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"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

-Thomas Jefferson

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The Courage to Fail

I have spent a great deal of time recently thinking about my first year in office. This self-analysis comes from years of playing football when my coaches taught me the importance of learning from the mistakes of the previous week. Needless to say I have learned a lot through the years not only about football, but about myself. My analysis of my first year: I tried and succeeded and sometimes I tried and failed.

Admitting failures is not something that has always come easy to me. My youth afforded me the opportunity to be cocky and spirited as I suppose it does for most people. Growing up and becoming a father has required me to rethink those youthful ways and reevaluate the person I want to be.

The other day my 4-year old daughter told me that I was her hero. Naturally my smile was enormous and I felt this instant sense of grandeur as I pictured myself fighting the bad guys away (and I do mean the boys who will one day want to date my baby) and performing other heroic deeds. Super Dad - I am a hero to the cutest girl in the entire world! What else could there be?

What else could there be? I kept asking myself that question. What does it take to be the best that I can be, not only for my daughter, but for this county? What does it take to be a hero - a leader who truly strives to do the best for the people who elected him? That's when it dawned on me - heroes don't jump tall buildings and fly across the sky - heroes are made from those who have the courage to fail.

So in my analysis of this first year in office have I failed? Yes, there have been some failures; but I own those failures and I have learned from them. Now my task is to enter this next year with the courage to continue - to both succeed and fail.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." ~ Winston Churchill



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Commission Meeting Schedule

December 12, 2011

9:00 am: Annual BOCC Retreat

Location: Carriage House at Goodwood Museum

December 13, 2011

3:00 pm: Regular Meeting

6:00 pm: Public Hearings (complete list below)

Upcoming Public Hearings

December 13, 2011 - 6:00 pm



Second and Final Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed



View the BOCC agenda at www.leoncountyfl.gov or click the picture above.

Ordinance Designating the Boundaries of the Park Place Regional Activity Center

First of Two Public Hearings Regarding Park Place 163 Development Agreement

First of Two Public Hearings on a Proposed Ordinance Related to Implementation of Comprehensive Plan Amendment PCT110110, Regarding Urban Fringe and

Conservation Subdivisions

First and Only Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from the Residential Preservation (RP) Zoning District to the Renaissance Charter School Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District

***Public hearings are held at the Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor (301 South Monroe Street)*

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