

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**

**372 WEST DUVAL STREET  
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055**

**AGENDA**

**AUGUST 4, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**Invocation (Commissioner Stephen E. Bailey)**

**Pledge to U.S. Flag**

**Staff Agenda Additions/Deletions**

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Public Comments**

**Jeremy Barwick, Eagle Scout Project**

- (1) Presentation for Food Drive September 24, 25, 2011**
- (2) Proclamation No.2011P-9 - By Chairman Jody DuPree**

**Marlin Feagle, County Attorney**

- (1) Santa Fe River - Boating Restriction Ordinance No. 2011-17 -  
(PUBLIC HEARING)**
- (2) Release of Contingent Reverter Regarding Real Estate - Mayo  
Fertilizer, Inc.**

- (3) Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2011R-29 - Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services
- (4) Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2011R-30 - Provision of Fire Protection Services

**STAFF MATTERS:**

**HONORABLE JODY L. DUPREE, CHAIRMAN**

- (1) Consent Agenda

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

- (1) Appointment of 2 County Commissioners and 1 Citizen - Value Adjustment Board
- (2) Appointment - Economic Development Board Vacancy
- (3) Fence at Old Boys Club Property
- (4) Group Health Insurance Renewal

**\*\*\*\*\* COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

# Proclamation

2011P-9

## JEREMY JAMES BARWICK

**WHEREAS,** Jeremy James Barwick is a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 85 in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, and is in the planning stages of his Eagle Scout Project; and

**WHEREAS,** for his Eagle Scout Project, Jeremy has chosen to do a food drive for the needy in Columbia County and its surrounding counties of Suwannee, Hamilton, Union and Lafayette. It is his desire that no child in his community go to bed hungry, and to educate his peers on the issue of hunger; and

**WHEREAS,** Jeremy will be holding a food drive at the Columbia County Fairgrounds (rodeo arena) from September 24, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. until September 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. He has teamed up with Catholic Charities and the Food Bank of Suwannee Valley for transportation and distribution of the donated food. It is Jeremy's goal to break the world record for the amount of food in one location within a 24-hour period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens and residents of Columbia County, Florida, acknowledges with sincere appreciation and gratitude the outstanding services Jeremy James Barwick is providing the families of Columbia County, Florida, through his tireless, unselfish, and outstanding dedicated service to Columbia County.

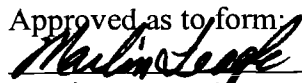
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, at its regular session on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Dupree, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk of Court

Approved as to form:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marlin M. Feagle  
County Attorney

(SEAL)

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011 – 17**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOATING RESTRICTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHING BOATING RESTRICTED AREAS, PENALTIES and PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to provide uniform regulations for the safe operation of motorboats and other vessels in or upon the waters within the jurisdiction of Columbia County consistent with Chapters 125 and 327, Florida Statutes and Chapters 68D-21 and/or 68D-23, Florida Administrative Code.

**SECTION 2. Definitions.**

*Boating-restricted area* means an area of the waters of the state within which the operation of vessels is subject to specified restrictions or from which vessels are excluded.

*Motorboat* means any vessel equipped with machinery for propulsion, irrespective of whether the propulsion machinery is in actual operation.

*Operate* means to be in charge of or in command of or in actual physical control of a vessel upon the waters of this state, or to exercise control over or to have responsibility for a vessel's navigation or safety while the vessel is underway upon the waters of this state, or to control or steer a vessel being towed by another vessel upon the waters of the state.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity.

*Regulatory marker* means a device used to alert the mariner to various regulatory matters such as horsepower, speed, wake, or entry restrictions in conformity with the Uniform State Waterway Marking System and the United States Aids to Navigation System, Part 62 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

*Slow Speed* and *Slow Speed Minimum Wake* may be used interchangeably and mean that a vessel must be fully off plane and completely settled into the water. The vessel must then proceed at a speed which is reasonable and prudent under the prevailing circumstances so as to avoid the creation of an excessive wake or other hazardous condition which endangers or is likely to endanger other vessels or other persons using the waterway. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the operator is unable to maintain control over the vessel or any other vessel or object that it has under tow. A vessel that is:

1. Operating on plane is not proceeding at this speed;
2. In the process of coming off plane and settling into the water or coming up onto plane is not proceeding at this speed;
3. Operating at a speed that creates a wake which unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers other vessels or other persons using the waterway, or is likely to do so, is not proceeding at this speed;

4. Completely off plane and which has fully settled into the water and is proceeding at a reasonable and prudent speed with little or no wake is proceeding at this speed.

*Vessel* is synonymous with boat as referenced in s. 1(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution and includes every description of watercraft, barge, and airboat, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

*Wake* means when used in conjunction with a numerical size limit, means all changes in the vertical height of the water's surface caused by the passage of a vessel including, but not limited to, a vessel's bow wave, stern wake, and propeller wash, measured from the ambient tide level to the crest of the vessel's wake at a distance of not less than 25 feet from the vessel.

**SECTION 3. Area of enforcement.** The areas of enforcement shall be all waters, creeks and canals located within the boundaries described below for the purpose necessary to protect the safety of the public as such restrictions are necessary based on boating accidents, visibility, hazardous currents or water levels, vessel traffic congestion, or other navigational hazards in compliance with Section 327.46, Florida Statutes.

- (a) Confluence of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers - A Slow Speed Minimum Wake zone, shore to shore, within waters shared by Columbia, Gilchrist and Suwannee Counties, bounded by the following three points:
  1. A point 300-feet east of the confluence of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers (upstream on the Santa Fe River),
  2. A point 300-feet west of the confluence of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers (downstream on the Santa Fe River), and
  3. A point 300-feet north of the confluence of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers (upstream on the Ichetucknee River)

This restricted area is depicted in Drawing A.

**SECTION 4, Posting Boating Restricted Markers.** Implementation of the boating restricted areas is contingent upon receiving all applicable state and/or federal authorizations to insure compliance with Chapter 68D-23, Florida Administrative Code and to assist in navigation consistent with the United States Aids to Navigation System.

**SECTION 5. Penalties.** The provisions of this section may be enforced by any law enforcement officer as defined in s.943.10, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 327.73, Florida Statutes, any person cited for a violation of any such provision shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal infraction, shall be cited for such an infraction, and shall be cited to appear before the county court. The civil penalty for any such infraction is \$50, except as otherwise provided for allowable county court costs for boating infractions.

*References to other authorities.* Where a statute or administrative rules are referenced herein, this shall mean the most recently adopted version of said statute and administrative rules.

*Severability.* If any section, sentence, clause, or word of this section is for any reason declared to be unenforceable or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall not be affected.

**SECTION 6. *Effective Date.*** This Ordinance shall be effective upon completion of the following: approved and adopted pursuant to Columbia County’s procedure, approval by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to Section 327.46, Florida Statutes and upon posting of the regulatory markers.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JODY L. DUPREE, CHAIRMAN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**P. DEWITT CASON, CLERK**



Suwannee County

Columbia County

Point 4: Install only SSMW sign  
on tree north side of river  
100 yards from confluence

-82 47.981, 29 55.991

Point 3: Install RNSO and SSMW signs  
on tree north side of river  
95 yards from confluence

