

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: August 29, 2006

Date Submitted: August 11, 2006

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Marlon Brown, County Manager
Farnita L. Saunders, Community Development Director

Subject: Gadsden County 2007 Legislative Program

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item presents Chris Doolin with Christian B. Doolin & Associates to provide the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) an update on plans to prepare for the 2007 Legislative Session and plans regarding the \$350,000 grant for a Water/Sewer Study and Design.

Background:

The BOCC employed the services of Christian B. Doolin & Associates, L.L.C to present Gadsden County's Legislative priorities to the Florida Legislature during the 2006 Legislative Session. The County in coordination with each municipality defined submitted Legislative Priorities legislative priorities as Community Budget Issue Requests (CBIRs) and was successful in obtaining funding for projects throughout the County.

Analysis:

The 2006 Legislative effort provided Gadsden County over \$5.3 million in funding that will support a water/wastewater study; courthouse renovations; solid waste/recycling; road funding; park development; juvenile justice pre-trial detention costs; and fiscally constrained county revenue support.

Increased levels of funding allow the County to provide increased services to its residents.

Fiscal Impact:

The \$5.3 million in increased funding which will directly benefit the County in providing additional services and facilitate planning for future infrastructure.

Recommendation:

Presentation for information only. Representatives of Christian B. Doolin & Associates will be present to discuss plans for identifying issues for the 2007 Legislative Session and be available to respond to questions.