

**LAKE CITY, CITY COUNCIL
COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING
July 31, 2008 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

There was a Joint City/County Meeting of the Lake City, City Council and the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, held on July 31, 2008, in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-MAYOR WITT
Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INVOCATION-MAYOR WITT
4. ROLL CALL

(City Clerk Audrey Sikes called roll for City members. Sandy Markham called roll for County members)

City Members

Mayor/Councilman	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor	John Robertson
City Council	Eugene Jefferson
	Mike Lee
	George R. Ward
City Attorney	Herbert F. Darby
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lieutenant Joe Moody
City Manager	Scott Reynolds
City Clerk	Audrey E. Sikes

County Members

Board Chairman	Dewey Weaver
County Commissioners	George Skinner
	Ron Williams
	Stephen Bailey
County Attorney	Marlin Feagle – absent
County Manager	Dale Williams
Assistant County Manager	Lisa Roberts
County Clerk	Sandy Markham

5. OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR WITT
Mayor Witt welcomed all participants in attendance.

OPENING REMARKS – COUNTY COMMISSION BOARD CHAIRMAN DEWEY WEAVER
Mr. Weaver read a memorandum dated July 31, 2008(addressed to the Board of County Commissioners from County Manager Dale Williams) to the members. The memorandum has been incorporated into the record with the agenda for the meeting.

6. DISCUSSION OF EMS

In summation, members discussed budgetary impacts, subsidization, services, historical practices, equitable disbursement for special districts, call data, EMS study, sub-station locations and a draft interlocal. Mr. Weaver reported the \$250,000 contribution from the City would be to “enhance” EMS services. The County has asked the City to consider paying \$250,000 to help fund EMS “enhancements”. City Council members agree to place this item on the next regularly scheduled City Council agenda for discussion.

Members also discussed the creation of a Joint City/County Public Safety Committee since the entities previously met as Joint City/County Fire Committee. Mr. Lee suggested a target start date of January 2009.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS


The following persons spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Sandy Smith asked if residents pay taxes that fund EMS why does EMS charge for services.

Greg Ridilla asked what percentage of recovered calls were in the City limits.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Joint City/County meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.


AUDREY E. SIKES, City Clerk