### PALM BEACH COUNTY **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 14, (	025	(x) Consent	() Regular
		( ) Ordinance	( ) Public Hearing
Department Submitted By:	<u>Clerk o</u>	f the Circuit Court &	Comptroller
Submitted For:	BOARD	OF COUNTY COMM	<u>ISSIONERS</u>
	l.	EXECUTIVE BRIEF	
	d January		iew for sufficiency Report of re and file Report of County
officers and provides for exa	amination	of the sufficiency of	mounts for specified County f all the bonds at the regular and June of each year. (DB)
	nd to the	governor of the State	whom bond is, or shall be, e, conditioned for the faithful
	d on attac	ched report for exam	ond amounts of each elected ination. All bonds are listed 137.05, Florida Statutes, and
ttachments:			
<ol> <li>Report of Palm</li> <li>Ordinance 98-5</li> <li>List of Florida S</li> </ol>	1	unty Officials' Bonds	
Recommended By:	WW Liana Fi	igueroa, Manager - I	12/16/24 Finance Date
Approved by:	Cou	nty dministrator	Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five-Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:						
<u>Fisca</u>	l Years	2025	<u>2026</u>	2027	2028	2029
Capit	al Expenditures					
Opera	ating Costs					
Exter	nal Revenues					
Progr	ram Income (County)					
In-Kir	nd Match (County)					
NET I	FISCAL IMPACT				T	
	per of additional FTE ions (Cumulative)					
Is Ite	m Included in Current	Budget?		· ·	/es	No
Does	this item include the	use of Fed	leral Funds?	•	/es	No
Budg	et Account No.: Fu	nd	Dept	Unit_	O	bject
В.	Recommended Source No Fiscal Impact	ces of Fund	ds/Summary	of Fiscal Im	pact:	
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:						
III. REVIEW COMMENTS						
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:						
	OFMB			Contr	act Dev. an	d Control
В.	Legal Sufficiency:					
	Assistant County At	torney				
C.	Other Department R	eview:				
	Department Direc					

## Report of County Official's Bonds Sureties Sufficiency Examination (Required by F.S. 137.05)

Dated: JANUARY 2025

Office Bonded		Surety Co Name	Expiration Date	Premium Term	Amount Bonded	Required \$ By ORD 98-51	Premium Cost
Clerk & Comptroller	JOSEPH ABRUZZO	Travelers Casualty	January 5, 2026	4 years	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$175
Property Appraiser	DOROTHY JACKS	Ohio Casualty	January 4, 2029	4 years	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$400
Tax Collector	ANNE M. GANNON	Ohio Casualty	January 5, 2029	4 years	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$2,438
Supervisor of Elections	WENDY SARTORY LINK	Old Republic	May 1, 2025	3 years	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$270
Sheriff	RIC L. BRADSHAW	Western Surety	January 4, 2029	4 years	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$425
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriffs (blanket bond)	Travelers Casualty	August 8, 2025	1 year	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$100
Commissioner Dist. #1	MARIA G. MARINO	Hartford Fire	November 17, 2028	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$340
Commissioner Dist. #2	GREGG K. WEISS	Hartford Fire	November 20, 2026	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$238
Commissioner Dist. #3	JOSE FLORES	Hartford Fire	November 20, 2028	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$238
Commissioner Dist. #4	MARCI WOODWARD	Hartford Fire	November 22, 2026	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$238
Commissioner Dist. #5	MARIA SACHS	Hartford Fire	November 17, 2028	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$340
Commissioner Dist. #6	SARA BAXTER	Hartford Fire	November 22, 2026	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$238
Commissioner Dist. #7	BOBBY POWELL JR.	Hartford Fire	November 20, 2028	4 years	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$238

Note: Elected officials are responsible for obtaining their bond and may choose a bonding agency. Bond premiums shall be paid out of General Revenue Fund.

ALL BONDS LISTED ABOVE COMPLY WITH FLORIDA STATUTES AND PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 98-51.

## **SURETIES UPON OFFICIAL BONDS: F.S. 113.071**

Sureties upon officials shall be in an amount sufficient as prescribed by law and approved by County Commissioners:

CLERK & COMPTROLLER -	F.S. 28.02
SHERIFF & DEPUTY SHERIFF(S) -	F.S. 30.02
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION -	F.S. 98.015
TAX COLLECTOR -	F.S. 137.02
PROPERTY APPRAISER -	F.S. 137.03
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -	F.S. 137.04

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#### ORDINANCE NO. 98-51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIED COUNTY OFFICERS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 98-34, LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 98-34,

Laws of Florida, eliminating or revising bond requirements for certain public officials, including specified County officers; and WHEREAS, Chapter 98-34 eliminated the statutory bond requirements for specified County officers and provided that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") may establish bond requirements for specified County officers and must require bonds from County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 98-34 provides that any bond required of specified County officers be established by ordinance of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in establishing the amount of any required bond, the amount of money or property likely to be in custody of the specified County officer at one time may be considered by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

#### Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "County Officer Bond Ordinance".

## Section 2. Bond of Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$50,0000 conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of office.

#### Section 3. Bond of Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$25,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

Each appointed Deputy Sheriff shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office. In the alternative, a blanket bond in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office of all appointed Deputy Sheriffs is acceptable.

#### Section 4. Bond of Supervisor of Elections.

The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

#### Section 5. Bond of Tax Collector.

The Palm Beach County Tax Collector shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$100,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office, and specifically conditioned for the Tax Collector's accounting duly and faithfully for all taxes collected.

## Section 6. Bond of Property Appraiser.

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser shall be required to give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

## Section 7. Bond of County Commissioners.

Each Palm Beach County Commissioner, whether elected or appointed, must give a bond in the sum of \$2,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of office.

# Section 8. Approval of Form and Surety of Bonds of County Officers; Delegation of Authority.

All bonds of County officers required by this Ordinance must be approved by the Board. Approval of the form and surety of any such bonds is hereby delegated by the Board to the County Administrator or designee, with the concurrence of the County Attorney in such approval.

#### Section 9. Filing of Bonds of County Officers.

All bonds of County officers required by this Ordinance must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court promptly upon execution.

# Section 10. Examination of Sufficiency of Bonds of County Officers.

At its regular meetings in January and June of each year beginning January, 1999, the Board shall examine carefully the sufficiently of all bonds required of County officers. If the Board has reason to believe that the sufficiency of any such bond has become impaired, the Board must at once require that the County officer to execute and file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court a new bond for the same amount and under the same conditions as the former bond.

#### Section 11. Applicability.

This Ordinance is applicable countywide. This Ordinance shall not affect any currently existing bonds of County officers.

#### Section 12. Repeal of Laws in Conflict.

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### Section 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or 2 3 word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not 4 affect the remainder of this Ordinance. 5 Section 14. Inclusion in The Code of Laws And Ordinances. 6 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made 7 a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, 8 Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or 9 relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be 10 changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word. 11 SECTION 15. Effective Date. 12 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective 13 upon filing with the Department of State. 14 APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners 15 of Palm Beach County, Florida, on this the 20th \_\_ day of 16 October \_\_\_\_, 1998. 17 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS 18 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERKE DOROTHY H. WILKEN, CLERK UNTY COR 19 IN BEACH DEPUTY CLERK 20 Chairman 21 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND 22 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY 23 24 County Attorney 25 EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the 28th 26 day of <u>october</u>, 1998, at N/A . m . 27

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