

**CITY OF LAKE CITY CITY COUNCIL
COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
LAKE CITY/COLUMBIA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
JOINT WORKSHOP**

May 27, 2010

9:00 A.M.

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There was a Joint Workshop of the Lake City City Council, Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, Columbia County School Board, Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, and Columbia County Industrial Development Authority, held on May 27, 2010, at the Richardson Community Center located at 225 Northeast Coach Anders Way, Lake City, Florida, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

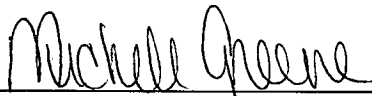
The invocation was provided by Mr. James Montgomery.

1. Welcome: Ronald Williams, Chairman, Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Williams provided welcoming comments and introductions of the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners.
2. Welcome: Stephen Witt, Mayor, City of Lake City City Council
Mayor Witt provided welcoming comments and introductions of the Lake City City Council.
3. Welcome: Keith Hudson, Chairman, Columbia County School Board
Mr. Hudson provided welcoming comments and introductions of the Columbia County School Board.
4. Welcome: Jenny Drawdy, President of the Chamber Board
Ms. Drawdy introduced the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and thanked Commissioner Williams and the Board of County Commissioners for hosting the workshop.
5. Welcome: Suzanne Norris, Chairwoman, Industrial Development Authority
Ms. Norris provided welcoming comments and introductions of the Industrial Development Authority.
6. Chairman Ronald Williams: Board of County Commission Presentation
Mr. Williams presented his "vision" of the partnership for the entities represented at the workshop. Mr. Williams stated he had hoped this would be the beginnings of an open dialogue between all parties.
7. Jenny Drawdy: President of the Chamber Board: Chamber Executive Report
Ms. Drawdy introduced Ms. Dennille Folsom, Chamber Executive Director. Ms. Folsom provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the key areas of the Chamber of

Commerce. Mr. Steve Smith provided an overview of the “Better Business Series” offered through the Chamber.

8. Suzanne Norris, IDA Chairwoman: IDA Executive Report
9. Suzanne Norris, IDA Chairwoman: Rudder Update/ Utility
Ms. Norris provided a PowerPoint presentation updating on the progress with the Rudder Team that is chaired by Mr. Tyson Johnson. Ms. Norris discussed the RACEC Catalyst Sites: Inland Port/ Catalyst Site, 441/41 and Ellisville.
10. Jody DuPree, Chairman, Columbia County Utility Committee: Utility Committee Report
Mr. Dupree provided an update of the progress of the county utility committee.
11. Wendell Johnson, City Manager: Expansion of Wastewater Treatment Plant, Community Redevelopment Plan and General Fund Capital Improvements
Mr. Johnson provided an update on the wastewater upgrades. Mr. Johnson advised IBI, Group would be starting in the beginning of June to hold stakeholders meeting to help obtain input on the development of the Community Redevelopment Plan. He also briefed on the progress of the City refunding and refinancing bonds to assist with funding General Capital Improvement projects.
12. Dale Williams, County Manager: Current Status of Available Economic Development Revenue
Mr. Williams discussed the funding of the Industrial Development Authority and that the incentives offered to businesses to come to Columbia County was not a part of the funding through millage. Mr. Williams discussed funding shortfalls.
13. Mike Milliken, Columbia County School Superintendent: Comments
Mr. Milliken provided statics of the economic make-up of Columbia County students. Mr. Milliken introduced Columbia High School Principal Terry Huddleston. Mr. Huddleston provided information pertaining to the new technical education program in Supply Chain Management. He added the Supply Chain Management program is looking into providing weekend meals for needy students as a potential service project.
14. Other Discussion
David Still with the Suwannee River Water Management District introduced himself to the group.
15. Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the workshop adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Please note: This meeting was not recorded and due to the meeting being a workshop, no official actions were taken.



Michele Greene, Deputy City Clerk