-82 48.072, 29 55.988

Point 2: Install SSMW on tree north side of river  
96 yards from confluence

-82 47.956, 29 55.94

-82 47.985, 29 55.928

Point 1: Install RNSO on tree south side of river  
97 yards from confluence

Gilchrist County



Slow Speed  
Minimum Wake

### Confluence of the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers WATERWAY MARKER WORK PLAN

**SLOW SPEED  
MINIMUM WAKE**

**COMPLETELY OFF PLANE  
LITTLE OR NO WAKE**

Permit #

Co Ordinance #

**RESUME NORMAL  
SAFE OPERATION**

Permit #



**Boating Restricted Areas – Waterway Regulatory Marker Work Plan - Suwannee and Santa Fe Rivers**

<b>US Highway 129 Bridge &amp; Guy Lemmon Boat Ramp</b>  <i>(Gilchrist and Suwannee)</i>	Point 1: Install SSMW and RNSO signs downstream from the ramp will be on a tree on the south side of the river at approximately 29 54.683 and 082 51.662. This is 97 yards from the ramp and the coordinates were taken from about 15 feet from the tree. We will be taking measurements from the boat ramp downstream and from the upstream side of the bridge for the upstream location. The bridge is only a 65 foot span, so it can serve as the measurement point as easily as the ramp.
	Point 2: Install SSMW and RNSO signs upstream signs on the south side also on same tree located 69 feet west of approximate coordinates taken at 29 54.687 and 082 51.565. This tree is 97 yards past the east bridge piling.
	Point 3: Install SSMW across from ramp.
<b>Sandy Point Boat Ramp</b>  <i>(Gilchrist and Suwannee)</i>	Point 1: Install SSMW and RNSO signs on the same tree on the north and west bank located at approximately 29 54.630 and 082 51.846. This was taken about 18 feet from the tree. The upstream signs will be 100 yards from the ramp, and the downstream signs will be 97 yards from the ramp, all on trees.
	Point 2: Install SSMW across from ramp at approximately 29 54.588 and 082 51.841.
	Point 3: Install SSMW and RNSO signs on one tree south of the ramp located at approximately 29 54.538 and 082 51.861. This is on the east bank.
<b>Ellie Ray's Boat Ramp</b>  <i>(Gilchrist and Suwannee)</i>	Point 1: Install RNSO sign on the east bank at approximately 29 53.970 and 082 51.976. I took this location from about 10 feet from the tree.
	Point 2: Install SSMW on the opposite bank on a tree at approximately 29 53.960 and 082 51.997.
	Point 3: Install RNSO and SSMW south side bank on one tree located at approximately 29 53.883 and 082 52.119. Location about 120 feet from west end of the dock. This is 225 yards from the ramp.
	Point 4: Install SSMW across from ramp at approximately 29 53.934 and 82 52.014.
<b>Santa Fe River /Suwannee River Confluence (to include Butler Landing)</b>  <i>(Gilchrist, Lafayette and Suwannee)</i>	Point 1: Install Both SSMW and RNSO signs will be on same tree on north side of river 100 yards upstream from Butler Landing. Coordinates were taken from about 15 feet from tree and were approximately at 29 53.386 and 082 52.649.
	Point 2: Install Both SSMW and RNSO signs will be on same tree. Heading up Suwannee markers will gate this location using a tree on the east side of the river 88 yards from the shoreline at the intersection. Measurement taken at the bank where the rivers meet, not a point somewhere out in the water at approximately 29 53.200 and 082 52.843.
	Point 3: Install Both SSMW and RNSO signs will be on same tree directly across the river at approximately 29 53.166 and 082 52.799.
	Point 4: Install Both SSMW and RNSO signs will be on same tree on the east side of the river at approximately 29 53.225 and 082 52.694. There will not be signs to gate this location since there are no trees and only a sandy bank on the west side. Officers will have to watch this location to see if the compliance is good without signs on the west side. The sandy beach is a popular place for boats to beach, so putting a sign on a pole there is even a challenge.
	Point 5: Install one SSMW across from Butler landing Boat Ramp at approximately 29 53.352 and 082 52.706.
<b>Santa Fe/Ichetucknee Confluence</b>  <i>(Columbia, Gilchrist and Suwannee)</i>	Point 1: Install RNSO sign on a tree on the south side of the river about 97 yards from the confluence located at approximately 29 55.928 and 082 47.935. This coordinate was taken about 20 feet from the tree.
	Point 2: Install SSMW sign on the north side of the river on a tree 96 yards from the confluence and located at approximately 29 55.940 and 082 47.956. Taken about 15 feet from the tree.
	Point 3: Install both RNSO and SSMW sign placing both signs on one tree on the north bank and located at approximately 29 55.935 and 082 48.072 taken from 15 feet away. This is 95 yards from the confluence.
	Point 4: Install SSMW sign only at approximately 29 55.991 and 82 47.981. It will be on a tree on the west bank right at 100 yards (300') upstream. We did not get coordinates due to low water and the lack of a handheld GPS. I have a photo of the tree for reference when signs go up. At this time no need to place a RNSO sign facing downstream as Suwannee County has adopted regulation for the Ichetucknee at ISNW.

Updated: 6/2/11

**THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY  
AND RETURN TO:**

**MARLIN M. FEAGLE, ESQUIRE  
FEAGLE & FEAGLE, ATTORNEYS, P.A.  
153 NE Madison Street  
Post Office Box 1653  
Lake City, Florida 32056-1653  
Florida Bar No. 0173248**

**RELEASE OF CONTINGENT REVERTER  
REGARDING REAL ESTATE**

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Contingent Reverter Regarding Real Estate between **MAYO FERTILIZER, INCORPORATED**, (herein "Mayo"), and **COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, (herein "County"), dated January 31, 2005, recorded in Official Records Book 1046, Pages 812-815, public records, Columbia County, Florida, giving notice of the terms and conditions of the Economic Development Agreement executed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, between Mayo and County, (herein "the Agreement"), and

**WHEREAS**, the terms and conditions of the contingent right of reverter have been satisfied by Mayo with regard to the following described real property located in Columbia County, Florida; Township 3 South, Range 16 East, Section 36, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the County hereby memorializes its release of right of reverter in the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the County hereby gives notice of its release of its right of reverter as described in the Agreement with regard to the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The County does not release its restriction on land transfer as described in the Agreement where Mayo agrees that it will not sell and/or lease any portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" for a minimum of ten (10) years from the date Mayo completes construction of the project on the property described in Exhibit "A."

A copy of the Agreement may be obtained from or reviewed by contacting the County Manager's office, Columbia County, Florida, Post Office Box 1529, Lake City, Florida 32056-1529, during regular business hours.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, pursuant to approval action of the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting on August 4, 2011, has executed this Notice of Release of Contingent Reverter Regarding Real Estate on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2011.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Dupree, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk of Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**(SEAL)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2011, by **JODY DUPREE**, as Chairman of the **COLUMBIA COUNTY** who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida driver's license as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

**(NOTARIAL  
SEAL)**

My Commission Expires:

## EXHIBIT "A"

All that portion of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 17 East, which lies East of Forest Service Road No. 236 and North of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, and is described more particularly as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 17 East, and thence run North 86 degrees 48 minutes 07 seconds East, along the North boundary of said Section 36 a distance of 1,675.73 feet to the Easterly right of way of Forest Service Road #236 and the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 86 degrees 48 minutes 07 seconds East, still along the North boundary of said Section 36 a distance of 701.08 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 36; thence North 86 degrees 50 minutes 08 seconds East, still along said North boundary of said Section 36 a distance of 1187.42 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36; thence South 1 degree 05 minutes 33 seconds West along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36 a distance of 502.11 feet to the Northerly right of way of Seaboard Coastline Railroad; thence South 82 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds West, along said railroad right of way a distance of 1,847.50 feet to the Easterly right of way of Forest Service Road #236; thence North 3 degrees 48 minutes 36 seconds West, along said Easterly right of way a distance of 624.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION  
FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES**

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**ADOPTED AUGUST 4, 2011**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2011R-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida (the "Board"), has enacted Ordinance No. 96-14 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the annual reimposition of annual Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection and disposal services, facilities or programs against certain Assessable Property within the County;

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of an annual Service Assessment for Solid Waste collection and disposal services, facilities or programs for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning the Service Costs for Solid Waste among parcels of Assessable Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to reimpose an annual Service Assessment to fund Solid Waste collection and disposal services, facilities, and programs within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit, which consists of the entire unincorporated area of the County, using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 96-14 (the "Ordinance"), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 95R-64), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 95R-69), sections 125.01 and 125.66, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.** This resolution constitutes the Preliminary Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and directs the reimposition of Solid Waste Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011. All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution and the Final Assessment Resolution. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number, include the plural number, and vice versa. As used in this Resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context hereof requires otherwise:

**"Income"** means any monies or legal tender coming into the household, taxable by the federal government or not and used for the benefit of the property and/or its occupants.

**"Indigent Person"** means a person who is determined to be an indigent person as defined in the poverty level guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person whose income as adjusted for family size is not more than 110%



of the applicable federal poverty guidelines shall be considered an "Indigent Person" eligible for assistance with payment of Assessments.

**"Recreational Vehicle Park"** means (1) a place set aside and offered by a person, for either direct or indirect remuneration of the owner, lessor, or operator of such place, for the parking, accommodation, or rental of five or more recreational vehicles or tents; and (2) licensed by the Department of Health of the State of Florida, or its successor in function as a "recreational vehicle park" under Chapter 513, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time-to-time.

