

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval for Commissioners to Travel to Major Conferences/Workshops in 2009

Statement of Issues:

This agenda item requests Board approval for Commissioners and key staff to travel to major conferences/workshops in 2009.

Background:

The recently approved Travel Policy states that travel conducted by County Commissioners shall be approved in advance, whenever possible, by the Board of County Commissioners via an agenda item at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Analysis:

Historically, there are several conferences/workshops that the Board and key staff attend annually. In order to consolidate agenda items, staff is requesting for the Board to approve travel to the conferences/workshops listed below. Attendance is optional and contingent upon individuals desire to participate as well as based upon available budget at the time of travel. See events listed below:

- Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day
- Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
- Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference
- Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference
- Florida Association of Counties Certified County Commissioners Workshops
- National Association of Counties Annual Conference
- Annual Chamber Community Conference

Budget: Funds are included in the 2009 Budget allocated for travel purposes.

Options:

1. Approve the Commissioners and key staff to attend major conferences/workshops in 2009.
2. Do not approve Commissioners and key staff to attend major conferences/workshops in 2009.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1