

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 7, 2010

Date Submitted: May 21, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request Board Vote to Hire a Consultant to Review the Wakulla County Housing Department Procedures

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests the Board of County Commissioners to vote to hire a consultant who would be qualified and capable to review the procedures and policies of the Wakulla County Housing Department in order to evaluate performance and identify any irregularities that may have occurred over a two year period ending May 31, 2010.

Background:

Recently the County has received two letters from the DCA concerning our Housing Department's lack of performance. In addition a resignation from a past employee of that department raises questions of irregularities.

Analysis:

Because of the significant content of all three letters, a review of this department is needed. This review is best handled by a well qualified third party. This third party would report to the Board of County Commissioners through the Chairman. A third party would be able to examine this department from an objective perspective.

Options:

1. Vote to hire a consultant to review our Housing Department for procedures and any possible irregularities.
2. Do not vote to hire a consultant to review our Housing Department for procedures and any possible irregularities.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation

Option #1

Attachments:

1. DCA letter dated April 29, 2010 from Janice Browning, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development concerning ARRA weatherization program.

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2. DCA letter dated May 18, 2010 from Paula Lemmo, Community Program Manager with attached Monitoring Report dated May 21, 2010 regarding Low Energy Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
3. E-mail from Jerry L. Nuss dated May 24, 2010