Agenda Item #: 5A-4

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 21, 2011

[] Consent [X] Regular [] Public Hearing

Department: Legislative Affairs

Submitted By: Legislative Affairs

Submitted For: Legislative Affairs

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, urging the Legislature of the State of Florida, the Governor and the Florida Department of Corrections to continue operating the Glades Correctional Institute in Belle Glade, Florida in order to reduce the potentially devastating economic impacts a prison closing would have on this region of rural critical economic concern.

Summary: In the FY2012 State budget and its related implementing bills, the Florida Legislature, with the support of the Governor's Office, passed language that would require all prisons in Region 4 (Manatee County east to St. Lucie County and south to Monroe County) to be privatized. The proviso language of the state budget listed the prisons within the region that would be going out for RFP (Request for Proposal) for privatization. Excluded from that list were two prisons – the Hendry County Correctional Institute and Glades Correctional Institute. Furthermore, operating dollars for these two facilities were cut so much in the FY2012 budget that it would not be possible to maintain operations at either facility.

The Hendry County facility has begun the closure process; however, Palm Beach County continues to seek support to maintain operations at Glades Correctional Institute. The main argument against closure continues to be the severe economic impact such a closure would have in an area already experiencing unemployment rates up near 40%. <u>Countywide</u> (DW)

Background and Policy Issues: The estimated economic impact related to the closing is as follows: a loss of \$29 million in wages, \$38.1 million in gross domestic product to the region (including a loss of approximately \$1.1 million in annual revenue for the Glades Utility Authority, thus resulting in more potential job losses), and 587 direct and indirect jobs.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

Recommended by: _	7 ll J. Lun Department Director	6/13/11 Date
Approved By:	Bullen County Administration	, 4/13/11 Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact: N/A

Fiscal Years	20 <u>11</u>	20	20	20	20
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs External Revenues					
Program Income (County In-Kind Match (County)	()			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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NET FISCAL IMPACT					
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)				
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B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: N/A

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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Resolution No. 2011-___

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PREVENT THE CLOSURE OF GLADES CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Glades Correctional Institute has been a major employer in the Glades Region, a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, since 1932; and

WHEREAS, Glades Correctional Institute is poised for closure in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, the FY2012 State of Florida budget does not contain appropriations large enough to maintain operations at the facility; and

WHEREAS, Glades Correctional Institute is not included on the Region 4 Request for Proposal list for privatization; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of such a closure is estimated at 587 direct and indirect jobs lost, \$29 million in lost wages, and \$38.1 million in gross domestic product losses to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Glades Region is currently experiencing an unemployment rate near 40% in some locations; and

WHEREAS, the jobs that would be lost as a result of closure are jobs that are generally higher paying jobs with benefits, an uncommon job in an area of predominantly agricultural jobs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

- Palm Beach County requests the Governor, in partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Legislature, to continue operating the Glades Correctional Institute;
- A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Florida, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, the Mayors of South Bay, Pahokee, and Belle Glade, and members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Chair	-	
Commissioner Shelley Vana, Vice Chair		_
Commissioner Paulette Burdick		
Commissioner Burt Aaronson	-	
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	-	
Commissioner Jess Santamaria	-	
Commissioner Priscilla Taylor	-	

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Approved as to Form And Legal Sufficiency

By: Assistant County Attorney

Palm Beach County, Florida by its Board of County Commissioners

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By:____

Deputy Clerk