

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CONTINUE AWARDING GAIN-TIME FOR GOOD CONDUCT OF COUNTY PRISONERS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 951.21, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has previously recognized the need for the Sheriff to award gain-time for good conduct of County prisoners in order to promote the efficient operation of the DeSoto County Jail; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto County Sheriff James Potter has requested that this authority be continued because it is a valuable tool in assisting to maintain manageable population levels within the DeSoto County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that continuation of this authorization, last approved on November 17th, 2020 by Resolution 2020-82, is in the best interest of the operation of the DeSoto County Jail and the people of DeSoto County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The awarding of gain-time is a long standing practice, and as a matter of efficiency, this administrative task should be assigned to and carried out at the discretion of the DeSoto County Sheriff, who also serves as the Chief Correctional Officer of the County.

Section 2. The awarding of gain-time is an effective tool in promoting good behavior while a person is incarcerated in the County Jail.

Section 3. Sheriff James Potter is hereby authorized to act in this matter in accordance with Section 951.21, Florida Statutes, until the end of his current term of office.

Section 4. The practice of awarding gain-time for good behavior, exceptional industry and meritorious conduct is consistent with professional and efficient operation of County Jails.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **17th** day of **December, 2024.**

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Mandy Hines
County Administrator

By: _____
JC Deriso, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Valerie Vicente, County Attorney