

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the information on this form current. To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.		
Name: Thomas Ballentine		Date: March 26, 2010
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Occupation: Environmental Engineer	Employer: Leon County Dept. of Growth & Environmental Management	
Please check box for preferred mailing address.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Address 1920 Chowkeebin Nene		
City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, Florida 32301		
Do you live in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, do you live within the City limits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Do you own property in Leon County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is it located within the City limits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
For how many years have you lived and/or owned property in Leon County? <u>33</u> years		
Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference		
1st Choice: <u>Sustainability</u> 2nd Choice: _____		
If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:		
Human Services __ Housing __ Health Care __ Science __ Library Services __ Growth Management __		
Tourist Development __ Transportation __ Bicycle/Pedestrian __ Parks & Recreation __		
Code Enforcement __		
Other Areas----- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy		
Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, on what Committee(s) have you served? _____		
How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more		
And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 or more		
What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night		
(OPTIONAL) Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.		
Race: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age: <u>63</u> Disabled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov		

In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available.

I have, since the Arab oil embargo in 1973, been involved with and followed intensely the geopolitics associated with energy supply and transportation, especially that of petroleum and natural gas. I did energy systems graduate work and wrote a masters thesis under the direction of one of the great energy systems theoreticians and systems ecologists of the modern age, Dr. H.T Odum of the University of Florida (enter his name in Google). While at U.F. and a member of the Environmental Action Group, I was instrumental in inviting Dr. M. King Hubbert (Google again) to lecture the student body about his 1956 prediction that U.S. peak oil production would peak in 1970 (which it did) and his forecast that world oil production would peak in proximity to the year 2000.

My (1975) thesis, "A Net Energy Analysis of Surface Mined Coal from the Northern Great Plains" examined the total energy cost of extracting coal and then converting it to either synthetic gas or into electricity, at the mine mouth or at a load center 1,000 miles away. Subsequent to this, I worked with the Conservation Foundation in Washington D.C. to create a manual for the U.S. Fish and wildlife Service to explain in detail the oil industry's offshore development process, from early exploration through to the construction of major onshore infrastructure. After this, I worked with the Florida Energy Office to track oil supply and inventories within the state and to develop energy conservation and emergency response policies. After this, my wife and I owned and operated a local, alternative energy retail business, The Wood Stove Store, from 1977 to 1985 which was located near Grambling's and then in French Town.

I have an intense interest in and involvement with energy issues and how the depletion of the more concentrated energy resources will play out on the world's economic, political and social condition. I have an abiding concern that our world is now experiencing a profound transition to a situation of significantly constrained energy supply and that there is an urgency to come to understand this dilemma and prepare for its inevitability.

I can provide more if this is not sufficient.

References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
I will provide if needed. —
Address: _____

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IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? Yes No
Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form, if applicable? Yes No
Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? Yes No If yes, from whom? _____
Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? Yes No
Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? Yes No If yes, please explain _____
Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? Yes No
If yes, please explain I work as an engineer with County Growth Management
Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? Yes No
If yes, please explain _____

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Thomas Bellentia

Please return Application to Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator
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Tallahassee, FL 32301