

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: June 21, 2010

Date Submitted: June 4, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request Approval to Schedule Workshop on July 22, 2010 to Discuss  
Wakulla Fire-EMS Integration

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests the Board of County Commissioners vote to schedule a workshop to discuss Wakulla Fire-EMS integration.

### **Background:**

At present Wakulla County Fire and EMS services are organized as two separate divisions. The proposed workshop would discuss other organizational possibilities with the concept of providing improved service and cost savings for our citizens.

### **Analysis:**

Some employees are dual certified (Fire EMT or Fire Paramedic). There is a large pool of job seekers that are dual certified. Fire/EMS integration is working for hundreds of communities, it can work for us. Because of call level increases the County is getting caught with no ambulances available. The County has two Fire Stations that have ambulance stations (Sta. 5 Medart, Sta.2 Wakulla Station). Equipment costs occur occasionally, personnel costs occur monthly. A workshop to discuss this issue in more depth would be a benefit to the County. In addition, the workshop day being proposed at this time is July 22, 2010, and which will follow an already scheduled workshop at 7:00pm to discuss the proposed fire inspection ordinance.

### **Options**

1. Vote to conduct a workshop on July 22, 2010 to discuss Fire-EMS integration.
2. Do not vote to conduct a workshop on July 22, 2010 to discuss Fire-EMS integration.
3. Board Direction.

### **Recommendation**

Option #1

### **Attachments:**

1. Power Point Presentation Presented at June 7, 2010 Mtg. by Chief Russell