

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: July 21, 2008

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Board Acceptance of the AVL Mapping and EMS Component Grant,  
Resolution and Budget Amendment

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to accept the AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator) Mapping and EMS Component Grant, and to approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment of same.

### **Background:**

Wakulla County is growing and it is difficult to keep updated maps of the new roads and subdivisions. Even with the 911 maps, it can be difficult, especially at night to easily locate the street you have been dispatched to. This difficulty is shared by all first responders, WCSO, EMS and Fire. The Board approved an application for an AVL Mapping and EMS Component Grant on February 4, 2008. The grant has been obtained from the State EMS and needs Board approval to proceed with the purchase.

### **Analysis:**

The purpose of the AVL Grant is to enable map formatting that will allow maps of the County to be sent by air card to the portable "Tuff Book" computers of the Ambulance Service and Sheriff's Department, and eventually the Fire Department. This will be of great value in locating the exact response location to which emergency services are being sent. The perpetual map updates on new roads and subdivisions that are conducted by the 911 office will keep these maps current in the emergency vehicles. In turn, this will improve response time to incidents. This grant augments what the Sheriff's Office already has in place and contains a dispatch console component as well as the air cards needed. This is a 75/25% grant of \$11,950.50 plus the matching amount is \$3,863.75. The matching funds can be taken from the County Reserve Account. The amount of \$3,863.75 is required to pay the matching amount to the State EMS. There is sufficient funding in the Reserve Account to fund this expense. In FY 2007/2008, the beginning budget for the Reserve was \$300,000. With approval of this expenditure, the balance of the Reserve will be \$159,497.18

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**Options:**

1. Accept the AVL Grant and approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment.
2. Do not accept the AVL grant and do not approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution - <http://www.mywakulla.com/docs/agendas/July212008/Tab9Attachment2.pdf>
2. Budget Amendment - <http://www.mywakulla.com/docs/agendas/July212008/Tab9Attachment2.pdf>