**"Residential Property"** means those Tax Parcels designated as "Residential" by the Property Appraiser, but excluding:

- 1) Those Tax Parcels that meet the definition of Recreational Vehicle Park;
- 2) Any Mobile Home park that contracts directly with a hauler for commercial collection service who provides proof of such contract to the Assessment Coordinator;

and

- 3) Residential Property owned by the owner of a business who contracts directly with a hauler for commercial collection service who provides proof of such contract and documentation to the Assessment Coordinator that such owner does not accept solid waste service at their personal residence.

### **SECTION 3. PROVISION AND FUNDING OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES.**

(A) Upon the imposition of Solid Waste Assessments for Solid Waste collection and disposal against Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit, the County shall provide or direct the provision of Solid Waste collection and disposal services to such Assessable Property.

(B) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit will be benefited by the County's provision of Solid Waste collection and disposal services in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT.**

(A) The legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution and the Final Assessment Resolution are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

(B) The special benefits provided to individual properties from the Solid Waste services, facilities, and programs include, but are not limited to, the availability and use of collection services to properly and safely remove and transport Solid Waste generated on such property; the provision of disposal services which provide effective and environmentally sound disposal of Solid Waste generated on such property; a potential increase in the value of such property, better service to the owners and occupants of such property who receive Solid Waste collection and disposal service, facilities, and programs, and the enhancement of the environmentally responsible use and enjoyment of such property.

(C) Government Property that is owned by federal government mortgage entities, such as the VA and HUD, due to foreclosures are not serving a governmental purpose nor providing a public benefit but are instead being held by these federal

government mortgage entities in a proprietary capacity. Accordingly, these properties shall not be exempted from the Solid Waste Assessment.

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RATE AND ASSESSMENT ROLL.**

(A) For the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011, for which Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection and disposal services, facilities and programs are reimposed, the Service Cost shall be allocated among all parcels of Assessable Property, based upon each parcels' classification as Residential Property and the number of Dwelling Units for such parcels. The Service Cost for Fiscal Year 2011-12 is estimated to be \$3,642,000.00. Accordingly, a rate of assessment equal to \$201.00 for each Dwelling Unit for solid waste collection and disposal services is hereby approved for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and a maximum rate of assessment equal to \$240.00 for each Dwelling Unit for solid waste collection and disposal services is hereby approved for future Fiscal Years. The Solid Waste Assessment for each parcel of Assessed Property shall be computed by multiplying the assessment rate by the number of Dwelling Units on such parcel.

(B) The Assessment Coordinator is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an updated Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 in the manner provided in the Ordinance. Such updated Assessment Roll shall contain the following: (1) a summary description of all Residential Property within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit conforming to the description contained on the Tax Roll, (2) the name and address of the Owner of record of each parcel as shown on the Tax Roll, and (3) the amount of the Service Assessment for

Solid Waste collection and disposal attributable to each Dwelling Unit for Solid Waste collection and disposal services. A copy of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution and the updated Assessment Roll is maintained on file in the office of the Assessment Coordinator and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the updated Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Solid Waste Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by use of a computer terminal available to the public.

(C) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the foregoing method of determining the Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection and disposal services is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Service Cost therefore among parcels of Assessable Property.

#### **SECTION 6. HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE.**

(A) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to assist Indigent Persons who are Owners of Residential Property with the financial burden created by the imposition of a Solid Waste Assessment.

(B) Accordingly, there is hereby created an economic hardship program to assist Residential Property owners who meet the definition of Indigent Persons as established herein. An owner of Residential Property who meets low income level and asset guidelines specified by the County shall be eligible to receive payment of a Solid Waste Assessment by the County. Applicants for this hardship assistance shall provide written documentation satisfactory to the Assessment Coordinator in order to qualify for

such assistance. Any amounts provided for hardship assistance shall be paid by the County from funds other than those generated by the Solid Waste Assessment.

(C) The applicant shall file with the Assessment Coordinator an application under oath demonstrating entitlement to hardship assistance as provided herein. Such application shall include the following:

- (1) The name and address of all Owners of the Residential Property;
- (2) The address and legal description for the Residential Property;
- (3) Proof of Total Household Income from all sources and other documentation required to demonstrate qualification as an Indigent Person; and
- (4) Such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

(D) The Assessment Coordinator, with the assistance of other members of the administrative staff of the County, shall, within fifteen (15) days after the filing of such application, review the application and such other supporting data that may be filed therewith and make such further investigation as may be reasonably required in order to determine if the applicant is qualified for hardship assistance pursuant to this Section.

(E) The Assessment Coordinator shall furnish his or her written decision to such applicant by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the applicant at the address stated on the application on or before the expiration of twenty (20) days following the filing of the application determining if the applicant is or is not qualified for hardship assistance pursuant to this Section.

(F) Any shortfall in the expected Solid Waste Assessment proceeds due to any hardship assistance provided herein shall be supplemented by any legally available

funds, or combination of such funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Solid Waste Assessments. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines any assistance provided by the County Commission is improper or otherwise adversely affects the validity of the Solid Waste Assessment imposed for any Fiscal Year, the sole and exclusive remedy shall be the imposition of a Solid Waste Assessment upon each affected Tax Parcel in the amount of the Solid Waste Assessment that would have been otherwise imposed save for such assistance afforded to such Tax Parcel by the County Commission.

**SECTION 7. REFUNDS FOR VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

Residential property which is vacant for one full month or more during the Fiscal Year may apply for a refund of a portion of the Solid Waste Service Assessment. Any Owner seeking a refund for Residential Property which was vacant during the Fiscal Year shall file a request for adjustment with the Assessment Coordinator. The request shall contain the following information: (1) the name and address of the Owner; (2) the address and property identification number of the property for which the refund is sought; (3) the period for which the property was vacant; and (4) documentation indicating that no electrical service was provided to such residential property during the period of vacancy or, in the alternative, such evidence as would indicate in the sole discretion of the Assessment Coordinator or his designee that such property was vacant. The Assessment Coordinator or his designee shall review the request and refund to the Owner one-twelfth (1/12) of the amount of the Solid Waste Service Assessment for each full month during which the property was vacant. Such determination shall be made prior to thirty days following the submission of the request.

**SECTION 8. AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING.** There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, in the Columbia County School Board Building, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, for the purpose of (A) receiving and considering any comments on the Service Assessments from affected property owners and (B) authorizing the reimposition of such Service Assessments for Solid Waste collection and disposal for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and collecting such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

**SECTION 9. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.** The Assessment Coordinator shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized in Section 8 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, as required by Section 2.04 of the Ordinance, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A. Such notice shall be published not later than August 11, 2011, in a newspaper generally circulated in Columbia County.

**SECTION 10. NOTICE BY MAIL.** The Assessment Coordinator shall provide notice by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of Assessable Property in the event circumstances described in Section 2.05 of the Ordinance so require. Such notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B. Such notices shall be mailed not later than August 11, 2011.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Preliminary Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 4th day of August, 2011.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, **JODY L. DUPREE**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, **P. DEWITT CASON**

APPROVED FOR FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney, **MARLIN FEAGLE**



**APPENDIX A**

**FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED**

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**To Be Published by August 11, 2011**

**[INSERT MAP OF COLUMBIA COUNTY]**

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR  
COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The form and content of this notice is required by state law. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider the continued imposition of solid waste assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011, and for future fiscal years against certain improved residential properties located within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit which includes the unincorporated area of the County, to fund the cost of solid waste collection and disposal services, facilities and programs provided to such properties and to authorize collection of such assessments on the tax bill.

The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, in the Columbia County School Board Building, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 calendar days of the date of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (386)758-1005 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at (386) 758-2139, at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

The proposed rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year is \$201.00 per dwelling unit. The proposed maximum rate of assessment for future fiscal years is \$240.00 per dwelling unit. The total annual solid waste assessment revenue to be collected within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit is estimated to be \$3,642,000.00 for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011. Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 94-17), the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 95R-64), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 95R-69), the Preliminary Rate Resolution initiating the annual process of updating the Assessment Roll and reimposing the Solid Waste Assessments, and the updated Assessment Roll for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Assessment Coordinator's office, located at 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2011, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Columbia County Tax Collector at (386) 758-1080, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**APPENDIX B**  
**FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED**

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**\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER \*\*\*\*\***

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
135 NE Hernando Avenue  
Lake City, Florida**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND  
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD  
VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

**NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 11, 2011**

**Owner  
Address  
City, State Zip**

*Sequence #  
Tax Parcel #  
Legal Description:*

The form and content of this notice is required by state law. As required by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, notice is given by the County that annual assessments for solid waste services using the tax bill collection method, may be reimposed and levied on your property. The use of an annual special assessment to fund solid waste services benefiting improved property located within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit in the past has proven to be fair, efficient and effective. The total annual solid waste assessment revenue to be collected within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit is estimated to be \$3,642,000.00. The annual solid waste assessment is based on the number of residential dwelling units contained on each parcel of property.

