BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 18, 2003 Division: County Administrator

Bulk Item: Yes ___ No X Department: County Administrator

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of the Board of County Commissioners recreating the position of Director of Airports to oversee the operations at Key West International Airport and Florida Keys Marathon Airport.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Previously the County had functioned under a managerial system with a Director of Airports and two Airport Managers. In addition in past years there was a position to oversee construction projects and other special activities. That position was eliminated from the budget many years ago. Because of concerns about budget the Board of County Commissioners discontinued the position of Director of Airports and left the two Airport Managers the obligation of reporting directly to the County Administrator. This created an additional span of control issues and, with the departure of the most recent Marathon Airport Manager, the need for special expertise in Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Department of Transportation issues. The assignment of Mr. Paros to be the Manager of Marathon Airport brought much needed managerial experience but a period for a learning curve in reference to FAA and FDOT. The reinstitution of the part-time Director of Airports position will serve to assist in those issues in Marathon and will also more closely coordinate the issues between the two airports, especially during negotiations with the commercial carriers who presently serve Key West and might be interested in moving to Marathon.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: As Above

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval

TOTAL COST: $3,400.00 **BUDGETED:** Yes ___ No X

COST TO COUNTY: $3,400.00 **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Airport Fund

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ___ No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH** ___ **YR** ___

APPROVED BY: County Atty ___ OMB/Purchasing ___ Risk Management ___

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

James L. Roberts, County Administrator

DOCUMENTATION: Included ___ To Follow ___ Not Required X

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