

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 20, 2008

Division: Emergency Services

Bulk Item: Yes X No       

Department: Fire Rescue

Staff Contact Person: Susan Hover

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval to advertise a public hearing at the March 19, 2008 BOCC meeting for an ordinance adopting the uniform method of levying a non-ad valorem assessment for fire rescue services.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** The budget for Monroe County Fire Rescue (MCFR) services over the past several years has failed to allow for capital programs and staffing levels adequate to meet state and national mandated levels. As a result, MCFR has identified funding needs that could be met by a non-ad valorem assessment, which means that the specific citizens who are using the benefits would be paying for the services. The proposed ordinance laying out the mechanics of the non-ad valorem assessment program will be presented at the March 19, 2008 public hearing as the first step statutorily and legally required to proceed with said program.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** On December 19, 2007, there was a public hearing for and the Board approved, a Resolution of Intent authorizing the use of the uniform method to collect non-ad valorem assessments to fund Fire Services in the unincorporated area of Monroe County.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** N/A.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval.

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty \_\_\_\_\_ OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included \_\_\_\_\_ Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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