ITEM #32

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL 10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2017

SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Gretchen M. Cassini, Assistant County Administrator

RE:

Agenda Item #32, Michael Anderson

DATE:

November 13, 2017

This memorandum is provided to the full Board based on the request of several members for information about County staff interactions and meetings with Mr. Anderson.

On October 2, 2017, Mr. Anderson's first Delegation Request was processed and County Administration requested that staff from Records, Taxes and Treasury (RTT) reach out to Mr. Anderson in an attempt to understand and potentially resolve his concerns. On that date, both a Recording Section Manager and Senior Manager spoke with Mr. Anderson who explained that a document recorded in 2017 was "fraudulent" and that links used were invalid. Staff provided me a summary of their research and verified that the links were accurate, valid, and that the allegation that there was a missing book and page number on a 2017 recorded "Release/Satisfaction/Termination" was a result of discontinuing duplicate recording (ended in 2015). Also, on October 2, 2017, the Senior Records Manager spoke with Mr. Anderson about his various allegations, and contacted Collier County Clerk of Court to ascertain if any documents or lien information recorded required corrections. Numerous communications resulted in Mr. Anderson's continued desire to speak before the Board, which was then scheduled for October 17, 2017.

Mr. Anderson contacted me on October 12, 2017 stating: "the same exhibits of record presented with my Delegation form are what I wish to present during my presentation, via, power point presentation." Since no presentation was submitted or accompanied the email, I called Mr. Anderson to determine when he would be submitting a PowerPoint presentation. On October 16, 2017, Mr. Anderson contacted me to assert that he was advised by someone in County Administration that I was supposed to schedule a time to meet with him to create a PowerPoint presentation for him. After explaining the process for Delegation Requests and the requestor's responsibility for developing and submitting presentation materials, we agreed to speak again after his "initial" appearance before the Board the next day.

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On October 18, 2017, Mr. Anderson and I spoke for over an hour. He indicated additional documents in his possession would prove fraudulent activity, but that he was saving them for his next appearance before the commission. I scheduled an appointment for him to meet with RTT Director, Tom Kennedy, which occurred. Mr. Anderson emailed a number of documents on October 18, 2017 and October 20, 2017 which were evaluated and researched by RTT. After reviewing the documents and speaking with RTT, I advised Mr. Anderson that Broward County RTT records documents provided to it by the Court system, but did not create or amend any of the materials in question. Subsequently, I sent an email to the same effect, referring Mr. Anderson to the BSO Economic Crimes Unit. Over the course of the next week, Mr. Anderson continued sending documents (sometimes duplicates of previously-provided materials) and submitted another Delegation Request again focusing on allegations which were determined to be outside the scope and jurisdiction of the Board.

However, Mr. Anderson sent several emails on and after November 7th to members of this Board and County Administration specifying that he wished to speak to activities allegedly occurring within RTT. As such, and in consultation with our County Attorney, another Delegation Request was scheduled.

Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Andrew Meyers, County Attorney
Tom Kennedy, Director of Records, Taxes and Treasury
County Administration