The following is a summary of the non-ad valorem special assessments being reimposed on the above parcel for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011.

The above parcel is subject to the solid waste assessment:

The total number of residential dwelling units on the above parcel is \_\_\_\_\_.

The proposed Solid Waste Assessment for the above parcel is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011.

The proposed maximum Solid Waste Assessment for the above parcel is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for future fiscal years.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, at the Columbia County School Board Building, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All owners of improved property within the Columbia County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit were mailed individual notices similar to this one when the assessments were first imposed. Subsequently, only owners of reclassified property which resulted in an increased assessment, or owners of property not included on the prior years

assessment roll will receive updated mailed notice in addition to the annual published notice. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 calendar days of the date of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (386)758-1005 or telecommunications device for the deaf at (386) 758-2139, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of Board's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the legal documentation for the assessment program are available for inspection at the Assessment Coordinator's office, located at 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

The special assessment amount shown on this notice and the ad valorem taxes for the above parcel will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill mailed in November of each year that the assessment is imposed. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions, please contact the Columbia County Tax Collector at (386)758-1080, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION**

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**ADOPTED AUGUST 4, 2011**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2011R-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY ADJUSTMENT FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK PROPERTY; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR COMBINING ADJOINING TAX PARCELS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida (the "Board"), has enacted Ordinance No. 96-14 (the "Ordinance"), as it may be amended, which authorizes the annual reimposition of Fire Protection Assessments for Fire Protection services, facilities, and programs against all Assessable Property within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment for Fire Protection services, facilities and programs for each Fiscal Year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Fire Protection Assessment among parcels of Assessable Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to reimpose an annual Fire Protection Assessment program within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection

Services, using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Ordinance, the reimposition of Fire Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning of October 1, 2011 requires certain processes such as the preparation of the Assessment Roll; and

**WHEREAS**, annually a Preliminary Rate Resolution describing the method of assessing Fire Protection Assessed Costs against Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, directing the preparation of an assessment roll, authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof is required by the Ordinance for the reimposition of the Fire Protection Assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services to adopt this Preliminary Rate Resolution for the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.** This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance (Ordinance No. 96-14), as it may be amended, the Initial Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2001-R-08), the Final Assessment Resolution (Resolution No. 2001-R-35), the Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2009 (Resolution No. 2009R-29), the Annual Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2009 (Resolution No. 2009R-35), sections 125.01 and 125.66, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.** This resolution constitutes the Preliminary Rate Resolution as defined in the Ordinance which initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll and directs the reimposition of Fire Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011. All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance, Resolution No. 2009R-29, and Resolution No. 2009R-35. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number, include the plural number, and vice versa. As used in this Resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context hereof otherwise requires:

**"Adjoining Tax Parcels"** means any Tax Parcel that adjoins and touches another Tax Parcel, having the same owner, but separate parcel identification numbers assigned by the Property Appraiser, regardless of whether or not such parcels were purchased at different times. A parcel that is separated by a road, but maintains common ownership will be deemed as satisfying this definition.

**"Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services"** or **"Fire MSBU"** means the municipal service benefit unit previously created by the County and recognized in Section 3 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**"Income"** means any monies or legal tender coming into the household, taxable by the federal government or not and used for the benefit of the property and/or its occupants.

**"Indigent Person"** means a person who is determined to be an indigent person as defined in the poverty level guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person whose Income as adjusted for family size is not more than 110% of the applicable federal

poverty guidelines shall be considered an “Indigent Person” eligible for assistance with payment of Assessments.

**SECTION 3. RECOGNITION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.**

(A) The Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services is hereby recognized as having already been created to include the entire unincorporated area of the County and the Town of Fort White.

(B) The Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services exists to fund the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs, which services, facilities and programs provide a special benefit to all Assessable Property within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

(C) The Fire Protection Assessments shall be imposed against all Assessable Properties within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

**SECTION 4. PROVISION AND FUNDING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.**

(A) Upon the imposition of Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services, facilities, or programs against all Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, the County shall provide fire protection services to such Assessable Property. A portion of the cost to provide such fire protection services, facilities, or programs shall be funded from proceeds of the Fire Protection Assessments collected within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. The remaining cost required to provide fire protection services, facilities, and programs shall be funded by legally available County revenues other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds.

(B) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services will be specially benefitted by the County's provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Protection Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 5. IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS.** Fire Protection Assessments shall be imposed against all Tax Parcels within the Property Use Categories within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. Fire Protection Assessments shall be computed in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT.**

(A) Unless modified below, the legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Ordinance, Resolution No. 2009R-29, and Resolution No. 2009R-35 are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

(B) Government Property that is owned by federal government mortgage entities, such as the VA and HUD, due to foreclosures are not serving a governmental purpose nor providing a public benefit but are instead being held by these federal government mortgage entities in a proprietary capacity. Accordingly, these properties shall not be exempted from the Fire Protection Assessment.

(C) Section 125.0168, Florida Statutes, mandates that the County treat Recreational Vehicle Park property as Commercial Property for non-ad valorem special assessments levied by the County. Thus, it is fair and reasonable to treat each RV space

within Recreational Vehicle Park property as a Building of Commercial Property and assign the minimum available square footage of 1,200 square feet that is mandated by the Department of Health under Chapter 64E-15.002(3), Florida Administrative Code for Recreational Vehicle Park spaces. In the event that any Recreational Vehicle Park contains multiple property uses (such as homesteaded residential property and mobile homes), such property shall be treated as Mixed Use Property for purposes of the Parcel Apportionment with assessment rates calculated accordingly.

**SECTION 7. COST APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY AND COST FACTOR CALCULATION.** The Cost Apportionment embodied in Section 6 of Resolution No. 2009R-29 is affirmed and incorporated herein by reference. The Cost Factor calculation set forth in Section 7 of Resolution No. 2009R-29 is affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 8. PARCEL APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY.**

(A) The apportionment among Tax Parcels of that portion of the Fire Protection Assessed Costs apportioned to each Property Use Category under the Cost Apportionment shall be consistent with the Parcel Apportionment methodology described and determined in Appendix D. That Parcel Apportionment methodology is hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated into this Preliminary Rate Resolution by reference.

(B) It is hereby acknowledged that the Parcel Apportionment methodology described and determined in Appendix D is to be applied in the calculation of the estimated Fire Protection Assessment rates established in Section 9 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 9. DETERMINATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSED COSTS;  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS.**

(A) The Fire Protection Assessed Costs to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and the Parcel Apportionment for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011, is the amount determined in the Estimated Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedule, attached hereto as Appendix A. The approval of the Estimated Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedule by the adoption of this Preliminary Rate Resolution determines the amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Costs. The remainder of such Fiscal Year budget for fire protection services, facilities, and programs shall be funded from available County revenue other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds.

(B) The estimated Fire Protection Assessments specified in the Estimated Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedule are hereby established to fund the specified Fire Protection Assessed Costs determined to be assessed in the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011.

(C) The estimated Fire Protection Assessments established in this Preliminary Rate Resolution shall be the estimated assessment rates applied by the County Manager in the preparation of the preliminary Fire Protection Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011, as provided in Section 10 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

**SECTION 10. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.**

(A) The County Manager is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an updated Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011, in the manner provided in the Ordinance. The updated Assessment Roll shall include all Tax

Parcels within the Property Use Categories within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. The County Manager shall apportion the estimated Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through Fire Protection Assessments in the manner set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution.

(B) A copy of this Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Ordinance, Resolution No. 2009R-29, Resolution No. 2009R-35, documentation related to the estimated amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through the imposition of Fire Protection Assessments, and the updated Assessment Roll shall be maintained on file in the office of the County Manager and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the updated Assessment Roll proposed for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 be in printed form if the amount of the Fire Protection Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by the use of a computer terminal available to the public.

