

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 1, 2014
Date Submitted: March 14, 2014
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Subject: Approval of Resolution 2014-006 In Support of the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks approval of Resolution 2014-006 in support of the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy and authorization for the Chairman to sign.

Background:

This program exists to provide high school seniors workforce readiness training in ancillary fields of law enforcement. In 2006, the Gadsden County School Board (GCSB) created the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy, an innovative program whose goal is to eradicate unemployment, underemployment and poverty in Gadsden County and surrounding communities. To accomplish this goal, the GCSB initiated a partnership with Corrections Corporation of America, the Florida Department of Corrections, Tallahassee Community College Florida Public Safety Institute and CareerSource Capital Region (formerly Workforce Plus). Together, these partners created a secondary school dual-enrollment program to provide high school seniors workforce readiness training in high demand and high paying careers.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Options:

1. Approve Resolution 2014-006 and authorize the Chairman to sign.
2. Do not approve Resolution 2014-006
3. Board Direction

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution 2014-006

RESOLUTION 2014-006

PRESENTED TO

The Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy

WHEREAS: The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the Gadsden County School Board's Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy as a successful and essential program for providing Career and Technical Education training; and

WHEREAS: The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Gadsden County School Board's Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy offers three unique programs that lead to State of Florida industry certification: Corrections; Armed and Unarmed Private Security; and 911 Public Safety Telecommunications/Emergency Medical Services Dispatch; and

WHEREAS: The Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy has graduated approximately 200 cadets from three programs between Fiscal Years 2006-2007 to 2012-2013 and 100% of the graduates of the corrections Program desiring employment has found jobs earning salaries between \$30,000 and \$34,000 annually directly out of high school; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education gives high school students experience, meaningful applications of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, deterring potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide students with career choices and enhancement of quality of-life; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing high school students for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

WHEREAS: The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners pledges 100 percent of its unequivocal support to the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy, its staff and cadets, and vows to commit every available resource within its powers, authority and jurisdiction to ensure the continued viability and success of this one-of-a-kind state and national program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners strongly urges all community, educational, business and industry stakeholders and partners to provide equal support and efforts to the continued success of the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric F. Hinson, Chairman of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners do hereby urge all citizens and stakeholders to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Gadsden Leadership and Law Academy programs in this community and to support and participate in programs and activities to enhance the cadets' overall growth and development as they continue to become productive citizens of our local community, the state of Florida, the nation and global community.



GADSDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Attest:
Gadsden County, Florida

Eric F. Hinson, Chairman

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court