

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2009

Date Submitted: March 20, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Request Board Approval to Authorize Re-Scheduling of County Town Hall Meeting Dates

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to authorize staff to re-schedule the County Town Hall Meetings held throughout Wakulla County during 2009.

### **Background:**

Town Hall Meetings provide citizens an opportunity to attend and voice concerns, ask questions, gather input on projects and issues, and converse on various issues of interest, etc. The Board recently directed staff to begin holding County Town Hall Meetings every few months. Subsequently, staff explored locations in each Commissioner's district.

During the February 3, 2009 Board Meeting the Board approved staff to schedule the following Town Hall Meetings:

- March 25, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at Wakulla Springs (District 1&2)
- May 27, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Old Courthouse/Chamber (District 3)
- July 29, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Panacea Welcome Center (District 4)
- September 30, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Sopchoppy City Hall (District 5)

At the March 17, 2009 Board Meeting, the Board directed staff to consider re-scheduling the Town Hall Meetings from Wednesday nights due to a conflict that some citizens may have due to attending church on Wednesday evenings. The first Town Hall Meeting was held on March 25, 2009 at Wakulla Springs Lodge where approximately 20 citizens were in attendance. A citizen suggested changing the times of the meeting to allow added citizen participation.

### **Analysis:**

Staff is requesting for the Board to approve the schedule below with revised dates from the previous scheduled Wednesday's to Thursday's, staff also seeks Board direction at this time on how to proceed in commencing future Town Hall Meetings.

- May 28, 2009 at the Old Courthouse/Chamber (District 3)
- July 30, 2009 at the Panacea Welcome Center (District 4)
- October 1, 2009 at Sopchoppy City Hall (District 5)

**Options:**

1. Approve the re-scheduled County Town Hall Meeting dates and determine the time of the meetings to commence.
2. Do not approve the re-scheduled County Town Hall Meeting dates.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1