

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: August 2, 2010

Date Submitted: July 21, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Henry F. Wells – Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections

Subject: Request Board Approval to Authorize Matching Grants Funds for the Federal Election Activities (HAVA) Grant

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to provide written certification from County Governing body (BOCC) executed by the Chairman that the County will provide matching funds in the amount of 15% or \$495.17 for a grant of \$3,301.14 during the fiscal year 2010 / 2011 (Attachment #1).

Background:

Each year the State offers HAVA grants to local Election Offices for the purpose of voter education. The Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections received this grant last year thanks to the BOCC's approval.

Analysis:

The Federal 2010 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) required all counties to have matching funds from the Governing body (BOCC) in order to receive the grant. The grant is used for limited uses (poll worker training, sample ballots, voter guides, published voter information) and preapproved by state in order to receive the grant. Matching funds are included in existing budget.

Options:

1. Approve to provide matching grant funds and authorize the Chairman to execute.
2. Do not approve to provide matching funds and do not authorize the Chairman to execute.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Written request from SOE office