



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: March 19, 2020

Meeting Date: April 2, 2020

Name: Heather Janney

Department: County Extension

Division Manager's Signature: _____

Ben Scott

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Grant Application - Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. 2020 Volunteer Grants

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve/acknowledge authorization to apply for grant

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2020

TO: Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

FR: Heather Janney, County Extension Director/4-H Agent II

RE: Submission of Florida Ag in the Classroom, Inc 2020 Volunteer Grant

Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc.'s Volunteer Grant program strives to fund projects that teach Florida PreK-12th grade students about the importance of agriculture and introduce them to agricultural producers and representatives in their areas. UF/IFAS Extension Columbia County submitted a grant under the name of Columbia County Board of County Commissioners. The purpose of the grant submitted is to create inquiry-based, hands-on learning opportunities for youth about agriculture and their natural world through an immersive experience at the Columbia County 4-H Children's Garden.

Grants were required to be postmarked by March 13. However, due to the COVID-19 and handling programmatic postponements/cancellations and changes, we inquired if the deadline could be extended. As a result, it was extended until March 20th. As you are aware, the BOCC meeting was cancelled on March 19th so we were required to go ahead and submit the grant application without permission of the BOCC. I inquired with David Kraus and was granted permission to submit.