



Alachua County Charter Review Commission

Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 16, 2009

Commission Members

Robert Ackerman

Robert Brinkman

DJ Ferguson

Mitch Glaeser, Vice Chair

Armando R. Grundy-
Gomes

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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, Bill Richards, James Stringfellow, Rod Tuttle, Ashley Wood, Guy York

CRC Members Absent: Lura Williams Martin, John Martin

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 October 21, 2009

Joe Little moved that the October 21, 2009 minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was agreed to.

3. Announcements

The Chair reported that the web site is up and running. All proposals and backup materials are now listed on the web site.

4. Consideration of Work Plan

As requested by the CRC, the Chair distributed with the agenda a Gantt Chart outlining the work plan for the CRC. The Chair briefly reviewed the chart.

5. Re-vote on professional legal counsel proposals.

The Chair announced that an audit of the ballots from the October 21, 2009, meeting found that there was a tie between the top two firms.

DJ Ferguson moved that the CRC decide between only the top two choices which were tied after the first balloting. The motion was agreed to.

Therefore, new ballots were distributed and counted. Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson was selected as the firm the Commission wishes to provide legal

counsel. Note: At the October 21, 2009, CRC meeting, the Commission had authorized the Chair to contract with the top ranked firm.

6. Legal review of Alachua County's Home Rule Charter:

County Attorney Dave Wagner reviewed the history of the Charter and led a discussion regarding various charter elements.

Armando Grundy-Gomes moved that legal counsel review all proposals received and provide a short analysis prior to the January meeting regarding the constitutionality and authority of the CRC to move forward with regard to each proposal respectively.

7. Other business:

The chair solicited volunteers to serve on the "Hot Teams" to make official visits to all the cities within Alachua County.

8. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for January 20, 2010.

9. Update on proposals to be forwarded for January consideration.

See Item 6

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.