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April 12, 2005

Mrs. Carolyn Roberts
Board of Governors
Florida Department of Education
Turlington Building, Suite 1514
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Carolyn:

On March 22, 2005, the UF Board of Trustees (UF/BOT) approved as a consent agenda item the request of the St. Lucie County Commission to establish the Treasure Coast Research, Education and Development Authority (TCREDA) under the provision of Chapter 159 (F.S). The University of Florida was selected as the cooperating state university. The attached documents represent the materials that supported the UF/BOT agenda item and the information provided to the UF/BOT by St. Lucie County Commission.

Under Chapter 159 (F.S.) the Florida Board of Governors must certify the creation of the authority. By copy of this letter, we are requesting such certification by the Board of Governors. Dr. Joe Joyce (352-392-1971) is President Machen's representative to the authority and our point of contact, if there are any issues or concerns relative to this request. Dr. Joyce is also available if the Board of Governors desires a presentation at its June meeting.

Your cooperation relative to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jimmy G. Cheek
Senior Vice President

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Attachments
cc: J. Bernard Machen
J.C. Joyce

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SUBJECT: Approve the University's Participation in St. Lucie County Research and Education Park

DATE: March 22, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

St. Lucie County is in the process of creating a research and development park. The park will bring together a number of entities already based in St. Lucie County including the University, Indian River Community College, the Smithsonian Marine Station, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, the St. Lucie County School Board and Florida Atlantic University. The park will be located in the area in which the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center is currently located.

This park is being created under Florida Statutes, Chapter 159. One of the requirements of Chapter 159 is that such parks must be affiliated with a Florida university with research and development capabilities and that such university participate in the management of the park authority by, among other things, providing an individual to serve, in an ex officio capacity, as a member of the park authority. St. Lucie County has requested that the University of Florida be the affiliated institution.

Under Chapter 159 it also necessary for the Board of Governors to designate such parks prior to such park's commencing operations. Upon this board's approval, St. Lucie County will seek designation as a research and development park from the Board of Governors.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the University's participation in St. Lucie County Research and Education Park.

SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUES FOR BOARD TO CONSIDER

None.

Supporting Documentation Included: Yes. See Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy materials.

Other Supporting Documents Available: None.

Board Committee Approval: Committee on Educational Policy, 3/ 21/05.

Submitted by: Joe Joyce, Associate Vice President, IFAS

AGENDA REQUEST

ITEM NO. 12



DATE: February 22, 2005

REGULAR

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PRESENTED BY:

SUBMITTED BY(DEPT): County Attorney

Daniel S. McIntyre

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 05-080 - Creating an Education, Research and Development Authority

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

PREVIOUS ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Resolution 05-080 and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

COMMISSION ACTION:

CONCURRENCE:

APPROVED DENIED

OTHER:

Douglas Anderson
County Administrator

Review and Approvals

County Attorney: _____ Management & Budget _____ Purchasing: _____

Originating Dept. _____ Public Works Dir: _____ County Eng.: _____

Finance: (Check for copy only, if applicable)

Eff. 5/96



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Daniel S. McIntyre, County Attorney

