

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
Ron Mowrey, County Attorney
Jennifer Langston, Special Projects Coordinator

Subject: Requests Board Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing for March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code as directed in the County Charter Ordinance No. 2008-14.

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing for March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code as directed in the County Charter Ordinance No. 2008-14.

Background:

On November 4, 2008, a majority of Wakulla voters approved the proposed Wakulla County Charter which became effective on January 1, 2009 (Attachment #1). Article II, Section 2.9 of the Wakulla County Charter provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall adopt an administrative code to govern the operation of the county. Section 125.87, Florida Statutes, requires counties that have adopted a home rule charter, to adopt an administrative code (Attachment #2).

Analysis:

The purpose of the Administrative Code is to organize County Government and to set forth the duties, responsibilities, and powers of the County Administrator. The administrative code shall also set forth the responsibilities of the departments and offices of county government. Most charter counties in Florida establish their Administrative Codes by Ordinance. Staff, and the County Attorney has prepared an ordinance, that would fully codify an administrative code for Wakulla County Government (Attachment #3).

This agenda item requests the Board schedule a public hearing for March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt an Ordinance establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code.

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Options:

1. Approve to Schedule a Public Hearing on March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code.
2. Do Not Approve to Schedule a Public Hearing on March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing the Wakulla County Administrative Code.
3. Board Direction

Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment(s):

1. Wakulla County Charter Ordinance
2. Section 125.87, Florida Statutes
3. Proposed Administrative Code Ordinance