

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, RECONSIDERING ITS PRIOR ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2026-01 FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-26 OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO BRING MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION; REJECTING IT BIDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2026, the City of Pahokee ("City") issued Request for Proposals (RFP 2026-01) seeking Information Technology Services; and

WHEREAS, the formal solicitation concluded on March 27, 2026, with the City receiving four (4) responsive proposals; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2026, the RFP Review Committee conducted presentations by the proposers and subsequently ranked the firms; and

WHEREAS, at a June 2026 City Commission meeting, the City Commission previously considered matters relating to RFP 2026-01 and voted not to reject all bids; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-26 of the City of Pahokee Code of Ordinances, the City Manager serves as the chief administrative officer of the City and is authorized to recommend policies, programs, contracts, agreements, and other matters to the City Commission that are determined to be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of that authority, the City Manager is requesting that this matter be brought back before the City Commission for reconsideration after obtaining additional information regarding the availability of governmental Information Technology services through Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, following meetings with representatives of Palm Beach County and a comprehensive review of the County's Information Technology service model, operational capabilities, security infrastructure, and pricing, the City Manager has

determined that the City should consider utilizing Information Technology services provided by Palm Beach County in lieu of a traditional private vendor; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has concluded that partnering with Palm Beach County would provide the City with an economical, secure, and operationally sound solution that is in the best interests of the City of Pahokee; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, Palm Beach County, through its Information Systems Services (ISS) Department and the Office of Technology and Innovation (OTI), provides comprehensive Information Technology services to governmental entities and nonprofit organizations throughout the region, including: Network Services and Internet Service Provision; Enterprise Cybersecurity Frameworks and Security Awareness Training; Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Services; Unified Communications Platforms; Custom Government and Public Sector Business Applications; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has successfully provided municipal Information Technology services since 2008 and currently supports approximately nineteen (19) municipalities, eight (8) taxing authorities, thirteen (13) nonprofit organizations, and six (6) educational institutions, demonstrating substantial governmental experience and institutional expertise; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has determined that partnering with Palm Beach County would provide the following strategic and operational benefits to the City:

1. Reduced Costs. Significantly lower capital expenditures and ongoing operational costs.
2. Enhanced Cybersecurity and Infrastructure. Greater network bandwidth, improved system resiliency, enhanced cybersecurity protections, and faster implementation of emerging technologies.
3. Improved Public Service. Increased reliability of technology systems, resulting in uninterrupted municipal operations, improved customer service, and greater workforce productivity.
4. Government Compliance. Because Palm Beach County operates exclusively within the governmental environment, its systems are inherently designed to comply with Florida public records requirements, records retention schedules, the Florida Sunshine Law, and other applicable federal and state regulatory requirements while providing the transparency, audit logs, and reporting expected of governmental entities.
5. Economies of Scale. Access to enterprise-level software licensing, advanced data centers, and sophisticated technology infrastructure that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive for a municipality the size of Pahokee.
6. Institutional Stability. Unlike private vendors that may experience ownership changes, staffing shortages, restructuring, or changing business priorities, Palm Beach County provides long-term governmental stability and continuity of operations, particularly during emergencies and disaster recovery situations.

7. Improved Coverage. Twenty-four (24) hour system monitoring, proactive alerting, and continuous support provided by a team of experienced Information Technology professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager further desires to propose a Memorandum of Understanding or other contractual agreement with Palm Beach for IT Services; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has completed a cost comparison between the services proposed by Palm Beach County and the City's current Information Technology expenditures and has determined that the County's governmental service model provides substantially greater value, expanded services, enhanced cybersecurity, improved governmental compliance, and long-term operational efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is appropriate to reconsider its prior action concerning RFP 2026-01 and further finds that Rejecting all Bids would be appropriate and further desires to authorize the City Manager to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding or other contractual agreement with Palm Beach County as is in the best interests of the City and its residents and bring back such agreement to the City Commission for consideration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Reconsideration.

The City Commission hereby acknowledges the City Manager's recommendation to reconsider the City's prior action concerning RFP 2026-01 based upon additional information obtained regarding governmental Information Technology services and hereby rejects all bids.

Section 3. Authorization to Negotiate Memorandum of Understanding.

The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Palm Beach County for the provision of Information Technology services and return the negotiated agreement to the City Commission for final approval.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 14th day of July, 2026.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)