C.A. NO.: 05-281

DATE: February 17, 2005

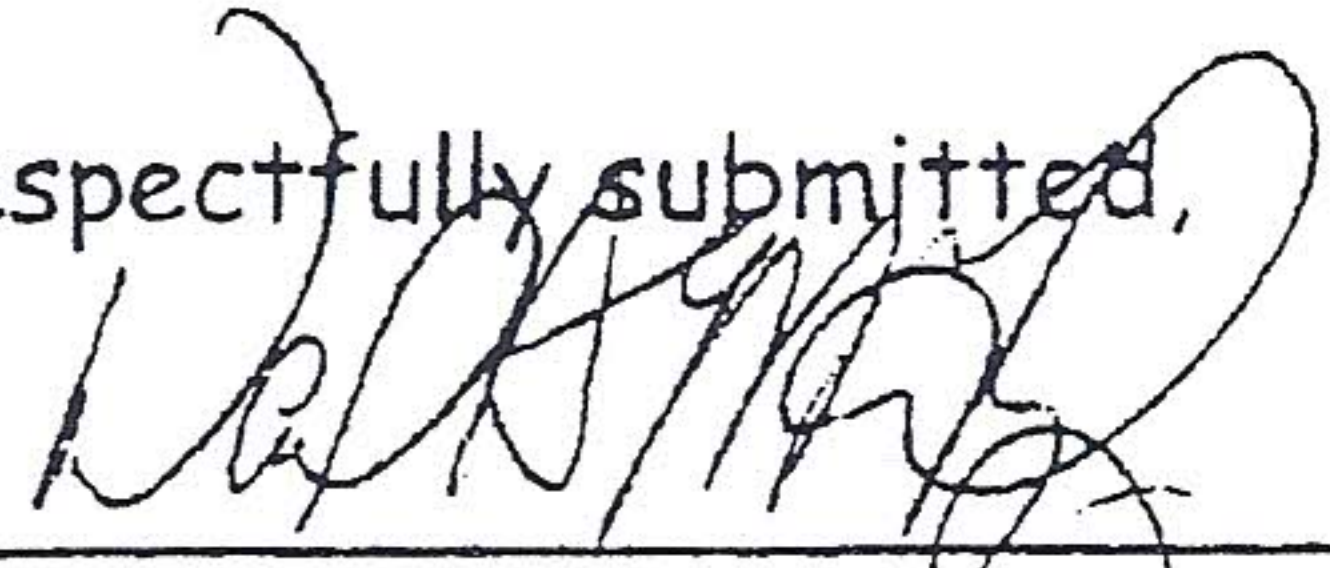
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 05-080 - Creating an Education, Research and Development Authority

BACKGROUND:

Part V of Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, authorizes a county to create an Education, Research and Development Authority for the purposes of development, operation, management and financing of a research and development park. The creation of the Authority for the purposes of developing, operating, managing and financing a research and development park would enhance the economic development of the County. Section 159.703, Florida Statutes, requires that a resolution be adopted by any county proposing to establish a Research and Development Authority. Attached is a copy of draft Resolution No. 05-080 which would create an Education, Research and Development Authority.

RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 05-080 as drafted and authorize the Chair to execute Resolution No. 05-080.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel S. McIntyre
County Attorney

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 05-080

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY APPROVING THE CONCEPT OF THE CREATION OF A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TREASURE COAST EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Part V of Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, authorizes a county to create an Education Research and Development Authority for the purposes of fostering economic development and broadening the economic base of St. Lucie County and to exercise all powers conferred by that Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, the exercise of such powers has been declared by Part V of Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, to constitute an essential public purpose and function; and,

WHEREAS, the economic development of St. Lucie County would be enhanced and the economic base broadened by the creation of a Research and Development Authority for the purposes of developing, operating, managing and financing a research and development park; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board of Governors has issued a resolution approving in concept the creation of a research and development park to be affiliated with the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has indicated an intention to affiliate with a research and development park at sites to be located in St. Lucie County, so as to facilitate a cooperative exchange of ideas and resources between research personnel, students and faculty, and citizens of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County desires to foster the creation of new knowledge, to provide for the educational needs of industry, to increase the economic bases of the community, and to enhance the quality of life for citizens of St. Lucie County; and,

WHEREAS, Section 159.703, Florida Statutes, requires that a resolution be adopted by the governing body of any county proposing to establish a Research and Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

1. That there exists in St. Lucie County a need for the development and financing of a research and development park.

2. That there exists in St. Lucie County a need for a Research and Development Authority.

3. That, pursuant to Part V of Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, the Board approves the concept of the creation of a public body corporate and politic, a Research and Development Authority to be known as the Treasure Coast Education Research and Development Authority (hereinafter called Authority) which shall have all the rights, privileges, and powers from time to time conferred upon such authorities by law.

