

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 2, 2009

Date Submitted: May 21, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Cleve Fleming, Public Works Project Director

Subject: Request Board Approval of A Joint Cooperative Agreement for an Emergency Staging Area with Progress Energy and Public Works

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval of a Joint Cooperative Agreement for an Emergency Staging area between Wakulla County BOCC and Progress Energy.

Background:

As part of the Emergency Planning Protocol before a storm event, Public Works and other Utilities will pre-stage equipment and material at a safe location to be utilized as soon as possible during hazardous weather. By having this equipment near the area of the most probable damage, the agencies are able to expedite repairs to critical infrastructure and utilities.

Analysis:

Progress Energy has approached Wakulla County concerning using the north west side of the Public Works storage yard at Trice Lane as a pre-event staging area. The location is currently not being used. A joint inspection between Public Works and Progress Energy has determined the site is suitable and will not interfere with Public Works operations. Progress Energy has agreed to pay \$5000 for lime rock base to improve the staging area. In addition, Wakulla County will require Progress Energy to provide insurance and a Hold Harmless Clause as part of this agreement.

Options:

1. Approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement between Wakulla County and Progress Energy.
2. Do not approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement between Wakulla County and Progress Energy.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1