CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Educational Subcommittee met at the Columbia County Public Library in a scheduled meeting on August 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Members In Attendance:

Chairman Wayne Sapp, David Rountree and Dean Moore.

Members Absent:

Karl Burkhardt and Jessica Natale.

Others Present:

Consultant Kurt Spitzer and Deputy Clerk Sandy Markham.

I. ADVERTISEMENT

The subcommittee agreed that the following methods would be used to educate the public and advertise the proposed charter amendments to the Columbia County Charter:

- An informational tri-fold pamphlet will be printed in a bright yellow color and will be mailed out to all registered voters. The pamphlets will also be located in businesses around the county for the public to pickup.

- Mr. Karl Burkhardt will be asked if he is still interested in printing the proposed amendments in their entirety on his web page.

- The amendments will be advertised on the cable and college television channels.

- The Lake City Reporter will be contacted to see if they will advertise the amendments as a public service and at no charge.

Mr. Kurt Spitzer will have the pamphlet drafted in approx. 10 days for the subcommittee’s consideration. He will also contact the newspaper and Mr. Burkhardt regarding the advertisements, and will make arrangements to have the amendments advertised on the college and cable channel. It was agreed that the ads should run in the newspaper 2 weeks prior to election.

II. PROPOSAL #5

As a matter of information, Mr. Spitzer mentioned to the subcommittee that the title in Proposal 5 had more words than the law requires. For that reason the title of the proposal was trimmed down to an allowable 15 words.
III. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Chairman Wayne Sapp explained to the subcommittee that he has maintained a log of his travel since the beginning of the Charter Review Commission. Mr. Sapp mentioned that travel expenses are legally reimbursable and that all of the members were entitled to reimbursement. He requested reimbursement in the amount of $186.43.

Motion by Mr. Dean Moore to approve payment. Mr. Rountree being the only other member in attendance able to second the motion stated there would be no second to the motion. He explained his reasons. “Volunteer” means to work without compensation for a cause.

Mr. Sapp advised that he is expecting a memo from County Manager Williams stating travel expenditures are reimbursable. Mr. Rountree pointed out the purpose and mission of the subcommittee is to address the issue of educating the public on the proposed amendments, not for handling general business that would normally be addressed by the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Dean Moore withdrew his motion. The Chairman tabled the issue and will readdress the matter after he receives the expected memo from County Manager Williams.

Clerk’s Note: This request for reimbursement was originally placed on the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of August 03, 2006. The final action of the BoCC was to remand the matter back to the Charter Review Commission for decision.

IV. MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court