(C) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the method of determining the Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services as set forth in this Preliminary Rate Resolution is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Fire Protection Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessable Property located within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

**SECTION 11. AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING.** There is hereby established a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, in the School Board Administration Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, at which time the Board will receive and consider any comments on the Fire Protection Assessments from the public and affected property owners and consider imposing Fire



Protection Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and collecting such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

**SECTION 12. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.** The County Manager shall publish a notice of the public hearing authorized by Section 11 of this Preliminary Rate Resolution in the manner and time provided in Section 2.04 of the Ordinance. The notice shall be published no later than August 11, 2011, in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B.

**SECTION 13. NOTICE BY MAIL.** The County Manager shall also provide notice by first class mail to the Owner of each parcel of Assessable Property, in the event circumstances described in Section 2.08(B) of the Ordinance so require. Such notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix C. Such notices shall be mailed no later than August 11, 2011.

**SECTION 14. APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEEDS.** Proceeds derived by the County from the Fire Protection Assessments will be utilized for the provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and used only to fund fire protection services, facilities, and programs within the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services.

**SECTION 15. EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY ADJUSTMENT.**

(A) As a consequence of the transient use and potential extraordinary vacancies within Recreational Vehicle Parks, as compared to other Commercial Property with permanent structures affixed thereto, and the potential sustained lack of demand for fire protection service for unoccupied spaces, each Owner of Recreational Vehicle Park

property shall be afforded the opportunity to demonstrate a historical extraordinary vacancy in space occupancy within such Assessable Property as defined herein and receive an extraordinary vacancy adjustment to the Fire Protection Assessment imposed upon such Assessable Property or a refund of the portion of the Fire Protection Assessment paid relating to vacant spaces.

(B) Notwithstanding the definition of "Commercial Property" vacant spaces in Recreational Vehicle Park property shall not be considered units of Commercial Property and shall not be subject to the Fire Protection Assessments.

(C) Vacant spaces shall be those determined by the County Manager or his designee based on evidence of a historical extraordinary vacancy rate provided by the Owner. An extraordinary vacancy rate shall be defined as the percentage of available recreational vehicle spaces within a Recreational Vehicle Park that were vacant for each and every day of the time between January 1 through and including December 31 of the prior year. The Owner shall certify by affidavit to the County, on a form provided by the County Manager or his designee, the extraordinary vacancy rates for the respective time period; such certification shall be subject to verification and audit. At a minimum, such affidavit shall conclusively identify and affirm (1) the Tax Parcel, (2) the number of spaces and type of improvements in the Recreational Vehicle Park, and (3) the vacancy rate.

(D) The County Manager or his designee is directed and authorized to adjust or refund, or cause to be adjusted or refunded, any Fire Protection Assessment imposed for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2010, upon a parcel of Recreational Vehicle Park property whose Owner satisfactorily demonstrates by affidavit that such parcel has experienced an extraordinary vacancy by multiplying the vacancy rate by the portion of the Fire Protection Assessment attributable to Recreational Vehicle Park spaces and reducing

the Fire Protection Assessment by an equivalent amount or providing a refund of the Fire Protection Assessment paid relating to such vacant spaces.

(E) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any adjustment or refund for extraordinary vacancy shall be supplemented by any legally available funds and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from Fire Protection Assessments.

**SECTION 16. PROCEDURE FOR ADJOINING TAX PARCELS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP.**

(A) The owner of Adjoining Tax Parcels may apply to the Tax Collector to combine such parcels into a single Tax Parcel for purposes of the imposition of the Fire Protection Assessment imposed herein. The property owner shall submit an application, under oath, stating:

(1) That the applicant is the owner of Adjoining Tax Parcels of real property in Columbia County, Florida as of January 1 of the year for which the assessment was made;

(2) The applicant shall:

(a) Provide a list of the parcel identification numbers for each of the Adjoining Tax Parcels;

(b) Provide the name and address of the owner.

(3) The applicant shall furnish such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

(B) The application shall be filed annually with the Tax Collector.

(C) The Tax Collector, with the assistance of other members of the administrative staff of the Board, shall, within fifteen (15) days after the filing of such application, review

the application and such other supporting data that may be filed therewith and make such further investigation as may be reasonably required in order to determine if the applicant's property qualifies as Adjoining Tax Parcels as defined herein.

(D) The Tax Collector shall furnish his written decision to such applicant by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the applicant at the address stated on the application on or before the expiration of twenty (20) days following the filing of the application determining if the applicant's property qualifies as Adjoining Tax Parcels as defined herein.

(E) If the Tax Collector shall determine that such applicant's property qualifies as Adjoining Tax Parcels, the County shall adjust the Assessment Roll to reflect a single assessment charged to such Adjoining Tax Parcels and refund any excess Fire Protection Assessment funds paid prior to the adjustment.

(F) If the Tax Collector should determine that the applicant's property does not qualify as Adjoining Tax Parcels, the Tax Collector shall inform the applicant in writing, of the applicant's right to file a written appeal to the Board within fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice of such adverse ruling.

(G) If the applicant shall fail to file a notice of appeal with the Board within fifteen (15) days, or in the event the applicant shall appeal and the decision of the Tax Collector shall be upheld by the Board, such decision, in either case, shall be final and thereupon, the Fire Protection Special Assessment shall be collected or enforced in accordance with the Ordinance and this Resolution on each Tax Parcel separately. If the Board shall reverse the decision of the Tax Collector, the County shall adjust the Assessment Roll to reflect a single assessment charged to such Adjoining Tax Parcels and refund any excess Fire Protection Assessment funds paid prior to the adjustment.

(H) The Board, may from time to time, adopt by separate resolution, guidelines and directives to the Tax Collector, County Manager, or other designated County employee, for the administration of this Section.

(I) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any adjustment or refund for Adjoining Tax Parcels shall be supplemented by any legally available funds and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from Fire Protection Assessments.

**SECTION 17. HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE.**

(A) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County to assist Indigent Persons who are Owners of Residential Property with the financial burden created by the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment.

(B) Accordingly, there is hereby created an economic hardship program to assist Residential Property owners who meet the definition of Indigent Persons as established herein. An owner of Residential Property who meets the definition of an Indigent Person as set forth herein shall be eligible to receive payment of a Fire Protection Assessment by the County. Applicants for this hardship assistance shall provide written documentation satisfactory to the Assessment Coordinator in order to qualify for such assistance. Any amounts provided for hardship assistance shall be paid by the County from funds other than those generated by the Fire Protection Assessment.

(C) The applicant shall file with the Assessment Coordinator an application under oath demonstrating entitlement to hardship assistance as provided herein. Such application shall include the following:

- (1) The name and address of all Owners of the Residential Property;

- (2) The address and legal description for the Residential Property;
- (3) Proof of total household Income from all sources and other documentation required to demonstrate qualification as an Indigent Person; and
- (4) Such other information relating to the application as may be reasonably requested.

(D) The Assessment Coordinator, with the assistance of other members of the administrative staff of the County, shall, within fifteen (15) days after the filing of such application, review the application and such other supporting data that may be filed therewith and make such further investigation as may be reasonably required in order to determine if the applicant is qualified for hardship assistance pursuant to this Section.

(E) The Assessment Coordinator shall furnish his or her written decision to such applicant by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the applicant at the address stated on the application on or before the expiration of twenty (20) days following the filing of the application determining if the applicant is or is not qualified for hardship assistance pursuant to this Section.

(F) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any hardship assistance provided herein shall be supplemented by any legally available funds, or combination of such funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Fire Protection Assessments. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines any assistance provided by the County Commission is improper or otherwise adversely affects the validity of the Fire Protection Assessment imposed for any Fiscal Year, the sole and exclusive remedy shall be the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment upon each affected Tax Parcel in the amount of the Fire Protection

Assessment that would have been otherwise imposed save for such assistance afforded to such Tax Parcel by the County Commission.

**SECTION 18. CONFLICTS.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this resolution.

**SECTION 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Preliminary Rate Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 4th day of August, 2011.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, **JODY L. DUPREE**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, **P. DEWITT CASON**

Approved for Form and Correctness:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney, **MARLIN FEAGLE**

**APPENDIX A**

**ESTIMATED FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT RATE SCHEDULE**



**APPENDIX A**

**ESTIMATED FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT RATE SCHEDULE**

**SECTION A-1. DETERMINATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSED**

**COSTS.** The estimated Fire Protection Assessed Costs to be assessed for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011, is \$3,002,417.46.

