

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

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Subject: Request Ratification of Board Discussion During the March 16, 2009
Workshop Regarding the Proposed Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests ratification of Board discussion during the March 16, 2009 Workshop regarding the Proposed Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance.

Background:

The Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance has been in the works for two years and has been ongoing due to a combination of pre-dating of conflicts. Over the years, there have been a number of ordinances and resolutions to govern the County Sewer Utility adopted in Wakulla County. Additionally, there have been a number of circumstances which have required new language to be added in order to address current policy. As such, staff received direction from the Board to combine all these various documents into one comprehensive ordinance that will govern the County's waste water system. This would help clarify the ambiguities and resolve conflicting policy.

During the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting, the Board directed staff to schedule a Workshop on March 16, 2009 at 5:00pm to discuss the Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance. See Attachment #1 for historical background presented at the latest Workshop held on March 16, 2009.

Analysis:

On March 16, 2009 a Workshop was held to discuss the proposed draft Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance and make final changes to create the final version of the Ordinance and to direct staff to schedule a public hearing to adopt the final Ordinance.

The discussion during the March 16, 2009 Workshop included the following and staff is requesting Board direction at this time:

- Draft Ordinance, Section 1-14 Mandatory Connection Required – Change the definition of the word “Available” to 300ft. or to be able to file a petition of variance.
- Staff to flush out the Readiness to Serve Fee, prior to the Public Hearing.
- Allow 2,000 gallons of free sewer for Residential.

Additionally, staff is also requesting the Board to ratify advertising and scheduling of the Public Hearing. Due to time constraints, staff advertised the Public Hearing for April 21, 2009 at 6:00pm and is requesting the Board to ratify this action.

Options:

1. Ratify Board discussion during the March 16, 2009 Workshop and request Board direction on the discussion outlined above.
2. Ratify advertising and scheduling of the Public Hearing for April 21, 2009 at 6:00pm to adopt the Comprehensive Sewer Ordinance.
3. Do not ratify Board discussion during the March 16, 2009 Workshop and do not give Board direction on the discussion as outlined above.

Recommendations

Option #1 & #2

Attachments

1. March 16, 2009 Workshop Item
2. Draft Comprehensive Ordinance.