



Legislation Text

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TITLE

First Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Resolution to Expand County Seat to Include Property at 16264 Spring Hill Drive for Use as Government Offices for Supervisor of Elections

BRIEF OVERVIEW

On October 12, 2021, the Board voted to approve a lease agreement that would allow for the relocation of the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections from the courthouse to 16264 Spring Hill Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604. Article VIII, Section 1(k) of the Florida Constitution requires that the principal offices and permanent records of all county officers be in the county seat. Since the new office of the Hernando County Supervisor of Elections is located outside of the City of Brooksville, the Board must vote to “expand” the county seat to include that parcel.

Section 138.12, Florida Statutes, states, “The Board of County Commissioners . . . may expand the geographical area of the county seat . . . beyond the corporate limits of the municipality named as the county seat by adopting a resolution to that effect” While the proposed resolution will designate the subject location as part of the “county seat,” the statute provides that “nothing herein shall be deemed to extend the boundaries of the municipality in which the county seat was previously located or annex to such municipality, the territory added to the county seat.”

The statute requires two advertised public hearings not less than ten (10) days or more than twenty (20) days apart. This is the first public hearing with the second scheduled for April 25, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

LEGAL NOTE

The Board may conduct this public hearing pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(k) of the Florida Constitution and Section 138.12 of the Florida Statutes.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A. A matter of public policy.