

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MAYOR/CHAIR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2009**

The following items were discussed:

I. Consolidation of Growth and Environmental Management Departments – There was a discussion regarding the process adopted by the Board (MOU) and the City Commission. The City Commission has appointed Commissioner Lightsey and the Board has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines a staff process. The City suggested that the County Commission appoint a County Commissioner, maybe Commissioner Desloge, to carry through this process. Commissioner Desloge and Commissioner Lightsey have been discussing the consolidation of the building inspection function.

II. Consolidation of Minority/Women Business Programs – The City requested a copy of the County's Disparity Study and indicated that they would consider the idea of consolidating the M/WB programs.

III. Corn Hydro Electric Facility Dam Project – Chairman Rackleff explained to the City that:

A. The residents of Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, Wakulla and Franklin counties are concerned about the potential of increased flooding resulting from this project.

B. That the County staff would like to work with the City staff to evaluate modeling, particularly in the Crooked Road area.

C. County staff would like to work with the City regarding management of the dam.

Mayor Marks stated that City staff had extensive discussions with all concerned parties and the modifications to the dam are a requirement of FERC. Mayor Marks also indicated that they have no objections to County staff working with City staff so long as it does not delay the project. If, however, the project is delayed and penalties are assessed against the City, the County will be responsible for these penalties.

IV. Community Redevelopment Block Grant Application for Disaster Recovery Funds – The City advised that they will submit their projects for funding application to the County by Friday, December 11, 2009.

V. Sustainability Task Force(s) – Chairman Rackleff stated that both the County and City are considering establishing a Citizen Sustainability Task Force, and it will be advisable if a joint task force is established with members appointed both by the City and County. The Mayor stated that it is a good idea if we can define the mission of the task force, with a workable concept.

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VI. Palmer-Monroe Youth Center – Chairman Rackleff raised the concern that the Palmer-Monroe facility used to be a City-funded program that the City has eliminated from its budget and is now setting up to request County funding participation. The City responded that, at this time, no funding is requested from the County.

VII. RFP for On-site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and Management Options – Non-compete language – Chairman Rackleff explained the County’s position on this issue. The City Manager and the Mayor were not aware of the City staff’s objection to the non-compete language in the RFP. The City Manager indicated that she would look into it.

VIII. Big Bend Regional Partnership – The Mayor stated that he has established a Big Bend Regional Partnership program and the group meets occasionally to discuss issues of mutual interest. Commissioner Desloge has participated in this program in the past. Chairman Rackleff advised that he will be happy to be the County’s representative in the Big Bend Regional Partnership program.

IX. County’s Retreat Priorities – The City requested a copy of the County’s Retreat priorities, which will be provided to them.

X. Future Mayor/Chair Meetings – It was agreed that future monthly Mayor/Chair meetings will be on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. The City will provide a listing of Wednesdays when the City Commission does not meet.