



## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority, as authorized by Florida Statute 159.44 - 159.53, is responsible for authorizing industrial revenue bond financing and refinancing projects for the public purposes described in, and in the manner provided by, the Florida Industrial Development Financing Act and by Florida Statute 159.44-159.53, and for fostering the economic development of a county. Each IDA shall study the advantages, facilities, resources, products, attractions, and conditions concerning the county with relation to the encouragement of economic development in that county, and shall use such means and media as the authority deems advisable to publicize and to make known such facts and material to such persons, firms, corporations, agencies, and institutions which, in the discretion of the authority, would reasonably result in encouraging desirable economic development in the county.

IDA members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and serve four-year terms. The IDA is coordinated by the BOCC's Economic Development office, which is part of the County's Development Services Division.

IDA board members also serve concurrent terms on the Highlands County Economic Development Commission, which is the nonprofit component of economic development efforts in Highlands County.

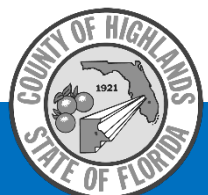
Applicants must be electors of Highlands County and may not serve on more than three County Commission committees simultaneously, provided only one of the committees has final decision-making authority.

The committee appointment process requires the attached "Application for Committee Appointments" form to be completed, either online and submitted via e-mail to [mdrake@highlandsfl.gov](mailto:mdrake@highlandsfl.gov), or printed and mailed to:

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners  
Attn: Michelle Drake  
600 S. Commerce Ave.,  
Sebring, FL 33870

Additionally, please review the Policy for Appointed Committee for guidelines on serving on a BOCC advisory committee. The Policy is available on the [Citizen Committees tab on highlandsfl.gov](#).

To learn more about economic development efforts in Highlands County, visit [highlandsbusiness.com](http://highlandsbusiness.com).



# Application for Appointment

(To request appointment to a board, committee, authority or other special activity)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I wish to be appointed to the following board, committee, authority or special activity of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners:

as a: regular member    alternate    advisory only

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## Employment experience

Current:

Brief description:

Previous:

Brief description:

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## Education/special training

High School:

College:

Special training:

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## Activities & interests:

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List any boards or committees to which you are currently appointed, elected offices held, or law enforcement positions held:

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Are you related to any county employee or county commissioner ?    Yes    No

Name of relative:

Relationship:

## Important:

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners has an adopted Code of Conduct for persons serving on committees, boards, and panels appointed by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. A copy can be found at <http://hcbcc.net/section/index.php>. Please indicate by signing below that you have read and understand the adopted Code of Conduct.

Signature:

Date submitted:

**Highlands County Industrial Development Authority and Economic Development  
Commission Board of Directors Q&A**

1) What does economic development mean to you?
2) Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors for the Highlands County IDA/EDC?
3) As a board member, how would you promote economic development for the county?
4) What are your goals for Highlands County economic development?
5) What other organizations, if any, have you previously or do you currently belong to? What responsibilities did you have (Officer seats, Community Service, etc.)?

**Please submit formal résumé**