

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Jody Smith, Administrator, Wakulla County Health Department

Subject: Update to the Board of the Wakulla County Health Department Budget Cuts and Request Board Approval of the Proposed Fee Schedule

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item is to inform the Board of the budget cuts made to the Wakulla County Health Department as a result of the previous legislative session and to request Board approval of the proposed fee schedule for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Background:

The Wakulla County Health Department receives funding each year from the Department of Health which is annually allotted via the Legislature. The Health Department has received budget cuts for the upcoming 2009-2010 fiscal year. Due to the decrease in funding, the Health Department needs to raise its fees.

Analysis:

The budget cuts may cause hardship to the residents of Wakulla County, because services will no longer be able to be performed at the current level. Increased Fees will not affect those eligible for the Sliding Scale Fee. Fee increases were developed to limit any hardship on any one group of clients. Even with fee increases for clinical services fees are far below the private sector cost.

Options:

1. Approve and adopt the proposed fee schedule for fiscal year 2009-2010.
2. Do not approve nor adopt the proposed fee schedule for fiscal year 2009-2010.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Wakulla County Health Department Schedule C Allocations
2. Resolution for Wakulla County Health Department Fee Schedule
3. Wakulla County Health Department Proposed Fee Schedule