



From the Office of...

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Leon County Commissioner, At-Large

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

-Thomas Jefferson

February, 2012

A Lesson in Patriotism

You are never too old to learn new lessons.

I love to watch the ABC show "Shark Tank." It appeals to my business sense and helps me bridge the theory I learned in college with a little 'reality.'

On January 27th I watched Donny McCall pitch an idea on his product Invis-A-Rack. He ultimately turned down the investors' money because they wanted him to send the manufacturing jobs overseas so they could turn a higher profit. Donny insisted that his town in North Carolina needed the manufacturing jobs, and that a larger profit meant less to him than maintaining the ability to employ people in his community. My initial thought – Donny just made the biggest mistake of his life.

Later that evening I was thinking about my home town in North Carolina – Kannapolis. Its name means "City of Looms" because of its deep roots in textile manufacturing. Growing up it never occurred to me that the entire town's existence was focused around textiles until the factories were closed and thousands were left unemployed.

I owe Donny McCall an apology. There is no shame in making less profit if it means employing your community. Donny is a businessman who made a conscience decision to employ U.S. workers and helps return some pride to his town and to that "Made in America" sticker. Thank you, Donny, for reminding me that patriotism is still alive.

"Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic growth in the United States." ~Ronald Reagan~

Commission Meeting Schedule

February 14, 2012

12:00 pm: Workshop on Stormwater & Solid Waste Non Ad Valorem Assessments and Transportation Taxes
3:00 pm: Regular Meeting
6:00 pm: Public Hearings (list below)

February 28, 2012

1:30 pm: Workshop to Consider a Small Business Lending Program
3:00 pm: Regular Meeting

All Workshops, Meetings and Public Hearings are subject to change.

Upcoming Public Hearings

February 14, 2012 - 6:00 pm



First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article II of the



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

Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, Regarding Animals

First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Article 1, Entitled "Energy Improvement District" to Clarify Commercial Element Provisions

First and Only Public Hearing to Adopt a Proposed Amendment to Section 10-4.106 (3) of the Leon County Code of Laws, Interim Minimum Environmental Regulations for the Incorporated Area of Leon County to Revise the Expiration Date

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

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