

Item 24

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Extension Agent International Travel

DEPARTMENT: Library & Leisure Services **DIVISION:** Administration

AUTHORIZED BY: *J. Suzy Goldman* **CONTACT:** J. Suzy Goldman **EXT:** 1605

Agenda Date: <u>6/27/06</u>	Regular <input type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Work Session <input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/>		Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>	

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Extension Agent travel to Thailand to attend an International Food Safety Conference.

BACKGROUND:

Rita Law-McCumber, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, has been selected by the University of Florida to attend an International Food Safety Conference in Thailand. Ms. McCumber will present her food safety programs to three Thai universities. She will learn about their food safety programs, visit food production facilities, food markets, distribution centers and processing plants. In his letter of approval (see attached), Dr. Freddie Johnson, Professor and Central District Extension Director describes the honor of being selected for this international program.

Ms. McCumber has personally been awarded University of Florida Professional Development (\$1,350) and International Programs Travel (\$1,000) grants to fund the majority of the travel expenses. An additional \$800 will be funded from the existing Extension Service budget.

In accordance with Seminole County Administrative Code Section 3.5C1, travel to foreign countries must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Law-McCumber holds a dually funded Extension Agent position earning a salary from both the University of Florida (80%) and Seminole County (20%).

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
DCM: <u>JS</u>
CM: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
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DATE: June 14, 2006
TO: Suzy Goldman, Library and Leisure Services Director
FROM: Freddie Johnson, Professor, and District Extension Director, Central District
RE: Rita Law-McCumber's Trip to Thailand

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Freddie Johnson", written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

I am aware that Rita Law McCumber has been one of three Extension Agents in the state invited to go to Thailand to teach food safety and food handling at three different Universities within the country. This is an honor for Rita to be selected. The trip will certainly give Rita a different perspective on diversity. It will give her a chance to experience all types of different Thai restaurants with the ability to see how food is prepared. This experience will certainly help when she is back at home giving food safety classes to restaurants. The trip brings honor to the University of Florida/IFAS and to Seminole County Government to show people in other parts of the world how we teach food preparation in America.