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Wakulla County Receives Grants For New Park Facilities

Crawfordville, Florida –At the July 21, 2008 Board of County Commissioners Meeting the Board approved two Resolutions accepting grant funds for Medart Park improvements and the creation of the Wakulla Equestrian Center.

On July 3, 2008, and after years of following the stringent state application process for such funding, County staff received notification that the Florida Legislature approved funds for improvements to the Medart Recreation Park and for the proposed Wakulla County Equestrian Center. The grants were funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Florida Recreational Direct Assistance Program. “I appreciate the hard work of our staff to ensure that an ever-expanding variety of top quality community recreation facilities are available for our families, children and visitors,” said Chairman Ed Brimmer.

\$101,708 was received for the Medart Recreation Park improvements to construct a covered picnic facility, bike path, exercise trail, shuffle board court, tennis court, bleachers, benches, security lighting and landscaping. The project construction should be completed within 18 to 24 months. Medart Recreation Park already serves as the County’s keystone recreation center with 10 lighted ballfields and sport recreation programming serving 15,000 citizens and 3 regional tournaments annually.

\$135,611 was received for the creation of a new Wakulla Equestrian Center. Several elements are being constructed with this grant including an equestrian arena, recreational vehicle camping sites, picnic facility, hiking trail, horseshoes pits, restrooms, vehicle and horse trailer parking, security lighting, and a playground. The Wakulla Equestrian Center is located at the southwest end of Lawhon Mill Road and borders the National Trails System. This location has also been considered to include the Heritage Park Historical Village and the Wild Mammal Sanctuary. This project should be completed within 18 to 24 months, as well.

For more information regarding the Medart Park improvements and the Wakulla County Equestrian Center, please contact Ray Gray, Director of Parks & Recreation at (850) 926-7227.