

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 20, 2006

Date Submitted: June 7, 2006

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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

Subject: Presentation of Gadsden County 2006 Legislative Appropriations

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item presents Christian Doolin with Christian B. Doolin & Associates to provide the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) an update of the Legislative Priorities and outcomes as presented to the Florida Legislature during the 2006 session.

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 submitted legislative priorities as Community Budget Issue Requests (CBIRs).

Analysis:

Gadsden County submitted the following legislative priorities as CBIRs to the Florida Legislature and State Agencies for funding consideration:

Legislative Priority	Gadsden County Request	Legislative Appropriation
<u>Water/Sewer/Infrastructure</u> Funding to conduct an infrastructure study throughout the entire county and to fund the design an infrastructure system that adequately supports new housing developments and new businesses.	\$350,000	\$350,000

<u>Hospital/Healthcare</u> The County requested funding from the Florida Legislature to reopen the Gadsden County Community Hospital and to upgrade the facility to adequate standards.	\$1,300,000	No funding allocated for this purpose. Bills related to rural healthcare died in the Legislature.
<u>Courthouse Renovation</u> The County requested funding from the Florida Legislature to renovate and/or expand the existing courthouse facility.	\$750,000	\$400,000

Other projects funded within Gadsden County are as follows:

Project	Location	Amount
Sawdust Park	Gadsden County	Funded - \$181,500
Park Street Park, Ph. IV		Funded - \$200,000
Park Street Park, Ph. III		Funded - \$200,000
Special/General Purpose Shelter	Chattahoochee	Vetoed - \$750,000
Innovative Reading Pilot Program	Chattahoochee	Vetoed - \$50,000
CR 65B Old Fed. Road from CR 65 Hosford Hwy to Highbridge Road	Gadsden County	Funded - \$1,365,549
Midway Firefighter Training Facility	Gadsden County	Vetoed - \$400,000
Adults with Disabilities Funds- Vocational Rehabilitation	Gadsden County	Funded - \$539,678
Inflow/Infiltration of Collection System – Water Project	Gretna	Funded \$500,000
Havana Loop Connection -- North Water Main	Havana	Vetoed - \$17,500
Havana Sewer Expansion	Havana	Funded - \$135,000
Rosedale Water Assn Improvements	Gadsden/Chattahoochee	Vetoed - \$100,000
Public Schools Workforce Education Performance Based Incentives	Gadsden County	Funded - \$11,857
Public Schools Workforce Education Program Funds	Gadsden County	Funded - \$673,452

Fiscal Impact:

An increased level of funding for any or all of the aforementioned legislative issues shall have a tremendous and positive impact on the services provided to the citizens of Gadsden County.