

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2008

Date Submitted: August 1, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Green

Subject: Proposal for Faith-Based Publicly Funded Project

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item serves to inform the Board and the general public that with the use of "anticipated" grant funds, the Leon-Wakulla Development Corporation is in the process of organizing to make available to the citizens of the Wakulla-Leon County area additional job training programs, human services and related facilities. This project is intended to provide a stimulus to the community as it brings about economic development, jobs, and an improved quality of life.

Background:

For several months Reverend Renita Allen Dixon has been meeting with individuals, community groups, County staff representatives, and consultants as she worked to put on paper an idea that she envisioned would be a solution to many of the problems faced by the citizens of Wakulla County and the surrounding area. While our local County area continues to grow, needs such as employment and human services continue to multiply.

Analysis:

It is hoped that as a result of this project, stronger bonds within and outside of the community will be realized. In addition, the formulation of partnerships with other faith based organizations, concerned groups, and individuals may be a very worth-while spin-off.

Pastor Dixon is requesting that she and persons who have been assisting her be given a few moments to present to the Board and public an idea that, if implemented, will succeed and make way for positive changes to Wakulla County and its neighbors.

Options:

1. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1