

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to Use Space at the Wakulla County Fire Department's Station 2 (Wakulla Station) and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to allow the Coast Guard Auxiliary to place a shed and small sign at the Wakulla County Fire Department Station 2 (Wakulla Station), and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

### **Background:**

The Wakulla County United Firefighters Association approved the placement of a small shed and a small sign at the Wakulla County Fire Department's Station 2. This shed will hold various items from pamphlets to flotation devices and will be located in a place that will not interfere with Department operations. The shed will be maintained by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has agreed that the shed will not be used to store hazardous materials.

### **Analysis:**

Over the years, Wakulla County has had a good working relationship with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Providing a safe location for the Coast Guard Auxiliary to store their operational gear is a benefit both to the County and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. In concert with this action, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Wakulla County Public Safety Department are actively developing a mechanism by which the local Coast Guard Auxiliary will provide officially sanctioned assistance in the event of an emergency where their water borne expertise and equipment are required.

Staff believes that approval of the storage facility and related Memorandum of Understanding will further solidify the working relationship between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the County.

### **Options:**

1. Approve the Coast Guard Auxiliary to use space at the Wakulla County Fire Department Station 2 (Wakulla Station) and approve the Memorandum of Understanding.

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2. Do not approve the Coast Guard Auxiliary to use space at the Wakulla County Fire Department Station 2 (Wakulla Station) and do not approve the Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Board Direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding