

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2009

Date Submitted: February 13, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request for Board Ratification of the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board ratification of the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans.

Background:

On December 8, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners held its annual retreat to set the organization's priorities for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. After identifying the priorities, the Board discussed ideas that needed further clarification and also combined similar or related ideas. After further discussion, it was recognized that some of the proposed priorities could be accomplished by staff as assigned projects by County Administration. Subsequently, the Board narrowed the list to five priorities, see below.

Consensus was reached by the Board, and all priorities were considered equally critical for Wakulla County, and therefore did not rank the priorities in order. In no ranked order, the priorities are as follows:

- Construct Planned Community Center (including Youth Activities);
- Improve Spring/Bay Quality (including: Sewer, Septic, Storm water, and Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements);
- Upgrade Fire/EMS Facility (including: Healthcare Services);
- Improve Energy Conservation (including: Energy Star Certification, LEED Standards, Advisory Group, Public Transit – park & ride);
- Update Comprehensive Plan & Update Land Development Code (including: Smart Growth, Visioning of Wakulla County and Economic Development).

The County Administrator made staff assignments for the Board priority issues and action plans have been developed for each priority issue (Attachment #1). On January 20, 2009, the Board ratified the 2009 Board Priorities as set forth above. The Board also directed staff to publicize the 2009 Action Plans on the County website to allow citizens a chance to give input and/or recommendations.

Analysis:

As directed by the Board at the previous Board meeting, staff prepared a News Release (Attachment #2) outlining the Board's desire to solicit citizen input, as well as, the draft action plan. The deadline to submit citizen input is January 30, 2009. During the February 3, 2009 Board Meeting, the Board tabled this item to the February 17, 2009 Board Meeting in order to allow citizens more time to submit their recommendations. Staff will review and incorporate all suggestions and is requesting Board ratification of the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans at this time.

Options:

1. Ratify the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans and direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority issue.
2. Do not ratify the 2009 Board Priorities Action Plans and do not direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority issue.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. 2009 Action Plans
2. News Release