4. That in accordance with Part V, Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, the following seven persons, each of whom is a resident and elector of, or whose principal place of employment is in St. Lucie County, Florida, and who have demonstrated an interest in promoting the goals of the Authority, are hereby designated as members of the Authority for the respective terms of office indicated following their names, to wit:

MEMBER

INITIAL TERM

(1) Kathleen (Kathy) McGinn	1 year
(2) Dr. Jane Bachelor	2 years
(3) Linda W. Cox	3 years
(4) O.R. (Rick) Minton, Jr.	4 years
(5) Thomas G. Jones	4 years
(6) Sherwood J. (Buddy) Johnson	4 years
(7) Dr. Peter Stofella	4 years

5. That the person occupying the office of the President of University of Florida, or the president's designee, shall be a permanent ex officio member of the Authority; and that the appointment of the University of President, or designee, on the Authority shall be automatically renewed upon expiration of each term.

6. That any subsequent appointments to fill vacancies on the Authority shall be made as provided appointments to fill vacancies on the Authority shall be made as provided by law and shall require action only by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida; further, that the President of the University of Florida may submit nominations for consideration to the Board of County Commissioners of persons to fill such vacancies.

7. That the members of the proposed Authority are hereby authorized to prepare and submit to the State of Florida Research and Development Commission a petition as

required by Section 159.704, Florida Statutes, requesting that the proposed Authority be designated by the State of Florida as a Research and Development Authority.

8. That upon confirmation of the designation of the Authority by the Florida Research and Development Commission and the performance by the Authority of all acts which may be required by law, the Board of County Commissioners will, by ordinance, create the Authority which shall be empowered to transact any business and exercise any power authorized by Part V, Section 159, Florida Statutes, and said ordinances, for the purpose of development, operation, management, and financing of a research and development park.

9. That upon creation of the Authority, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County shall appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars to the Authority by a written agreement which shall provide general terms regarding the expenditure, use and accounting for said funds.

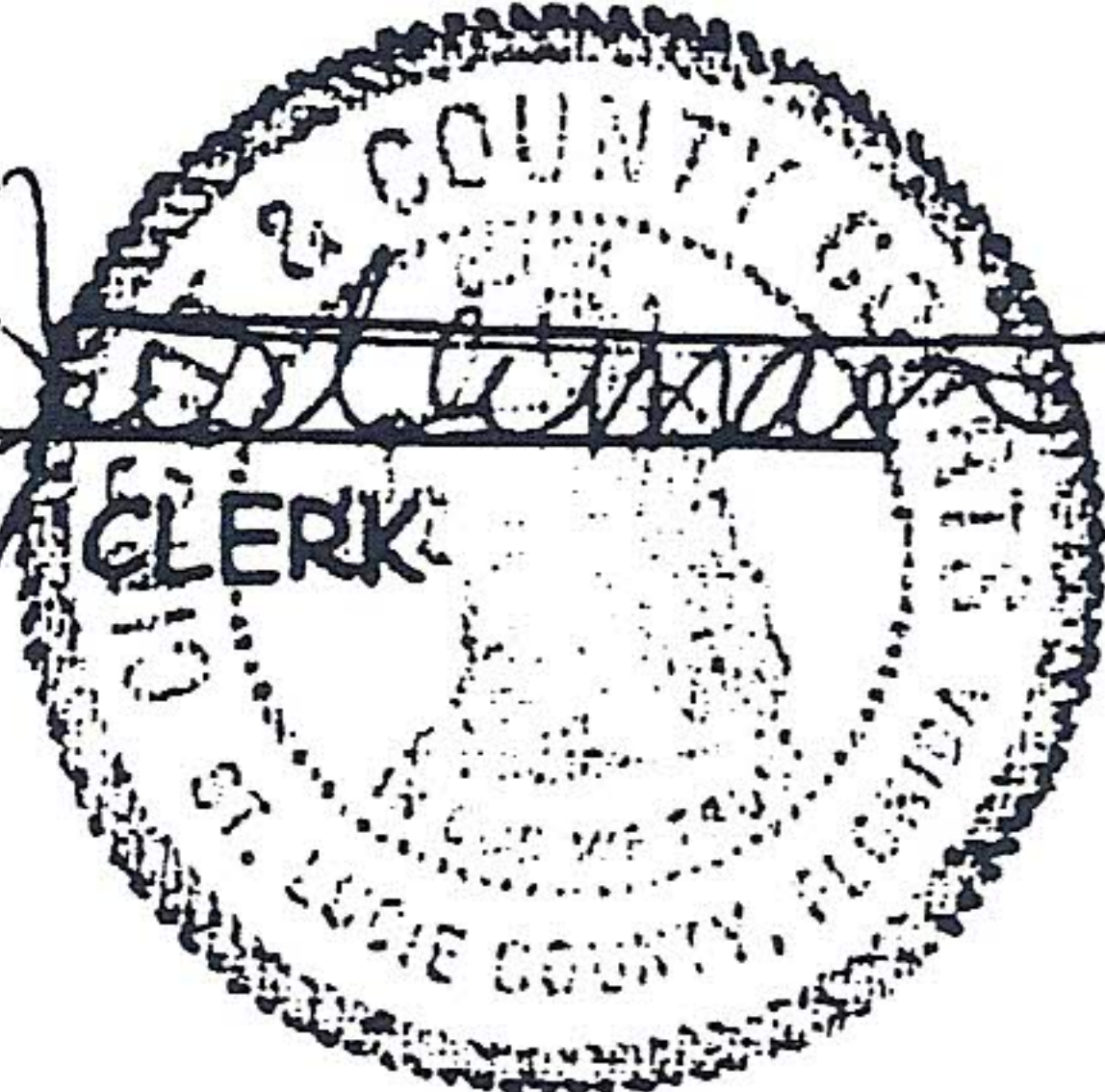
After motion and second the vote on this resolution was as follows:

