



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
2. **Department:** Board of County Commissioners
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025
4. **Requested Action:**

Requesting direction from the Levy County Board of County Commissioners as to whether the Board desires to insource the function of Economic Development to a county employee or enter into a new funding agreement for the Nature Coast Business Development Council (NCBDC) to provide this function.

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

The BoCC's annual contribution to NCBDC is \$66,400. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion currently contributes approximately \$30,000 per year to NCBDC to support economic development in the region. If the BoCC were to insource this function in the form of hiring a county employee, CareerSource would be willing to partner with the BoCC on this initiative and the BoCC's contribution could remain the same or similar.

6. **Justification of Request:**

The Quarterly Meeting of the NCBDC is scheduled for April 24, 2025. Considering the recent resignation of their Executive Director, it can be anticipated that NCBDC will be looking for direction from the BoCC on the future of the funding agreement and whether they should commence a search to recruit a new Executive Director.