**SECTION A-2. ESTIMATED FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS.**

(A) The estimated Fire Protection Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Fire Protection Assessed Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011, are hereby established as follows for the purpose of this Preliminary Rate Resolution:

<b>RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Rate Per Dwelling Unit</b>
Residential	\$77.00
<b>LAND PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Rate Per Parcel</b>
Land <= 160 acres	\$69.58
<b>LAND PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Rate Per Each Add'l Acre (added to rate/parcel)</b>
Land ≥ 160 acres and < 640 acres	\$0.3510
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Per Square Foot Rates (w/ 50,000 square foot cap)</b>
Commercial	\$0.1364
Industrial/Warehouse	\$0.0315
Institutional	\$0.7776

(B) No Fire Protection Assessment shall be imposed upon a parcel of Government Property or upon Buildings located on a parcel of Institutional Property whose Building use is wholly exempt from ad valorem taxation under Florida law; however,

Government Property that is owned by federal mortgage entities, such as the VA and HUD, shall not be exempted from the Fire Protection Assessment.

(C) Any shortfall in the expected Fire Protection Assessment proceeds due to any reduction or exemption from payment of the Fire Protection Assessments required by law or authorized by the Board shall be supplemented by any legally available funds, or combination of such funds, and shall not be paid for by proceeds or funds derived from the Fire Protection Assessments. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines any exemption or reduction by the Board is improper or otherwise adversely affects the validity of the Fire Protection Assessment imposed for this Fiscal Year, the sole and exclusive remedy shall be the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment upon each affected Tax Parcel in the amount of the Fire Protection Assessment that would have been otherwise imposed save for such reduction or exemption afforded to such Tax Parcel by the Board.

**APPENDIX B**

**FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED**

To Be Published by August 11, 2011

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The form and content of this notice is required by state law. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the imposition of annual fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the boundaries of the Columbia County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, which includes all of the unincorporated areas of the County and the incorporated area of the Town of Fort White.

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, in the School Board Administration Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (386)758-1005, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The proposed assessment rates for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 are the same rates imposed for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The following table reflects the proposed maximum fire protection assessment schedules.

## FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS

<b>RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Rate Per Dwelling Unit</b>
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<b>LAND PROPERTY USE CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Rate Per Parcel</b>
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Institutional	\$0.7776

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, Resolution No. 2009R-29, Resolution No. 2009R-35, the Preliminary Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services for FY 2012, and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Manager in the Columbia County Courthouse located at 135 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2011, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the Columbia County Tax Collector at (386)758-1080, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

[INSERT MAP OF THE COUNTY]

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF NOTICE TO BE MAILED**

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**\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER \*\*\*\*\***

**Columbia County**  
**[Address]**  
**[City], Florida [zip code]**

<p>COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS NOTICE DATE: August 11, 2011</p>
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**Owner Name**  
**Address**  
**City, State Zip**

*Tax Parcel #* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Legal Description:* \_\_\_\_\_

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The form and content of this notice is required by state law. As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is given by Columbia County that an annual assessment for fire protection services using the tax bill collection method, may be levied on your property for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2011 and for future fiscal years. The purpose of this assessment is to fund fire protection services benefiting property located within the unincorporated area of the County and the incorporated area of the Town of Fort White. The total annual Fire Protection Assessment revenue to be collected within the County is estimated to be \$3,002,417.46. for fiscal year October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012. The annual fire protection assessment is based on the classification of each parcel of property and number of billing units contained therein.

The above parcel is classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

The total number of billing units on the above parcel is \_\_\_\_\_.

The type of billing units on the above parcel is \_\_\_\_\_.

The proposed maximum Fire Protection Assessment for the above parcel is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011 and for future fiscal years.

A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2011, in the School Board Administration Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. You and all other affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (386)758-1005, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Unless proper steps are initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of County's action at the above hearing (including the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment and the imposition of assessments), such action shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented.

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, Resolution No. 2009R-29, Resolution No. 2009R-35, the Preliminary Rate Resolution for FY 2012 and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Manager in the Columbia County Courthouse located at 135 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

The fire protection service non-ad valorem assessment amount shown on this notice will be mailed by the Columbia County Tax Collector in November of 2011. Failure to pay the assessment could result causing a tax certificate to be issued against your property which may result in a loss of title.

If there is a mistake on this notice, it will be corrected. If you have any questions regarding your fire protection assessment, please contact the Columbia County Tax Collector at (386)758-1080, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

• \*\*\*\* THIS IS NOT A BILL \*\*\*\*



**APPENDIX D**

**PARCEL APPORTIONMENT MENTHODOLOGY**

## **APPENDIX D**

### **PARCEL APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY**

The Cost Apportionment to each Property Use Category shall be apportioned among the Tax Parcels within each Property Use Category as follows:

**SECTION D-1. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.** The Fire Protection Assessment for each Tax Parcel of Residential Property shall be computed by multiplying the Demand Percentage attributable to Residential Property by the Fire Protection Assessed Costs, dividing such product by the total number of Dwelling Units shown on the Tax Roll within the County, and then multiplying such quotient by the number of Dwelling Units located on such Tax Parcel.

**SECTION D-2. NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.** The Fire Protection Assessments for each Building of Non-Residential Property, except Recreational Vehicle Park Property, shall be computed as follows:

(A) Respectively, multiply the Fire Protection Assessed Costs by the Demand Percentage attributable to each of the Non-Residential Property Use Categories. The resulting dollar amounts reflect the portions of the County's fire protection budget to be respectively funded from Fire Protection Assessment revenue derived from each of the Non-Residential Property Use Categories.

(B) Separate each Building of Non-Residential Property into the appropriate Non-Residential Property Use Category for that Building.

(C) For each Non-Residential Property Use Category, add the Building square footage of all the Buildings in each Non-Residential Property Use Category. All Buildings

with a number of square feet exceeding 50,000 will be included in the calculation at 50,000 square feet. This sum reflects an aggregate square footage area for each Non-Residential Property Use Category to be used by the County in the computation of Fire Protection Assessments.

(D) Divide the product of subsection (A) of this Section relative to each of the Non-Residential Property Use Categories by the sum of the square foot allocations for each Non-Residential Property Use Category described in subsection (C) of this Section. The resulting quotient expresses a dollar amount per square foot of improved area ("the square foot rate") to be used in computing Fire Protection Assessments on each of the respective Non-Residential Property Use Categories.

(E) For each of the Non-Residential Property Use Categories, multiply the applicable square foot rate calculated under subsection (D) of this Section by the number of square feet, up to 50,000 square feet, for each Building in the Non-Residential Property Use Categories. The resulting products for each Building expresses the amount of Fire Protection Assessments to be imposed on each Building of Non-Residential Property. Any aggregated square footage of Non-Residential property that exceeds 50,000 square feet shall be assigned the commercial dollar amount for 50,000 square feet.

### **SECTION D-3. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK PROPERTY.**

Notwithstanding the procedure in Section D-2 for Commercial Property, the Fire Protection Assessments for each Tax Parcel of Recreational Vehicle Park property shall be computed as follows:

(A) Aggregate the amount of square footage for each Tax Parcel of Recreational Vehicle Park, with recreational vehicle spaces, as reported to the Department of Health, at

1,200 square feet each. All other buildings on the Recreational Vehicle Park Property, excluding homesteaded property and mobile home parcels, shall be included at their actual square footage in the total square footage for the parcel.

(B) Assign the respective dollar amount of the Fire Rescue Assessments determined in Section D-2 of this Appendix for Commercial Property to comparable aggregated square footage category ranges of Recreational Vehicle Park property as calculated in paragraph (A) above. Any aggregated square footage of Recreational Vehicle Park property that exceeds 50,000 square feet shall be assigned the commercial dollar amount for 50,000 square feet.

**SECTION D-4. LAND.** The Fire Protection Assessments for each Tax Parcel of Land shall be computed as follows:

(A) Respectively, multiply the Fire Protection Assessed Costs by the Demand Percentage attributable to Land. The resulting dollar amounts reflect the portions of the County's fire protection budget to be respectively funded from Fire Protection Assessment revenue derived from Land. The allocated Fire Protection Assessed Costs were further allocated by the proportion of parcels equal to or less than 160 acres ("small Land parcels") and to proportion of parcels greater than 160 acres ("large Land parcels").

(B) For the small Land parcels, the allocated Fire Protection Assessed Cost was divided by the total number of parcels within the Land Property Use Category. That quotient results in the cost per parcel. Accordingly, each parcel of small Land parcels will be assessed the per parcel charge calculated under this Section D-4(B).

