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RESOLUTION NUMBER R2015- 122

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT AND INTENTION TO CREATE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, THE "FLORIDA GREEN ENERGY WORKS PROGRAM" A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM PROVIDING INTERESTED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY BY REPAYMENT THROUGH NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY TAX BILL; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA GREEN FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FLORIDA GREEN ENERGY WORKS PROGRAM IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, home and business energy consumption accounts for a large portion of the overall usage of energy in a community; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a vast quantity of existing structures with many years of remaining life before replacement, and these structures are not as energy efficient as today's standards, nor do many existing buildings have renewable energy systems installed to provide some or all of their electric energy needs and many buildings are in need of improvements to protect them against damage from storm events; and

**WHEREAS**, installing energy efficiency, renewable energy and wind resistance improvements on existing structures can provide significant progress towards increased energy conservation and protection of properties in the unincorporated areas of the County and statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the upfront costs of these improvements are a hurdle to installing them and existing financing options may be insufficient for property owners to access cost-effective financing for energy-saving or wind-resistance property improvements due to requirements associated with traditional debt or equity financing options; and

**WHEREAS**, the expected life of energy efficiency, renewable energy or wind resistance projects may require a longer term payback period than offered by traditional financing, which may necessitate alternative options to fund installation of the improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments within Florida and nationally have either formed, or are contemplating the formation of, programs to provide alternative financing options allowing a property owner to voluntarily finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements through payment of non-ad valorem assessments; and

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**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has declared it the public policy of the State to develop energy management programs aimed at promoting energy conservation and protecting properties from wind damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the financing provided to these participating property owners will be repaid through non-ad valorem assessments and only those property owners who request to participate will be levied the assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of these energy financing programs include improved air quality, lowered fossil fuels use, creating energy independence and security, promoting the creation of jobs and economic development by stimulating "green industries" and saving citizens money by reducing energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 163.08, Florida Statutes authorizes local governments in Florida to either form individually, or in partnership with other local governments, programs to allow property owners to voluntarily finance energy efficiency, renewable energy or wind resistance improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lantana has formed the Florida Green Energy Works program which is an energy financing program created pursuant to Section 163.08, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, other local governments in the State are able to partner in the Florida Green Energy Works program by executing an Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Green Finance Authority to administer the program, thus eliminating the costs and reducing the efforts to form an energy financing program by individual local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Green Finance Authority is already creating the financing, levy and collection process to implement the Florida Green Energy Works program through the local government partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Green Energy Works program will provide significant benefits including property owner cost savings, enhancing property values, economic development and job opportunities and Escambia County believes that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to participate in the program and authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to finalize the Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Green Finance Authority and begin the steps to create the Florida Green Energy Works program for commercial properties in the unincorporated areas of Escambia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above declarations are true and accurate, and are incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby authorizes participation in the Florida Green Finance Authority to implement the Florida Green Energy Works program for commercial properties.

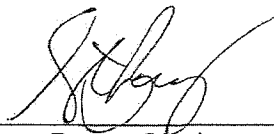
**Section 3** The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the County Administrator and County Attorney to finalize the Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Green Finance Authority, and further authorizes the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the County.

**Section 4.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby directs that the County Administrator and County Attorney to begin creating the levy and collection process for the voluntary non-ad valorem assessments with the Florida Green Finance Authority and Escambia County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

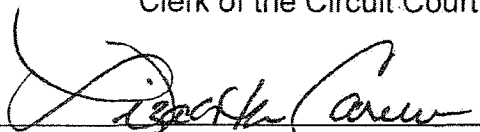
ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



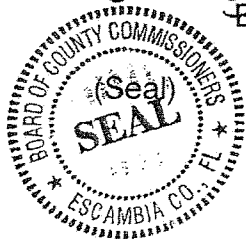
Steven Barry, Chairman

ATTEST: Pam Childers  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

  
Deputy Clerk

Date Executed

9/8/2015



This document approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency.

By [Signature]  
Title Asst. County Attorney  
Date Aug 21, 2015