

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: October 17, 2007

Division: **BOCC**

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Neugent – District 2

Staff Contact Person/Phone #:
Terri Marble X4512

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida establishing the basis for an Energy Policy

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: na **BUDGETED:** Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: na **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** ____ **Year** ____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____ **AGENDA ITEM #** _____

Revised 11/06

RESOLUTION _____ - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR AN ENERGY POLICY.

WHEREAS, Monroe County does not have an Energy Policy; and

WHEREAS, it is requisite for the well-being of the environment and the economy to have an Energy Policy; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Crist has stated that "*Global climate change is one of the most important issues that we will face this century*"; and

WHEREAS, a cause of climate change is attributed to carbon dioxide emissions, 30% coming from power plants; and

WHEREAS, adverse effects as defined by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act from global climate change are causing significant harm to the resources in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the ecological integrity of the Florida Keys reef has a direct effect on the economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the FKNMS Advisory Council has resolved that all actions should be taken to reduce or eliminate the sources of human-caused global climate change; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage and support the permitting, construction, development, and use of clean, emission-free, local, renewable energy sources such as large tidal current turbine farms connected to the utility grids and other renewable sources in all districts such as residential solar powered systems; and

WHEREAS, it is an obligation for Monroe County to support the design and implementation of educational and consulting services that will assist homeowners and commercial establishments to develop comprehensive plans to become energy efficient and environmentally responsible; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for Monroe County to promote the installation of energy efficient building materials and components in all districts; and

WHEREAS, to meet the objectives of this Energy Policy it is most beneficial for the environment to strive for total conversion to local renewable energy as the source of our power; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners hereby:

1. Strongly endorse this basis for an Energy Policy.
2. The Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to:
 - a. Keys Energy Services
1001 James Street
Key West, FL 33040
 - b. Florida Keys Cooperative Association, Inc.
3421 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050 and
91605 U. S. Highway One, Tavernier, FL 33037

for purposes of possible design and implementation of educational and consulting services to assist homeowners and commercial establishments to develop comprehensive plans to become energy efficient and environmentally responsible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 17th day of October, A.D., 2007.

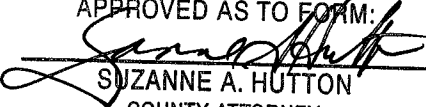
Mayor Mario DiGennaro	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar	_____
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy	_____
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy	_____
Commissioner George Neugent	_____

(SEAL)
Attest: **DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 SUZANNE A. HUTTON
 COUNTY ATTORNEY
 Date 9/25/07