

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20020671

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Resolution supporting federal funding for coastal projects.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: To emphasize Lee County position toward federal funding of shore protection projects.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Urges federal support for funding of authorized shore protection projects in the next fiscal year as well as creation of a dedicated source of funding for future years..

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:

8 - NAT. RESOURCES
COMMISSION DISTRICT #: CW

C8A

3. MEETING DATE:

06-25-2002

4. AGENDA:

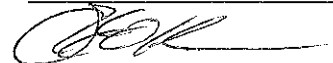
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5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:

- (Specify)*
- STATUTE
 - ORDINANCE
 - ADMIN. CODE
 - OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
 - B. DEPARTMENT Lee County-Public Works
 - C. DIVISION Natural Resources
- BY: Roland Ottolini, Nat. Res. Director



7. BACKGROUND: The federal government, primarily through the US Army Corps of Engineers participates in coastal projects through out the Unites States. In Lee County, shore protection projects are authorized for Gasparilla Island, Captiva Island, and Estero Island. These beach restoration projects are significant investments that require ongoing maintenance in the form of period nourishment. The project costs are generally shared between the federal, state, and local governments as well as the beachfront property owners. The state of Florida has created a dedicated funding source of \$30 million per year for beach renourishment. Lee County has created a Beach Renourishment Trust Fund with funding from bed tax revenues in excess of \$1 million annually. The federal government has no such mechanism for funding beach projects on a consistent or predictable basis. Lee County, like most local governments, has been forced to lobby for inclusion of project funding outside of the Corps regular budget process.

The American Coastal Coalition (ACC) is a national membership organization composed of governmental entities, government officials, business people, academics, national and regional interest groups and advocacy organizations, property owners' associations, individual coastal community residents, and others. It has been organized to serve as the voice of the nation's coastal communities in Washington, D.C. This resolution has been proposed by the ACC as a way to show national solidarity on the issue of federal funding for coastal project. The resolution affirms Lee County's position that beaches are a vital asset and deserving of continued and improved federal support in the form of funding for authorized projects.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
<i>J. Jander</i> 6-10-02		N/A		<i>[Signature]</i> 6/11/02	<i>P.M.</i> 6/12/02	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/12/02	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/12/02	<i>[Signature]</i> 6-12-02	<i>J. Jander</i> 6-10-02

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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RESOLUTION NO. 02 - ____

A RESOLUTION BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING FEDERAL FUNDING OF COASTAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, America's beaches are one of the country's irreplaceable and invaluable assets as, both environmentally and economically, they are unparalleled as a source of storm protection, a magnet for national and international tourism and a provider of healthful recreation for all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the timely maintenance and restoration of these beaches is critical to preserve their value and viability, and to provide a boost to both the environment and economy of the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the role of the federal government in maintaining and restoring beaches is appropriate and crucial, in that it recognizes the substantial national and regional economic benefits arising from beach-related tourism, the benefits accrued to the federal government from the storm protection afforded by better beaches, as well as the role of federal navigation projects in accelerating coastal erosion;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

SECTION 1. Lee County, Florida requests that Congress appropriate in fiscal year 2003 no less than \$101 million for the purposes of protecting and enhancing America's beaches.

SECTION 2. Members of both Houses and both parties are urged to commit themselves to creating a dedicated funding source for beach maintenance and protection efforts, inasmuch as only with such funding can this crucial federal effort be assured of the appropriations needed to ensure success over the decades.

SECTION 3. Lee County, Florida strongly supports America's beachfront resources, and urges all Members of Congress to do the same at this crucial moment in time.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida this ____ day of ____, 2002 by a vote of ____ to ____; the motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Robert P. Janes _____
Ray Judah _____
Douglas R. St. Cerny _____
Andrew W. Coy _____
John E. Albion _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Robert P. Janes
Chairman

ATTEST:

CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____

BY:  _____