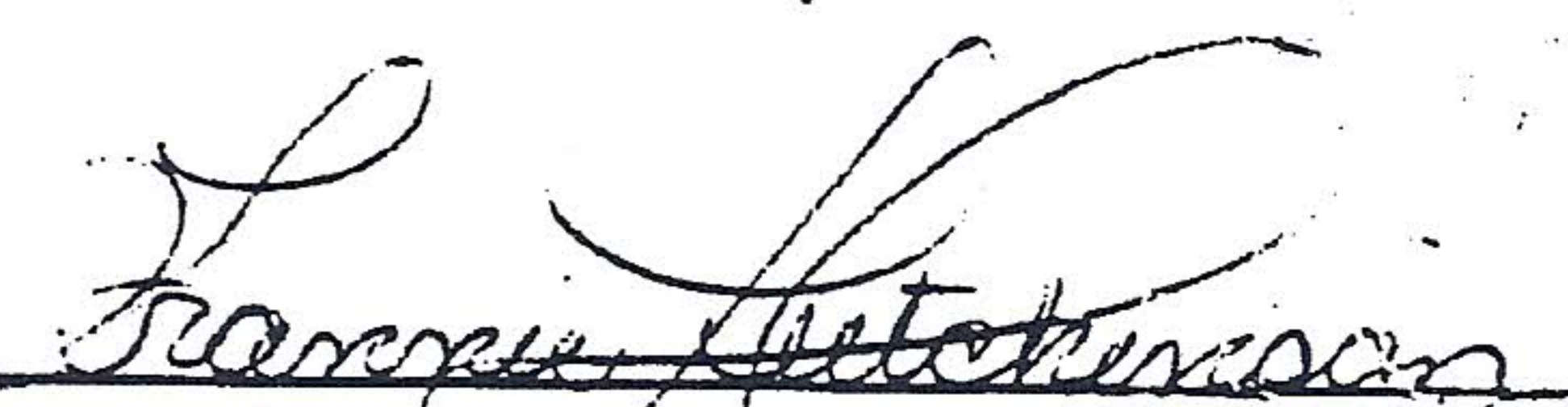
Chairman Frannie Hutchinson	AYE
Vice-Chairman Doug Coward	AYE
Commissioner Paula A. Lewis	AYE
Commissioner Joseph E. Smith	AYE
Commissioner Chris Craft	AYE

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2005.