(C) For the large Land parcels, the allocated Fire Protection Assessed Cost was divided by the number of acres associated with parcels greater than 160 acres. That

quotient results in a cost per acre. Accordingly, each parcel of large Land parcels will be assessed the sum of the following: (1) the per parcel charge calculated under Section D-4(B) for the parcels with acreage equal to or less than 160 acres; and (2) the product of the per acres charge calculated under Section D-4(C) times the number of acres on the large Land parcels up to, but not exceeding 640 acres.

**SECTION D-5. MIXED USE PROPERTY.** The Fire Protection Assessments for each Tax Parcel classified in two or more Property Use Categories shall be the sum of the Fire Protection Assessments computed for each Property Use Category.

# P. DeWitt Cason

Clerk of Circuit Court - Columbia County, Florida



July 19, 2011

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Board of County Commissioners  
Columbia County

Honorable Jody DuPree, Chairman  
Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
135 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 203  
Lake City, Florida 32055

Reference: Value Adjustment Board

Dear Mr. DuPree:

As Chairman of the Columbia County Commissioners, I am requesting you to please supply the names of two (2) commissioners and one (1) citizen member to serve on the Value Adjustment Board for 2011. The citizen member of the board must be appointed by the Columbia County Commissioners who is a Columbia County citizen and must own homestead property within the county. (See Attachment)

VAB hearings will be held October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> this year and will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the CCSB Complex auditorium.

Please supply the commissioners and citizen names as soon as possible in order for our first Organizational meeting to be set.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda H. Odom".

Linda H. Odom  
Administrative Assistant

Attachment (1)

cc: J. Doyle Crews, Property Appraiser  
Lisa Roberts, Assistant County Manager  
Sandy Markham, BOCC Admin Assist  
VAB File

# P. DeWitt Cason

Clerk of Circuit Court - Columbia County, Florida



July 19, 2011

Honorable Linard Johnson, Chairman  
Columbia County School Board  
372 West Duval Street  
Lake City, Florida 32055

Reference: Value Adjustment Board

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As Chairman of the Columbia County School Board, I am requesting you to please supply the names of one (1) school board member and one (1) citizen member to serve on the Value Adjustment Board for 2011. One member of the board must be appointed by the Columbia County School Board who is a Columbia County citizen and must own a business within the school board district. (See Attachment)

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Please supply the school board and citizen names as soon as possible in order for our first Organizational meeting to be set.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda H. Odom".

Linda H. Odom  
Administrative Assistant

Attachment (1)

cc: J. Doyle Crews, Property Appraiser  
Lisa Roberts, Assistant County Manager  
Sandy Markham, Adm Asst BOCC  
VAB File

records are necessary to determine either the classification or the value of taxable nonhomestead property.

Rulemaking Authority 194.011(5), 194.034(1), 195.027(1), 213.06(1) FS. Law Implemented 192.0105, 193.074, 194.011, 194.013, 194.015, 194.032, 194.034, 194.035, 194.036, 194.301, 195.002, 195.027, 195.084, 195.096, 196.011, 196.151, 196.193, 196.194, 197.122, 213.05 FS. History—New 3-30-10.

#### **12D-9.002 Informal Conference Procedures.**

(1) Any taxpayer who objects to the assessment placed on his or her property, including the assessment of homestead property at less than just value, shall have the right to request an informal conference with the property appraiser.

(2) The property appraiser or a member of his or her staff shall confer with the taxpayer regarding the correctness of the assessment.

(3) At the conference, the taxpayer shall present facts that he or she considers supportive of changing the assessment and the property appraiser or his or her representative shall present facts that the property appraiser considers to be supportive of the assessment.

(4) The request for an informal conference is not a prerequisite to administrative or judicial review of property assessments. Requesting or participating in an informal conference does not extend the petition filing deadline. A taxpayer may file a petition while seeking an informal conference in order to preserve his or her right to an administrative hearing.

Rulemaking Authority 194.011(5), 194.034(1), 195.027(1), 213.06(1) FS. Law Implemented 194.011, 213.05 FS. History—New 3-30-10.

#### **12D-9.003 Definitions.**

(1) "Agent" means any person, including a family member of the taxpayer, who is authorized to represent the taxpayer before the board.

(2) "Board" means the local value adjustment board.

(3) "Clerk" means the clerk of the local value adjustment board.

(4) "Department," unless otherwise designated, means the Department of Revenue.

(5) "Hearing" means any hearing relating to a petition before a value adjustment board or special magistrate, regardless of whether the parties are physically present or telephonic or other electronic media is used to conduct the hearing, but shall not include a proceeding to act upon, consider or adopt special magistrates' recommended decisions at which no testimony or comment is taken or heard from a party.

(6) "Petitioner" means the taxpayer or the taxpayer as represented by an agent or attorney.

(7) "Taxpayer" means the person or other legal entity in whose name property is assessed, including an agent of a timeshare period titleholder, and includes exempt owners of property, for purposes of this chapter.

Rulemaking Authority 194.011(5), 194.034(1), 195.027(1), 213.06(1) FS. Law Implemented 192.001, 194.011, 194.013, 194.015, 194.032, 194.034, 194.035, 194.036, 194.171, 195.022, 213.05, AGO 2002-058 FS. History—New 3-30-10.

#### **12D-9.004 Composition of the Value Adjustment Board.**

(1) Every county shall have a value adjustment board which consists of:

(a) Two members of the governing body of the county, elected by the governing body from among its members, one of whom shall be elected as the chairperson of the value adjustment board;

(b) One member of the school board of the county, elected by the school board from among its members; and

(c) Two citizen members:

1. One who owns homestead property in the county appointed by the county's governing body;

2. One who owns a business that occupies commercial space located within the school district appointed by the school board of the county. This person must, during the entire course

of service, own a commercial enterprise, occupation, profession, or trade conducted from a commercial space located within the school district and need not be the sole owner.

3. Citizen members must not be:

a. A member or employee of any taxing authority in this state;

b. A person who represents property owners, property appraisers, tax collectors, or taxing



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District No. 2 - Rusty DePratter  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Lisa K.B. Roberts, Assistant County Manager  
**DATE:** July 21, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Economic Development Board Vacancy - Appointment

Please be advised that a vacancy on the Economic Development Board/Industrial Development Authority Board is due to the resignation of Suzanne Norris since June 30, 2011.

On January 27, 2011 and February 2, 2011 the Board solicited volunteers for the position of Economic Development Board/Industrial Development Authority Board. Applicants who were not selected at that time to fill the positions on the Board and remain as candidates are as stated:

Stephen A. Douglas

Ted A. Wooley

An additional resume was received after the deadline for solicitation of volunteers for the position as stated above. The named individual is as follows:

Bucky Nash

Resumes' of all the above stated applicants are attached hereto. You are requested to review the applications and appoint Stephen A. Douglas to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Board/ Industrial Development Authority Board.

XC: Dale Williams, County Manager  
2011 Board Nominee File  
Outgoing Correspondence

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.  
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

February 2, 2011

Lisa K. B. Roberts  
Columbia County - Board of County Commissioners  
PO Box 1529  
Lake City, FL 32056

Ms. Roberts,

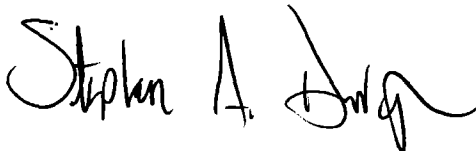
I would like to be considered for one of the opened positions on the Columbia County Economic Development Board.

Having graduated from Columbia High School in 1984 and leaving the area to pursue a higher education, I have lived in several large cities such as Gainesville, FL, Orlando, FL and Jacksonville, FL always being aware of how planning and economic development had strengthened or weakened their long term growth and quality of life for both the residential and business community.

Having returned back to Lake City to pursue a dream of owning my own business after ten plus years in the banking industry, I have experience firsthand the importance of strong and sound economic development that a community must have in order to compete and thrive in today's economy.

Taking that experience along with my desire to be a part of the positive growth that we are experiencing in Columbia County, I am respectfully asking to be considered for a position on the Columbia County Economic Development Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "D".

