

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 16, 2009

TO: Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator

FROM: W. Erik Olson, Director of Utility Services

SUBJECT: Request to use the General Fund to cover Landfill Disposal Fees for PACE Projects and Other Illegal Dumping Projects

BACKGROUND:

The Board of County Commissioners has in the past used the General Fund to cover the disposal cost for fees associated with community projects including the Indian River County Health Department Division of Environmental Health's PACE (Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence) program. The PACE project focuses on identifying issues in a community, one of which is abandoned homes. These abandoned homes are safety and health hazards, and provide safe havens for drug dealers. Currently, there is a PACE project in the Gifford Community and it has been determined that there are several homes that need to be demolished in order to affect the well-being of the community. Similarly, other beneficial projects include cleaning up illegal public dumping sites in the County that involve volunteers from our community.

ANALYSIS:

Each project will have labor and machinery donated toward this effort. It is the request of the partners involved in each project that the Board of County Commissioners allocates funds to cover associated landfill fees. This will include disposal of debris from the demolition and reconstruction of homes involved in the PACE project and illegal public dumping debris sites. The total estimated landfill fees are not expected to exceed \$8,000.00 for all projects involved in clean-up efforts in fiscal year 2008/2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commission authorize up to \$8,000.00 be donated to the 2008/2009 FY cleanup projects from the General Fund for the sole purpose of paying associated landfill fees.

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

By: _____
Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator

For: _____

Indian River County	Approved	Date
Administration		
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