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County may extend impact fee, comprehensive plan studies

DESOTO COUNTY -- The DeSoto County Commission on Tuesday will consider requests for six-month extensions to their existing contracts from two of its major contractors.

On Oct. 12, 2004, DeSoto County solicited Tischler & Associates for an impact fee study. The county has the option to extend the contract for a period of six months upon commissioners' approval. This item is a request by the county's development department to extend the contract, making the new expiration date April 11, 2006.

On Jan. 25, DeSoto County solicited Land Design Innovations to update the county's comprehensive plan, land development regulations and maps. The county has the option to extend the this contract upon the commission's approval. If approved, this request would make the expiration date April 11, 2006.

Other items on Tuesday's agenda include:

* Terry Bennen will make a presentation in support of the television series "Untold Stories of DeSoto County." He is requesting \$20,000 the board for the next series on the All-Florida Championship Rodeo.

* A request to re-establish the enterprise zone designation. An enterprise zone is a specific geographical area targeted by the state for economic revitalization. Such zones encourage economic growth and investment in distressed areas by offering tax advantages and incentives to businesses locating within the zone's boundaries.

* A request to adopt a resolution recognizing hurricane recovery efforts of Project Hope during the 2004 storm season.

* A request to adopt the proposed procurement policy. The state has required the county to include a procurement policy within the bid documents when using federal grant monies.


- * A request from the county's development department to adopt a resolution amending the permitting and inspection-fee schedule.
- * A request to modify the 2005 State Homeland Security Agreement. This agreement will extend the contract's expiration date to Nov. 30.
- * A request to approve a subgrant agreement with the department of Management Services for state and local domestic preparedness equipment program grant.
- * An agreement with Purvis, Gray & Co. for audit services to the county.
- * Approval to submit a community education grant to the [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#).
- * A request to submit a public outreach grant and micro-grant to the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary.

The commission meets at 9 a.m. at the County Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street in Arcadia. Board agendas are available at www.co.desoto.fl.us/agenda.html on the Friday preceding board meetings. The minutes of each board meeting will be available, once approved, at www.co.desoto.fl.us/minutes.html.

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