

# **STAFF SUMMARY**

## **For**

# **BOCC MEETING PRESENTATION**

**Meeting Date:** July 5, 2017

**Staff Lead:** Kyle Fenner – **Discussion only**

**Effectuated Departments and Offices Effectuated:** None at this point.

**Topic:** Permit Fees: Solar Installations, Communication/Radio Towers and Pipelines.

**1. Purpose:** To create a **permit fee** for certain installations that are currently undervalued and not captured.

**2. Background:** Request of CDS by BOCC. The BOCC asked CDS to investigate if it could mimic what it was able to do for the building permit fees associated with wind turbines. In the past turbines had been a flat fee. In May of 2016, CDS was able to author and usher through a permit fee that was tied to 1% of the value of the constructed tower.

**3. Key Points:** Must carefully investigate state and federal laws that might in any way affect the county's ability to set its own fees for the above mentioned installations/permits.

**4. Impact on County:**

**a. Fiscal:** Could be immense. The wind turbine building permit fee change affected the county revenue by over \$4M. Had the change not taken place, the revenue would not have been captured.

**b. Services:** None

**c. Infrastructure:** None anticipated

**5. BOCC Action Required:** None as of this date. Staff is working to determine at what point in the project fees should be applied. This cannot be an action item until it has been noticed at least 30 days prior to BOCC hearing.

**6. Required Decision Date:** TBD

**7. Point of Contact:** Kyle Fenner / see provided project spreadsheet