

**ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2009

**Action Agenda**

**Item No.** 3-C

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Revenue Staff and Appointment of Three (3) Deputy Tax Collectors

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**DEPARTMENT:** Revenue

**PUBLIC HEARING:** (Y/N)

No

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None

**INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**PURPOSE:** To acknowledge the continued endeavors of the Revenue staff evident by the outstanding collection rates achieved and to consider appointment of Linda Strickland-Jaubert, Valerie Curry, and Bobbie Underwood as Deputy Tax Collectors for a four-year terms, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

**BACKGROUND:** Linda Strickland-Jaubert, Valerie Curry and Bobbie Underwood have previously been appointed Deputy Tax Collectors by the Board of County Commissioners for one year terms. It is proposed that these staff members be appointed to four-year terms to match the current four-year term (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2013) of Tax Collector Jo Roberson.

Chapter 105-349(f) of the North Carolina General Statutes requires the Board of County Commissioners to appoint deputy collectors "for a term to be determined by the governing board". The statute reads "a deputy tax collector shall have the authority to perform, under the direction of the tax collector, any act that the tax collector may perform unless the governing body appointing the deputy specifically limits the scope of the deputy's authority". Therefore, the deputy tax collectors' work will continue to be performed under the direction of the tax collector with precise guidelines that exist.

The continued success of the Revenue office staff as a whole is evident in the outstanding collection rates that have been attained for several years. The County has ranked in the top 5% collected out of 100 counties over the last 10 years.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Interim Manager recommends that the Board appoint Linda Strickland-Jaubert, Valerie Curry, and Bobbie Underwood as Orange County Deputy Tax Collectors for four-year terms effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.