

**Draft Resolution
Creating the Sumter County Public Library System
Governing/Advisory Board**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COUNTY
WIDE LIBRARY SYSTEM GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to provide free public library services for all the citizens of Sumter County, and to provide for a cooperative agreement with the cities of Wildwood and Coleman, and the Bushnell Public Library Inc., the E.C. Rowell Public Library Inc. (Webster) and the Panasoffkee Community Library Inc. for the provision of expanded library services by their municipal or private libraries, and the exploration of the establishment of a county-wide system through the efforts of the Sumter County Library Planning Group, and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 125.01 (f), Laws of Florida, gives the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County the authority to provide libraries as a matter of great public interest, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Wildwood and Coleman, and the Bushnell Public Library Inc., the E.C. Rowell Public Library Inc. (Webster) and the Panasoffkee Community Library Inc. are authorized and empowered to operate and maintain a public library within the city corporate limits or unincorporated Sumter County, and

WHEREAS, The Florida Interlocal Cooperation Action of 1969, Florida Statutes, Section 163.01, permits local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities by contract, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to remove the burden of day to day management activities of any potentially established Sumter County Public Library System from the Board of County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, it would seem desirable to have a county-wide library system Governing/Advisory Board in order to provide an oversight and management mechanism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, as follows:

