**WAKULLA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 6, 2014 at 6:00p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:** Chris Russell, Donnie Crum, Bill Russell, Verna Brock, Judith Harriss, John Shuff, Larry Taylor, Chuck Hess, R.H. Carter, Bob Danzey, Marcus Floyd, Marsha Tucker

**County Staff in Attendance:** Jessica Welch

**Item 1: Citizens Requesting to Speak** –Five citizens in attendance and one who requested to speak.

**Item 2: Review/Approval of April 24, 2014 minutes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 24, 2014 CRC meeting minutes with an amendment to the vote for Article 6.1 that the motion passed 10/1 (not 11/0); the motion passed 11/0.

**Item 3: Review List of Approved Amended Articles** – **(*The following is a list of Articles for which the CRC has voted & approved to amend/revise):***

* **Article 2.1 –**
	+ - * All candidates shall be nonpartisan in the Primary election, settled by 50% + 1, the top 2 candidates shall go to the General election (unless in conflict w/ Supervisor of Elections Laws)
* Shall be five single member districts for BOCC and School Board members

After discussion, the Commission agreed this was acceptable and that the Commission will work with the BOCC regarding the proposed ballot language for which the BOCC will be conducting at this year’s general election.

* **Article 2.3** –
* Mandatory residency requirement – must provide a declaration/oath of living in district for 6 months prior to qualifying date. Must also provide 4 out of the following 5 other categories providing proof of residency: voter registration card, Florida Driver’s License and/or Florida Identification Card, a notarized statement of residency from home-owner, homestead exemption card or leasing/renting statement, and vehicle registration.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend Article 2.3 relating to residency requirement as follows: must provide a declaration/oath of living in district for 6 months prior to qualifying date; and 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, and (4) notarized statement of residency from home-owner, or homestead exemption card, or leasing/renting statement; the motion passed 11/1.

* **Article 2.4 –**
* Shall be no term limits on BOCC and School Board members
* **Article 6.1 –**
* Procedures for petition shall read that 1% (each district) of elector signatures is required to be obtained, then the petition shall be submitted to the County Attorney for review/approval; if approved the petition then goes to the Supervisor of Elections to verify signatures, if the petition is not approved the 1% of signatures is thrown out; and amend the language so that 30% of elector signatures obtained in each district will allow the petition initiative to be placed on the ballot, and will require 60% of the electors votes to pass for charter amendments and ordinances.
* **Article 7.4** –
* Each County Commissioner shall appoint 3 citizens to serve on the Charter Review Commission (totaling 15 members); 12 members shall make a quorum and 2/3 of the 12 members to pass a vote; and the CRC shall be appointed no more than 8 years apart
* 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

**Item 4: Review/Discussion of Home Rule Charter in accordance with Ordinance #08-14**

* **Attorney Review –** discussion only
* **Public Education –** discussion only
* **Superintendent Elected/Appointed (Hired) Basis** – A motion was made and seconded to add a new section to Article 6 of the Charter so that the School Board Superintendent position is appointed by the School Board versus an elected position, via a search committee selected by the School Board; and if this Charter amendment passes, the current superintendent position would finish out term and the appointed (hired) process would go into effect in 2016; the motion failed 9/3.
* **Special Elections** – A motion was made and seconded to add a new section to Article 6 of the Charter so that all referendums shall take place at the general election; the motion passed 12/0.
* **Enforcement of Charter** – The Commission discussed the need to educate the public as well as the Code Enforcement Board and Supervisor of Elections, that the Code Enforcement Board has the authority to enforce violations of the Charter per Florida Statute.

**Item 5: CRC Attorney Budget Update** – Beginning budget was $5,400; remaining budget is $4,162.50

**Item 6:** **Citizens Requesting to Speak** - None

**Item 7:** Next Charter Review Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:00p.m. at the TCC-Wakulla Center.

**Item 8:** The meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.