



Agenda Item Summary

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Health Facilities Authority Bond Approval for Oak Hammock

Presenter:

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Description:

The Alachua County Health Facilities Authority has requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution to approve issuance by the Authority of health facilities authority bonds to not exceed \$85,000,000 for the benefits of Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, Inc.

Recommended Action:

Approve the resolution to approve issuance of bonds by the Alachua County Facilities Authority for Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, Inc. and authorize Finance and Accounting's issuance of an invoice to Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, Inc. for processing the application for issuance of tax exempt bonds.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no liability to the County by issuing these bonds

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

Chapter 154, Part III, Florida Statutes allows for the creation of local health facility authorities to assist local not-for-profit health facilities to acquire, construct, finance, and refinance various projects to ensure that there are adequate health facilities in a community in 1980, the Board adopted Resolution 80-44 which established the Alachua County Health Facilities Authority.

The interest payable to the bond holder for tax-exempt bonds is exempt from federal income tax. Because such bonds are more readily purchased, the financing bonds generally cost less. These cost savings are passed to the Health Facility.

In 1986 federal income tax laws were changed to require that, in order to be tax exempt, any private

activity bond issuance be approved by the elected public body in the geographical area where the bonds are issued. The Board's approval bond of issuance for the Health Facilities Authority does not create any debt, obligation, or liability of the County (section 154.223, Florida Statutes). The Board's approval is not a pledge of faith and credit of the County and does not obligate the County in terms of any levy or pledge of any County taxation.