**WAKULLA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 3, 2014 at 6:00p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:** Chris Russell, John Shuff, Larry Taylor, Donnie Crum, Bill Russell, Judith Harriss, Mike Stewart, Ronald F. Crum, Verna Brock, Chuck Hess, Byron Price, R.H. Carter, Marcus Floyd

**County Staff in Attendance:** David Edwards, County Administrator

**Item 1: Citizens Requesting to Speak** – Two in attendance, introductions were made by each of the board members.

**Item 2: Review/Approval of March 27, 2014 minutes** – Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes from March 27 meeting. A subsequent motion was made to amend meeting minutes in reference to the motion on Section 2.4 re: Term Limits. The motion as presented was that Commissioners would be able to serve three consecutive terms and could only run again after a full term (4 years) absence from the office. Motion passed 13-0 as amended.

**Item 3: Review/Discussion of Home rule charter in accordance with Ordinance #08-14**

A motion was made and seconded to retain the County Charter as amended while the Charter Review Board proceeds through the Charter Review process. Motion passed 13-0

* **Articles 3.1 – 3.5** – The Commission agreed these Articles were acceptable as written.
* **Article 4.1** - The Commission agreed the Article was acceptable as written.
* **Article 5.1** – A motion was made and seconded to bring back for further discussion and revision related to non-partisan races, recall etc. Motion passed 13-0
* **Article 6.1** – A motion was made and seconded to bring back for further discussion and revision. Motion passed 13-0
* **Article 6.1.1** – A motion was made and seconded to bring back for further discussion and revision. Motion passed 13-0
* **Article 6.1.2** – A motion was made and seconded to bring back for further discussion and revision. Motion passed 13-0
* **Article 6.1.3** - The Commission agreed the Article was acceptable as written.
* **Article 6.2** – A motion was made and seconded to bring back for further discussion and revision. Motion passed 13-0

A motion was made and seconded to send the following information to the Attorney for clarification; the motion passed 13-0.

**Can the Charter be amended to:**

* Require that if there are only two candidates in a non-partisan race, the race will be decided in the General Election.
* Require that County Commissioners can only hold office for three consecutive terms at which point they would then be required to leave office for a minimum of one full term (4 years) before running for County Commission again.

**Questions:**

Please provide a clear definition of the terms “revision” and “amendment” as they relate to the Charter Review process. Is there a difference between the two terms as to whether they will require citizen approval through the election process? Also will each “changed” Article in the Charter require an individual vote by the electors, or will the Charter as a whole be voted on as amended?

How can the Charter be revised to enforce violations? Can the Charter provide penalties and means of enforcement for violations?

**Item 4:** A motion and seconded to schedule the next meeting for **Thursday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the TCC Wakulla Center.** The motion passed 13-0.

Motion to adjourn.