%

****Applications from other governmental agencies or municipalities are not eligible per the Indian River County Outside Agency Funding Policy.***

**** Presentations by the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce and the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce will be scheduled for the August 19, 2026, TDC meeting.**

9. Discussions of Budget Requests for 2026/2027 fiscal year, complete ratings and decide level of funding
10. Other Matters
11. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting, August 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Except for those matters specifically exempted under State Statute and Local Ordinance, the Committee shall provide an opportunity for public comment prior to the undertaking by the Committee of any action on the agenda. Public comment shall also be heard on any proposition which the Committee is to take action which was either not on the agenda or distributed to the public prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Anyone who may wish to appeal any decision which may be made at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting must contact the County's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator at 772-226-1223 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.