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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Tony Gomillion, County Administrator
DATE: Administrator April 7, 2016
SUBJECT: Local Option Sales Tax

DISCUSSION

The Board scheduled this workshop to discuss the options and/or desire to move forward with a Local Option Sales Tax Initiative. Based on December 2015 information, a penny sales tax will generate a total of \$15,697,477 countywide, with the following breakdown: Gulf Breeze \$553,262 (3.52%), Milton \$887,637 (5.59%), Jay \$50,262 (.32%) County \$14,216,316 (90.7%). The key discussions and decision revolve around overall strategy/concept (single use capital project or broad based capital initiative) and the timing of ballot initiative. The ballot language deadlines for 2016 are June 1 for the August ballot and September 1 for the November ballot. For a sales tax to take effect on January 1, the State requires notice of a referendum prior to October 1 of the preceding year.

The Board is well aware of the ongoing capital needs lists, but I will note a few of the categories that have been discussed: courthouse, public safety vehicles, public safety communication system, road, bridge, storm water, sidewalk, capital grant match requirements. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting that will offer examples of capital project funding needs.