SUBJECT: Schedule Public Hearing for October 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Everglades Regional Recreation Center (5497 Marsh Bend Trail, Grand Canyon Room, The Villages, FL 32163) to Repeal The Villages Fire Assessment District Established by Ordinance 98-17 and Thereby Create a Single Countywide Fire Assessment District (Staff Recommends Approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve setting the public hearing

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 9/8/2020

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Vendor/Entity: ____________________________

Effective Date: ____________________________

Termination Date: ____________________________

Managing Division / Dept: Administrative Services

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

Type: N/A

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:
The Sumter Fire District and The Villages Fire District assessment rates are the same at $124.00 per improved parcel per the 2020 resolutions passed by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The assessment revenues from each district are part of the revenue within the Sumter County General Fund; therefore, there is no need to duplicate a rate resolution process or separate identification process within the Property Appraiser’s parcel database. The concept streamlines the process for the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and BOCC administrative operations and reduces the opportunity for error.

Since the operations in Sumter County are via a “closest unit response,” there is no dividing line for the operations; therefore, there should be no dividing line on the consistency of the fire assessment rate applied for this service provided directly and by contract by Sumter County.

The effective date of the ordinance is January 1, 2021, to align with the next taxable reporting year.

The request follows the direction of the BOCC at its May 19, 2020 workshop and the sharing of the same information from that workshop with Mr. Baier, District Manager.