**Wakulla County Charter Review Commission Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:00p.m.**

***The purpose of this meeting is to allow public comment relating to the Wakulla County Charter Review Commissions proposed amendments/revisions to the Home Rule Charter in accordance w/ Ordinance #08-14. No action and/or votes were taken at this meeting.***

Item #1: Charter Review Commission (CRC) Presentation – Overview of the Commission and Proposed Amendments/Revisions: Chris Russell, CRC Chairman, presented a brief PowerPoint Presentation to provide the public with some background of the CRC, as well as a high level summary of each proposed amendment/revision.

Item #2: Citizens To Be Heard – Citizens were provided 3 minutes to speak on any “new” amendment proposal not included in the proposals below.

* Karen Wells –

Item #3: Proposed Amendments/Revisions – Citizens were provided 3 minutes to speak on each proposed amendment. The CRC did not provide comments during this time.

1. All locally elected offices shall be nonpartisan. Elections which have more than 2 candidates will take place in the Primary with the individual obtaining 50% plus 1 votes being declared the winner. Should no candidates receive 50% plus 1, the top 2 candidates shall go to the General Election for final decision. Should only 2 candidates qualify for an office, these candidates will have their election held during the General Election.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Hugh Taylor
1. There shall be five single member districts for County Commissioners.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Bob Myhre, Hugh Taylor
1. Mandatory residency requirement –At qualifying, a candidate must provide a declaration/oath stating the candidate has resided in the District they are seeking election in for a minimum of the previous 6 months. The candidate must also provide 3 out of the following 4 other categories providing proof of residency: (1) vehicle registration; (2) voter registration card; (3) Florida Driver’s License and/or Florida Identification Card; (4) a notarized statement of residency from home-owner, or homestead exemption card, or leasing/renting statement.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Hugh Taylor
1. Add a new subsection regarding “Special Elections/Referendums” that reads all referendums shall take place at a general election.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Hugh Taylor, Karen Wells
1. Add language that reads 60% of the electors’ votes shall be required to pass charter amendments and ordinances initiated by Petition.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Eugene Watkins, Hugh Taylor
1. All locally elected officers shall be subject to recall as prescribed in Florida Law.
2. Each County Commissioner shall appoint 3 citizens to serve on the Charter Review Commission (totaling 15 members); 12 members shall make a quorum and at a minimum 2/3 of the 12 members are required to vote affirmatively in proposing new Charter amendments, revisions, or a repeal of the Charter; and the CRC shall be appointed no more than 8 years apart.
3. The BOCC shall provide CRC a list of no less than 3 attorneys before the 1st CRC meeting to allow CRC to rank and provide recommendation to the BOCC for approval of the attorney assigned to the CRC.
4. The BOCC shall adopt, and adhere to, a debt policy that regulates the acceptance, issuance, and management of debt. The BOCC shall also adhere to the fund balance policy.
* Citizens Who Spoke: Hugh Taylor

Item #4: Citizens To Be Heard – Citizens were provided 3 minutes to speak on any “new” amendment proposal not included in the proposals below.

* Ed Brimner
* Hugh Taylor

*There being no further business to come before the Charter Review Commission, the meeting adjourned.*