



Alachua County Charter Review Commission

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Commission Members

Robert Ackerman

Robert Brinkman

DJ Ferguson

Mitch Glaeser, Vice Chair

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Gomes

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John Martin

Bill Richards

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CRC Members Present: Robert Ackerman, Robert Brinkman, DJ Ferguson, Mitch Glaeser, Armando Grundy-Gomes, J.K. Irby, Joseph Little, Aubroncee Martin, John Martin, James Stringfellow, Rod Tuttle, Lura Williams Martin, Ashley Wood, Guy York

CRC Members Absent: Bill Richards

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was discussed and adopted as submitted.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2010.

AuBroncee Martin moved that the February 24, 2010 minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was agreed to.

3. General comments by members.

The chair recognized any commission member wishing to make comments.

4. Citizen Comments.

The chair recognized citizens wishing to address the commission.

5. Future meeting dates

The commission reviewed the remaining meeting dates.

John Martin moved that the April 28th meeting be rescheduled and if “live” television coverage could not be accommodated that the meeting be taped for later broadcast. The motion was agreed to.

6. Counsel's update on ballot language for previously considered proposals.

Attorney Sarah Bleakly reviewed draft ballot language of current proposals and brought the commission up-to-date on their status.

7. Consideration of proposals: "Straw Votes" to prioritize proposals.

1. **John Martin moved that the** commission refer to the attorney a proposal to amend the charter Sec. 4.2 as follows:

"D) Any other provision of this County charter notwithstanding, any amendment to this Charter proposed by petition, the charter review commission or the board of county commissioners that, in whole or in part, transfers or limits a service, function, power or authority of a municipality shall be effective within or in regard to a municipality only if the amendment is approved by a majority of the voters of Alachua County voting in a referendum and also approved by a majority of the voters voting in a referendum in that municipality."

After discussion, the motion was not agreed to. 3 Yes – 10 No

2. **AuBroncee Martin moved** that the commission refer to the attorney a proposal to amend the Charter follows:

"The school superintendent for Alachua County shall be elected by the electors of the county rather than appointed by the school board."

After discussion, the motion was not agreed to. 2 Yes – 12 No

3. **Robert Brinkman moved** that the commission refer to the attorney a proposal to amend the Charter by adding:

" No person shall operate an airboat in Alachua County between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. with exceptions for government airboats operated in the line of duty by authorized personnel, and private airboats authorized by law enforcement personnel during specific emergency incidents..."

After discussion the motion was not agreed to. 2 Yes – 12 No.

4. Rod Tuttle moved that the commission refer to the attorney a proposal to amend the Charter by adding to *Section 3.1* as follows:

“Elections for the offices of clerk of the circuit court, property appraiser, sheriff, supervisor of elections, and tax collector shall be nonpartisan and shall be conducted pursuant to law in the same manner as other nonpartisan elections.”

John Martin moved to amend the motion by adding this proposal to the previously considered proposals based on Mr. Little’s letter of January 29, 2010.

After discussion, the amendment was agreed to. 11 Yes – 3 No

After further discussion the motion as amended was agreed to. 8 Yes – 4 No.

5. Joe Little moved that the commission refer to the attorney a proposal to amend the Charter section 2.3 (B) and section 3.1as follows:

“The office of sheriff shall be appointed by the county manager and the board of county commissioners shall by majority vote confirm the appointment.”

After discussion, the amendment was not agreed to. 7 Yes – 6 No

(Note: Commission rules require 8 affirmative vote for approval.)

6. Joe Little moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion to adjourn was agreed to.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.