DELEGATION ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (DOGE)

POLICY NO. 45-01

PURPOSE:

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) wishes to further promote efficient use of taxpayer funds, and transparency in County government operations. The BOCC desires to create the Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE) as an advisory body to conduct such review and make recommendations to the BOCC.

ESTABLISHMENT & PURPOSE:

The Hernando County Delegation on Government Efficiency (DOGE) is hereby established as an advisory committee under the authority of the BOCC.

DOGE's purpose is to conduct reviews of County government operations, financial policies, and regulations for the purpose of identifying cost-saving measures, improving taxpayer value, and streamlining bureaucracy. The Hernando County Strategic Plan will be taken into consideration by DOGE as it will provide important community feedback.

MEMBERSHIP & SELECTION:

Composition:

DOGE shall consist of nine (9) members who serve on a voluntary basis.

Application & Lottery:

The County shall publicly advertise and accept written applications from interested citizens by a reasonable stated deadline. Members shall be selected through a random and authentic lottery. DOGE shall meet as often as necessary to fulfill its advisory function.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

The BOCC, through County Administration, shall provide DOGE with relevant County records, documents, and financial statements upon request, in a timely manner, to facilitate its reviews

DUTIES & REPORTING:

General Duties:

Review County operations and expenditures to recommend efficiency improvements and cost-saving opportunities. Examine ordinances, regulations, and procedures to suggest eliminations or updates to redundant or outdated requirements.

Reporting:

DOGE shall report to the BOCC at least every two (2) months during a properly noticed public meeting, summarizing findings, recommendations, and progress.

TERM:

This Policy shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners and shall remain in force unless amended or rescinded by subsequent Board action.

Proposed: April 22, 2025