

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 4, 2008

Date Submitted: January 18, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request for Board to Direct Staff to Take Steps to Make Wakulla County a Chartered County

Statement of Issue:

Wakulla County presently is not a chartered county. This agenda item asks that the Board direct staff to take steps to make Wakulla County a Chartered County.

Background:

There are advantages and disadvantages to becoming a chartered county. At this time in Wakulla County's history, there appears to be more advantages than disadvantages to become a chartered county.

Analysis:

As a chartered county we can design our own rules and protect ourselves better from certain disadvantages that are presently staring us in our face. The challenges facing us are much more difficult if we are not a chartered county. The urgency in becoming a chartered county is great.

Options:

1. Board vote to become a chartered county.
2. Direct staff to urgently work to get Wakulla County to become a chartered county.
3. Direct staff to schedule a workshop to educate the citizenry of the charter process.
4. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #2

Attachments:

1. Florida Charter Counties
2. Charter County Government in Florida
3. Group Exercise Instructions