



From the Office of...

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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

September, 2012

November 6, Hurry Please

Never before in my life, not even during my own campaign, have I been more anxious for the general election day to arrive. I have been watching the conventions, listening to the speeches, and seeing the television commercials. It is a brutal time to be running for political office.

Every candidate is selling himself as being remarkably different from his opponent. Every speech seems to demonize the other political party and instill fear of what might happen if that person is elected to office. The problem with this approach is the mentality that follows in Washington – I must now prove how different I am. This divides our country even further and makes it impossible to accomplish the job at hand. Case in point: Congress has not passed a budget bill since April of 2009 due in major part to the party division that continues to grow.

Whatever happened to the centric view? Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton governed as pragmatic centrists. They understood that compromise has its place in life and politics. I would never suggest people give up their fundamental beliefs, but I am suggesting that votes based merely on political party lines do not help our nation. Perhaps this is why more and more voters are registering as independent.

It was George Washington who warned that the two-party system would ultimately divide our country. I do not think we are at the breaking point, but I do believe we need to see more cooperation and more governing based on principles and not partisanship.

"Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate."

~John F. Kennedy~

Commission Meeting Schedule

September 11, 2012

3:00 pm: Regular Meeting
6:00 pm: Public Hearings (list below)

September 18, 2012

3:00 pm: Regular Meeting
6:00 pm: Public Hearings (list below)

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

Upcoming Public Hearings



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September 11, 2012 - 6:00 pm

First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for FY 2012/2013

September 18, 2012 - 6:00 pm

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

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