

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: August 2, 2010

Date Submitted: July 16, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval to Conduct the Continued Public Hearing and Adopt the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-16 Including the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to conduct the continued public hearing and to adopt the proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 08-16.

The County's Purchasing Policy, adopted in Wakulla County Ordinance No. 08-16, provides the process and requirements for purchasing or entering into contracts for the procurement of personal property, materials, contractual services, and construction of improvements in Wakulla County. The proposed Ordinance (Attachment #1), will clarify and standardize the provisions relating to preferences for local businesses in such procurements.

Background:

The Purchasing Department has requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt an ordinance repealing and replacing the current provision in the County's Purchasing Policy relating to local preferences in purchasing. In the past, the Purchasing Department has had to seek specific approval from the Board in order to apply a Local Preference to firms or projects not falling within the current provision. On June 7, 2010, the Board considered this item for the first time and after Board discussion, certain changes were made to the business tax receipt requirements to clarify that a vendor claiming a local business preference located in a county surrounding Wakulla County is required to have a business tax receipt from such county.

On July 19, 2010, the Board opened the public hearing on this proposed ordinance, and after discussion, added a middle tier of local businesses that would qualify for a local preference if the business has a fixed office or distribution point in Wakulla County and employees or an owner that reside in Wakulla County. The Board then continued the duly advertised July 19, 2010 public hearing to August 2, 2010 at 5:00p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Analysis:

The proposed ordinance (Attachment #1) provides for the repeal and replacement of Section 4.8 of the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy, Ordinance No. 08-16, which authorizes a local preference in procurement for certain projects.

If approved, this Ordinance will repeal in its entirety the current provision, and replace it with a local preference policy which may be applied to all procurements regardless of dollar amount or project type, rather than requiring that the Purchasing Department seek specific approval for such preference on a project by project basis. It will also ensure that the same local preference criteria are applied to all procurements, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

Options

1. Conduct the Continued Public Hearing and Adopt the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-16 Including the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy.
2. Do Not Conduct the Continued Public Hearing and do not Adopt the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-16 Including the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Proposed Ordinance