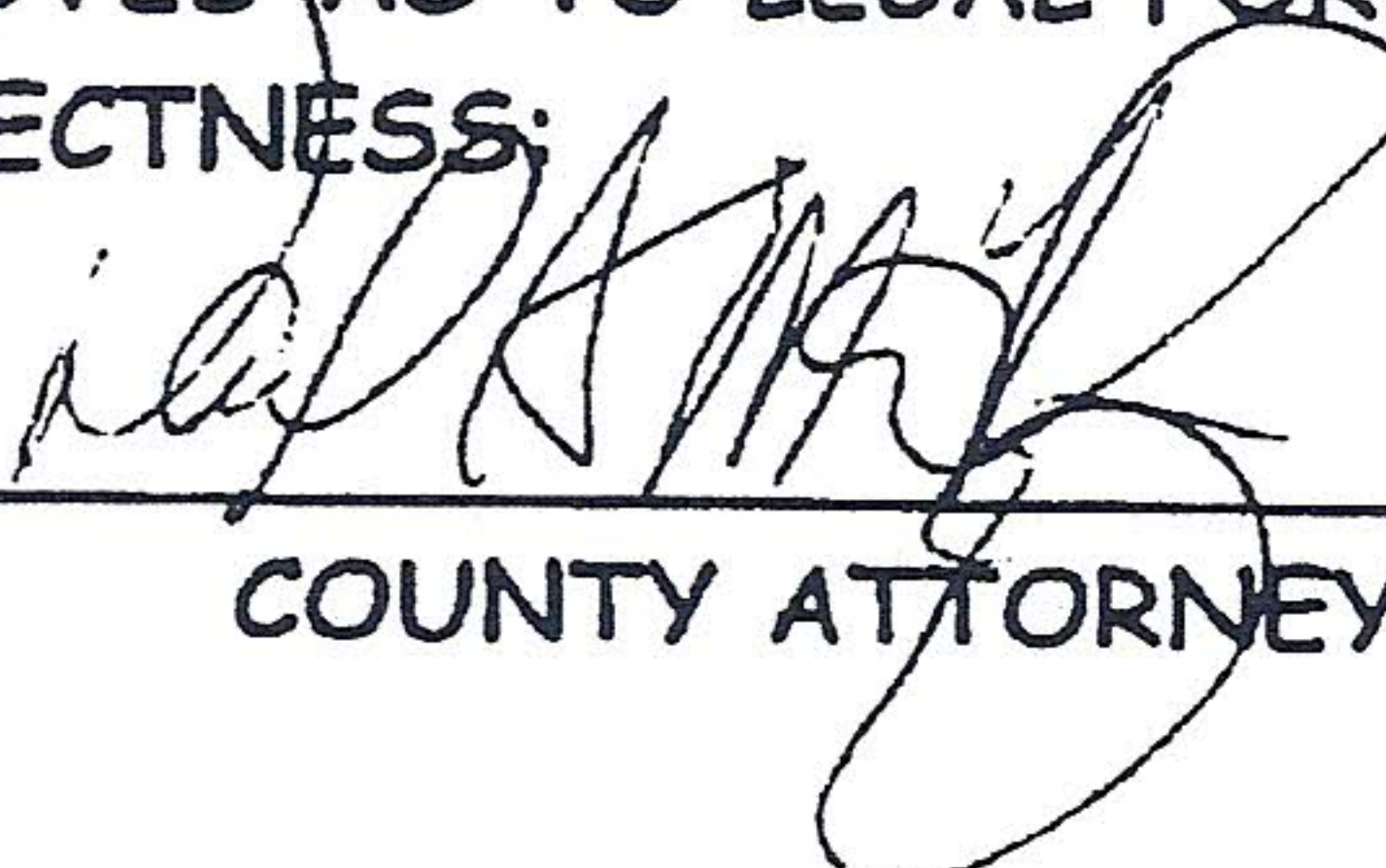
ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA


DEPUTY CLERK

BY: 
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:


COUNTY ATTORNEY