

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 3, 2009

Date Submitted: January 16, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Jessica Welch, Policy & Public Information Coordinator

Subject: Requests Board Approval to Authorize the Scheduling of County Town Hall Meetings held Throughout Wakulla County During 2009

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to authorize the scheduling of County Town Hall Meetings held throughout Wakulla County during 2009.

Background:

Historically, Commissioner Kessler has held Town Hall Meetings in each district throughout the County. Town Hall Meetings provide citizens an opportunity to attend and voice concerns, ask questions, gather input on projects and issues, and converse on various issues of interest, etc. The Board recently directed staff to begin holding County Town Hall Meetings every few months.

Analysis:

Staff explored locations in each Commissioner's district. The tentative schedule is listed below and reflects County Town Hall Meetings to be conducted on the last Wednesday of every other month, and concluding in September prior to the holidays. It is anticipated that staff will bring an agenda item request before the Board in December to address holding future Town Hall Meetings.

- March 25, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at Wakulla Springs (District 1&2)
- May 27, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Old Courthouse/Chamber (District 3)
- July 29, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Panacea Welcome Center (District 4)
- September 30, 2009 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Sopchoppy City Hall (District 5)

Options:

1. Approve the recommended County Town Hall Meeting dates and locations.
2. Do not approve the recommended County Town Hall Meeting dates and locations.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1