



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name:** Matt Brooks
2. **Organization/Title/Telephone:** BOCC/County Commissioner Dist. 5
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021

4. **Requested Motion/Action:**

Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners' authorization to file an injunction action against Keniuel Gates regarding the promotion of Crabfest in the event that the organizer has not applied for a Special Events permit as of April 5, 2021 in accordance with the Levy County Code.

5. **Agenda Presentation:** Yes No N/A

6. **Time Requested:** Click or tap to enter a date.
(Request will be granted if Possible) allotted time not more than 15 minutes

7. **Is this Item Budgeted (If Applicable):** Yes No N/A

8. **If no, State Action Required:**

- a. **Budget Action:**
- b. **Financial Impact Summary Statement:**
- c. **Detailed Analysis Attached**
- d. **Budget Officer Approval:**

If approved enter date: Click or tap to enter a date.

9. **Background: (Why is the action necessary, and what action will be accomplished) (All supporting documentation must be attached if any)**

It was recently brought to our attention that an event organizer/promoter, Keniuel Gates, was promoting his event, Crabfest, to be held in the unincorporated areas on the east side of Williston on April 24-25, 2021. After hearing of this news, Sheriff Bobby McCallum and Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator, agreed and recommended to staff that we needed to deliver a NOTICE OF VIOLATION to this individual that such an event required a special entertainment permit from the Levy County Board of County Commissioners in order to proceed. This NOTICE OF VIOLATION is pursuant to Article II, Chapter 10, Levy County Code of Ordinances, Crabfest falls under the definition of "musical or entertainment festival".

With Assistance from Sheriff Bobby McCallum and through his coordination with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Keniuel Gates was served this notification on 3/23/21 at 12:22 PM at his residence in Gainesville, FL. Mr. Gates is now well aware of the violation and is also aware that should he not apply and receive a permit and this event moves forward Levy County will be forced to take further legal action.

As you all are well aware this event has escalated in size and violence over the more recent years and has brought thousands of people from other areas into our county. The event is a hazard to public safety and cannot and should not continue to bring violence to



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our community. The community has also made their voices heard to myself and other elected officials through several community meetings (even as recent as last month) that the violence being brought here by outsiders is not welcomed and the community has asked us to do everything in our powers to keep another life from being lost.

Kenuiel Gates has not heeded the cries of our community begging for peace in Williston. Mr. Gates is not a resident of this community where this violence has been taking place, and appears to be concerned with only his own self-promotion and perceived notoriety.

The action requested today is to act on the recommendation of our Sheriff Bobby McCallum for the County to proceed with the filing of an injunction action against Kenuiel Gates to prevent Crabfest from proceeding if he fails to apply for a Special Event permit in accordance with County Code. I implore you to approve this request before you today.

10. Recommended Approval

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| a. Department Director: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. County Attorney: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. County Coordinator: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Other: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |