

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: June 7, 2010

Date Submitted: May 28, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Requesting the Board to Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-16, Relating to the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy

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### **Statement of Issue:**

The County's Purchasing Policy, adopted in Wakulla County Ordinance No. 08-16, provides the process and requirements for purchasing or entering into contracts for the procurement of personal property, materials, contractual services, and construction of improvements in Wakulla County. The proposed Ordinance will clarify and standardize the provisions relating to preferences for local businesses in such procurements.

### **Background:**

At their April 5, 2010 meeting, the Board directed staff and the County Attorney to research ways the Board's authority can be used to promote Hire Local. In the past, the Office of Management and Budget has had to seek specific approval from the Board in order to apply a Local Preference to firms or projects not falling within the current provision. This request to adopt an ordinance repealing and replacing the current provision in the County's Purchasing Policy relating to local preferences in purchasing will support the standing Board direction to hire local vendors for county related projects and purchases.

### **Analysis:**

The proposed ordinance, which is attached as Attachment A, provides for the repeal and replacement of Section 4.8 of the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy, Ordinance No. 08-16, which authorizes a local preference in procurement for certain projects.

If approved, this Ordinance will repeal in its entirety the current provision, and replace it with a local preference policy which may be applied to all procurements regardless of dollar amount or project type, rather than requiring that the Office of Management and Budget seek specific approval for such preference on a project by project basis. It will also ensure that the same local preference criteria are applied to all procurements, unless otherwise requested by the Board.

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The County Attorney and the Office of Management and Budget have worked together to craft language to incorporate into the County's current Purchasing Policy to support the hiring of local vendors for County related projects and purchases. Staff recommends approval to advertise for a public hearing to allow the Board to consider amending the ordinance.

**Options**

1. Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-16, Relating to the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy.
2. Do Not Schedule and Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-16, Relating to the Wakulla County Purchasing Policy.
3. Board Direction

**Recommendation**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Ordinance