**Board of County Commissioners**

**Workshop**

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| Date of Meeting: | August 4, 2011 |
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| Date Submitted: | July 26, 2011 |
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| To:  | Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board |
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| From:  | Timothy Barden, Interim County AdministratorHeather Encinosa, County AttorneyCommissioner Alan Brock |
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| Subject: | Workshop to Discuss Implementing a Blue Print 2000 Type Effort in Wakulla County  |
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**Statement of Issue:**

This Workshop is intended to inform and educate the Board on Implementing a Blue Print 2000 type effort in Wakulla County.

**Background:**

Wakulla County is working on developing its infrastructure to support a walkable and shopable downtown. The County is in need of better roads and sidewalks to make this work. Tallahassee’s Blue Print 2000 has been considered a success.

In addition, the County Attorney’s Law Firm has worked closely with Blue Print 2000 and can provide insight as well as the County Chamber of Commerce since they have hosted a private workshop on organizing a Blue Print 2000 like effort in Wakulla County.

**Analysis:**

During the April 18, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board approved staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the County Attorney to schedule this workshop in an effort to educate the Board on a similar idea/plan to Tallahassee’s Blue Print 2000 and to determine if it’s a program the Board would like to consider implementing.

The following speakers will be presenting in the following order:

* John Shuff – Opening Remarks
* David Bright, Blue Print 2000 Planning Manager – To brief the Board of the accomplishments of the program and discuss the technical aspects of implementing such a program in Wakulla without the need to coordinate between city and county governments.
* City Commissioner Mark Mustian – To discuss the complexities of establishing an implementation authority, and how Wakulla’s plan should differ from the Tallahassee/Leon County effort.
* Paul Johnson – To summarize and request the Board to allow the Chamber of Commerce to work with County staff to bring forward a Resolution, with options, to place a referendum on the 2012 ballet to earmark sales tax money to implement “ Our Town”.

It should also be noted that the Board does not take action during Workshops; however staff requests the Board provide direction and if any consensus is reached on how to proceed prior to this workshop concluding. The direction provided to staff will be included into the record of the minutes and will eliminate staff bringing back an agenda item to ratify.