



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Request Approval for County Manager to attend ICMA 2025 Global Exchange in Eswatini and South Africa

Presenter:

Michele Lieberman, County Manager

Description:

International travel by County Manager Michele Lieberman to attend the ICMA 2025 Global Exchange in Eswatini and South Africa.

Recommended Action:

Authorize County Manager Michele Lieberman to participate in the 2025 ICMA Global Exchange in Eswatini and South Africa from September 2 through September 12, 2025, as part of her service on the ICMA Global Engagement Committee.

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Note:

The estimated costs for this trip (as of 5/23/2025) are approximately \$4,833.00. The estimated cost covers flights, hotels, registration costs and per diem. It is possible that the costs for the trip may be different than anticipated due to cost changes when the trip is booked. There are sufficient funds in the County Manager's Office travel budget (Fund 001.17.1700.512.40.13) to cover the costs associated with this trip.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

1. County Manager Michele Lieberman is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Global Engagement Committee.
2. The 2025 Global Exchange is ICMA's Annual International Regional Meeting and will take place in Eswatini and South Africa from September 2 through September 12, 2025.
3. The County's travel policy states, "Any international travel will require prior approval from the Administrating Official and will be submitted as an agenda item for approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners at a Regular meeting."
4. Attendees of the Exchange will meet with ICMA strategic alliance organizations, participate in joint local conferences and learn more about local government practices in each country.

5. Participants will also have opportunities to participate in speaking engagements and strategic planning exercise focused on the professionalization of local governments.
6. The Exchange promotes two-way knowledge sharing to strengthen global local governance. Attendees will be encouraged to share the knowledge and insights gained with their home communities.
7. The initiative directly supports ICMA's mission of creating thriving communities worldwide.