

# Board of County Commissioners

## Workshop Item

Date of Meeting: September 4, 2007

Date Submitted: August 30, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator

Subject: Workshop Regarding Proposed "Awards and Presentations" Ordinance

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This workshop item provides the Board with a newly updated draft of the proposed ordinance for awards and presentations and requests Board consideration of same (Attachment #1).

### **Background:**

Wakulla County currently has no formal ordinance or policy relating to the expenditure of funds for incentives and awards for employees, volunteers, and organizations providing outstanding services to the community. Expenditures for special plaques or awards for outstanding service, seasonal or holiday gatherings and even flowers or other suitable tokens of sympathy for illness and/or death of individuals who have provided services to the County cannot currently be paid with county funds.

During their public hearing on this ordinance on August 6, 2007, the Board directed staff to schedule a workshop on this issue and to look at limiting the scope of the ordinance.

### **Analysis:**

As the Board may recall, staff has worked for numerous months on this issue to develop the attached draft Ordinance to allow for proper expenditure of County funds for these limited occasions. Most recently, staff has further limited the scope of what would be an appropriate expenditure per this ordinance and tightened the approval process for any such expenditure. Should the Board accept these and/or other changes at this workshop, staff would recommend setting an additional public hearing to formally consider the draft ordinance. If the Board is no longer interested in pursuing this option, staff would recommend that the Board direct staff to cease activities thereunto.

### **Options:**

1. Direct Staff to schedule a Public Hearing re: the Ordinance for Awards and Presentations.
2. Direct Staff to cease further activities on this issue.
3. Board direction.

### **Recommendation:**

Option #3.

**Attachment:** \*\*\*REVISED\*\*\*Draft Ordinance for Awards and Presentations.