

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 21, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing
the Mayor to establish
a check register of
County expenditures
that can be accessed
via the County website

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

9-21-10

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A CHECK REGISTER OF COUNTY EXPENDITURES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE COUNTY WEBSITE; AND REQUIRING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENSURE THAT ALL DATA ADDED TO THE WEBSITE REMAINS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR A CERTAIN TIME

WHEREAS, trust in government is at an all time low and it is important to restore confidence and trust in government; and

WHEREAS, this Board embraces government in the sunshine and transparency in government spending; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a searchable database of government spending would further the goals of transparency and trust in government; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Florida State Legislature enacted legislation directing the Governor of the State of Florida to establish a website providing information relating to each appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and requiring governmental entities, including counties, to provide information as necessary relating to revenues received by such governmental entity from the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, various local governments and schools boards around the country, including the Miami-Dade County School Board, have implemented an online check register system and the residents of Miami-Dade County would be well served by the implementation of such a system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The matters contained in the foregoing recitals are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is hereby directed to establish a monthly check register that can be accessed via the Miami-Dade County website. The check register shall contain the check number, vendor name, amount of the check, brief description of the expenditure, date, purchase order number and budget code for all expenditures and shall be searchable by date, check number, vendor name and check amount. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall collect all the necessary data from each department and post each month's check registry online no more than thirty (30) days following the last calendar day of the month.

Section 3. Information that is considered confidential by state or federal law shall be exempted from disclosure.

Section 4. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall ensure that all data added to the website remains accessible to the public for a minimum of 10 years.

Section 5. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall develop the online check register and prepare a report to this Board providing recommendations for enhancement of the content and format of the website within 90 days from the effective date of this resolution and shall ensure that the online check register is fully operational no later than 180 days from the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of September, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JRA

Juliette Antoine