

# Doing Things!

**BCC Travel Policy Update Recommendations** 



## **Current State and Background**

- The Policy was originally developed in 2003
- Procedure shift away from forms
- Implementation of Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning system (OPUS)
- Changes in the way we travel
- Develop recommendations for modernizing policy



## **Review Methodology and Scope**

- Collect department feedback through Focus Groups
- Review existing policies from Florida peers
- Review Office of Inspector General (IG) P-card Audit recommendations
- Partner with Clerk's Finance
- Incorporate IG and Appointing Authorities feedback



#### **Desired Outcomes**

- Provide policy clarity in understanding and structure
- Provide consistency in travel arrangement and reimbursement practices
- Better align with the State Statute provisions and Federal guidelines
- Provide long term policy sustainability



- Review DEFINITIONS section for updates, omissions and additions.
- Clarify APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL section
- REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES section
  - Restructure to be more clear and consistent
  - Remove specific dollar amounts and reference State Statute and provide link to federal GSA rates
  - Travel Agency contract clarification
  - Include Rentals (HomeAway and Airbnb) as lodging option
  - Establish travel time threshold for overnight stay



- REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES section (continued)
  - Add reimbursable items:
    - Baggage fees
    - Transportation Network Companies (Uber and Lyft)
    - Wi-Fi fees
  - Mileage
    - Split into two sections: Personal Vehicle and County Vehicle
    - Update Local Mileage and Out of Town Mileage definitions to address commuting mileage



- REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES section (continued)
  - Consolidate Other Expenses section
  - Remove dollar amounts and reference State of Florida Expenditure Guide
  - Clarify Self-parking vs. Valet parking



- TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER FORMS
  - Clarify advance approval and post approval workflow
  - Add statements regarding:
    - Current reimbursement methods
    - How to address expenses not addressed in policy
    - Responsibilities of traveler
  - Remove all forms except Form C Local Travel Expenses
  - Add a Missing or Lost Receipts section



#### **Additional Recommendations**

- Provide for administrative updates to maintain consistency with state and federal guidelines
- Add section for Sales Tax Exemption
- Develop a separate countywide procedure manual
- Provide references to the following policies:
  - Personnel Rules and Policies
  - Risk Policy
  - Purchasing Policy



## **Board Discussion and Input**



### **Next Steps**

- Create redline version of current policy
- Board approval of revised policy at future meeting