

**Board of County Commissioners
Third Annual Retreat
December 8, 2008**

The Board of County Commissioners held their Third Annual Retreat at Wakulla Springs with Commissioners Howard Kessler, George Green, Lynn Artz, Alan Brock and Mike Stewart present. Also present were County Attorney Ron Mowrey, County Administrator Ben Pingree, Clerk Brent Thurmond and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

The Board began the session with each Commissioner identifying issues that they would like to have considered. After all of the priorities were identified, they further discussed ideas and combined similar or related items. It was also determined during the discussion that some of the priorities could be handled administratively with the County Administrator assigning projects to staff members. Finally, the Board was able to narrow the list to five priorities. The priorities were not ranked because they were all considered to be of equal importance for the County. The five priorities are as follows:

Community Center – to include Youth Activities

Spring/Bay Quality – including sewer, septic, storm water, and neighborhood infrastructure improvements

Upgrade Fire/EMS Facility – including Healthcare Services

Energy Conservation – including energy Star Certification, LEED Standards, Advisory Group, Public Transit that will include park & ride

Comprehensive Plan & Update Land Development code – including Smart Growth, Visioning and Economic Development

These items will be on the Board Agenda for ratification on January 20, 2009.

2:55 p.m. meeting adjourned.