

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request for Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the December 8, 2008
Third Annual Board Retreat

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests ratification of Board actions taken at the December 8, 2008 Third Annual Retreat to establish the top priorities for 2009.

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 (Attachment #1). Subsequently, the Board narrowed the list to five priorities, see below.

Analysis:

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 new priority issue (Attachment #2).

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Options:

1. Ratify actions taken by the Board at the December 8, 2008 Third Annual Retreat and direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority issue.
2. Do not ratify actions taken by the Board at the December 8, 2008 Annual Retreat.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Administrative issues as directed by the Board.
2. 2009 Action Plans