Stephen A. Douglas  
Mini-Storage & Record Storage of Lake City  
(386) 752-7092  
[Stephen@lakecitystorage.com](mailto:Stephen@lakecitystorage.com)

LISA

# Ted A. Wooley

165 SW Timber Ridge Drive  
Lake City, FL 32024-6744  
386-961-8222 • tedwooley7@yahoo.com

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Board of County Commissioners  
Columbia County

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD / INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Postal Service – 05/04/1981 thru Present

Management Positions: 7 yrs

- **Supervisor - Customer Service / Lake City, FL**  
Date: 06/09/2007 – Present
- **Supervisor - Distribution and Processing / Kokomo, IN**  
Date: 11/06/2004 – 06/08/2007
- **ASP Trainee / Kokomo, IN**  
Date: 07/10/2004 – 11/06/2004

Received several Letters of Appreciation, Recognitions and Awards but to name a few are: Canned Food Drive Award, Ice Storm Safety Award

Position Description- Current position – Supervise 28 rural carriers and 25 RCA's in addition to 11 clerks ranging in mail processing to window services.

Non-Management Positions:

- **Maintenance Support Clerk / Kokomo, IN**  
Date: 05/04/1992 – 07/10/2004
- **Custodian / Kokomo, IN**  
Date: 10/01/1986 – 05/04/1992
- **Letter Carrier / Kokomo, IN**  
Date: 05/04/1981 – 10/01/1986

Proprietor – Cedar Crest Bowling Lanes and Pumpkin Vine Lounge / Kokomo, IN

Date: 02/1985 – 12/1990

Position Description – Owned and managed the daily operations of a 24 lane bowling center and 100 capacity bar/lounge. Including the supervision of 10 bowling center and 5 lounge employees, inventory control, sales and service.

### Community Positions Held in Kokomo, IN

- Taylor High School Assistance Varsity Baseball Coach
- Taylor Elementary Basketball Coach
- Kokomo Bowling Association Board of Directors
- YMCA Basketball Coach

### Accomplishments

- Held City of Kokomo High Series Bowling Record – 802
- Achieved 10 Sanctioned '300' Perfect Score Games
- Inductee to the Kokomo Bowling Hall of Fame

file -  
2011 Board  
Nominee

To Board of County Commissioners:

I would like to be considered for the vacancy on the IDA (economic development committee).

Thanks  
Bucky Nash

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bucky Nash". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**MEMORANDUM**

July 20, 2011

**To:** Dale Williams, County Manager

**From:** Clint Pittman, Landscape and Parks Director *CP*

**Re:** Fence at Old Boys Club property

Dale, the next step in the Old Boys Club project is the fencing of the property. Due to the problems that occurred during the first phases of cleanup I want to make sure everyone comprehends the remainder of the project. The property was intended to be used for practice fields and part of that was to fence the perimeter and the front parking area so we have a safe place for our kids to practice. The fence specifications were presented to you in the memo dated June 6, 2011, which you asked me to provide a diagram showing gate locations, if we bid this out. The specifications and diagram are attached to this memo. I recommend that we bid this project out so there are no questions on pricing or purchase of materials. I recommend that the existing chain link be repaired with some additions and a couple changes to accommodate utility easements. This would save the county some money to be able to reuse most all of the existing line post. Reset existing gate openings, replace top rail, replace wire, and add additional new fencing to complete front property boundary. The parking area and remaining property boundaries would be fencing as originally discussed. I would ask that this be put out to bid and that funding be budgeted according to those bids so that no issues occur during this process.

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.  
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**Memorandum**

July 25, 2011

**To:** Dale Williams, County Manager

**From:** Clint Pittman, Landscape and Parks Director

**Re:** Fence for old Boys Club on Lake Jeffery Rd.

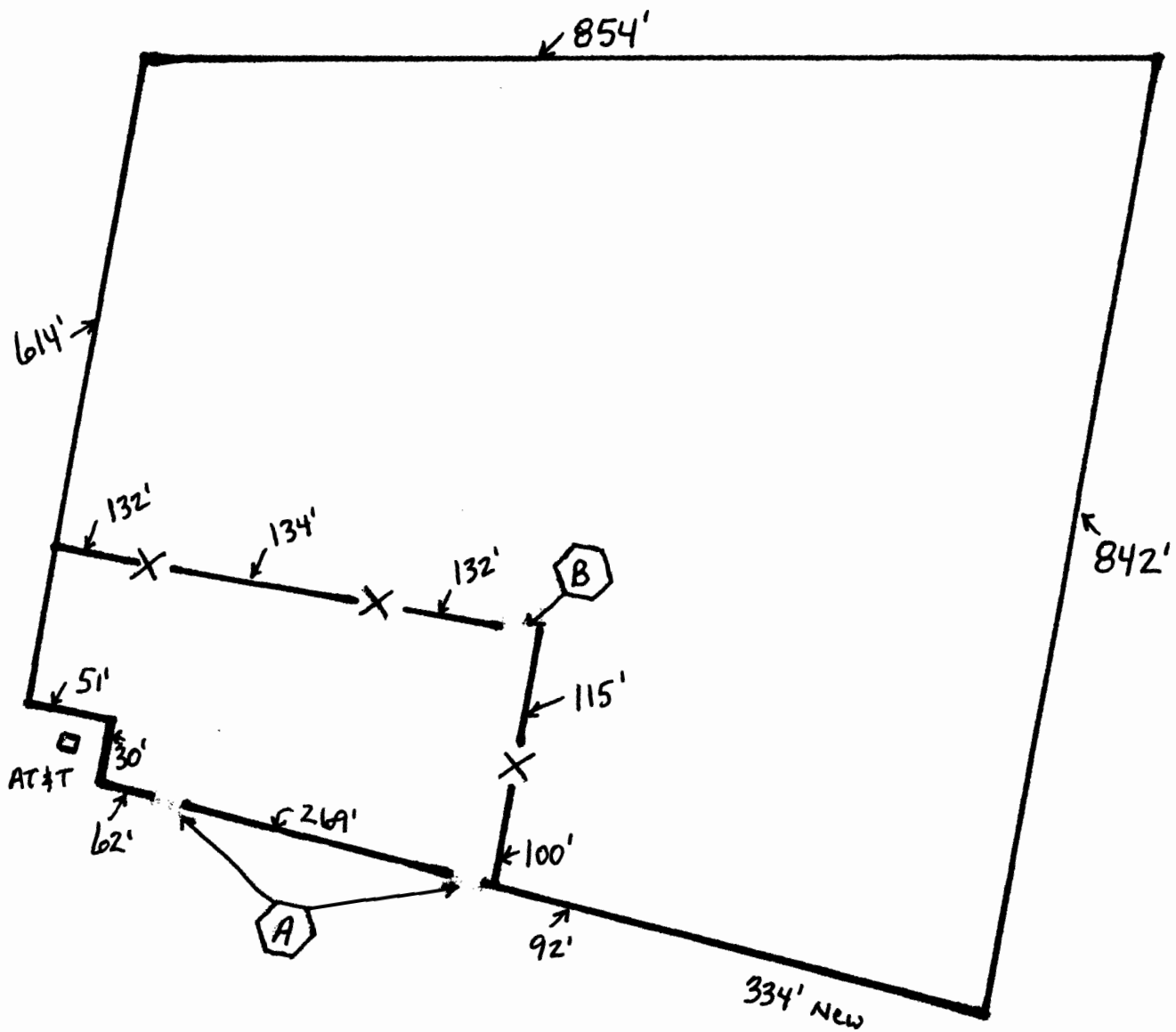
The fence for the southern boundary which is along Lake Jeffery road is 827 ft. This fence would be 6', 9 gauge, knuckle / knuckle, chain link installed on 2" schedule 40 line post. These posts should be placed 10' on center with 1 5/8" schedule 40 top rail. Termination post and gate post should be 3" schedule 40. All posts are to be concreted in place with gate opening being 16' wide. Gate opening should have two 10' x 6' gates with center slide / latch bar and knuckle / knuckle wire also made of schedule 40 tubing. Tension wire should also be installed along bottom of fence. This section of fence would be permanent even if property boundaries on back change for future expansion.

Remainder of property would be fenced with field fence to mark boundaries and keep trespassers from driving in from adjacent properties to dump trash and vandalize area. Property boundary and parking area would be 2,923 ft. This fence would be 48" high field fence class 3 galvanized on 3 1/2 to 4" pressure treated line post on 10' centers. Corner to be 7" to 8" pressure treated double H brace construction with brace wire. Brace post should be pinned on each end. Walk throughs will be left open along parking area with one 16' tube gate for maintenance entrance.

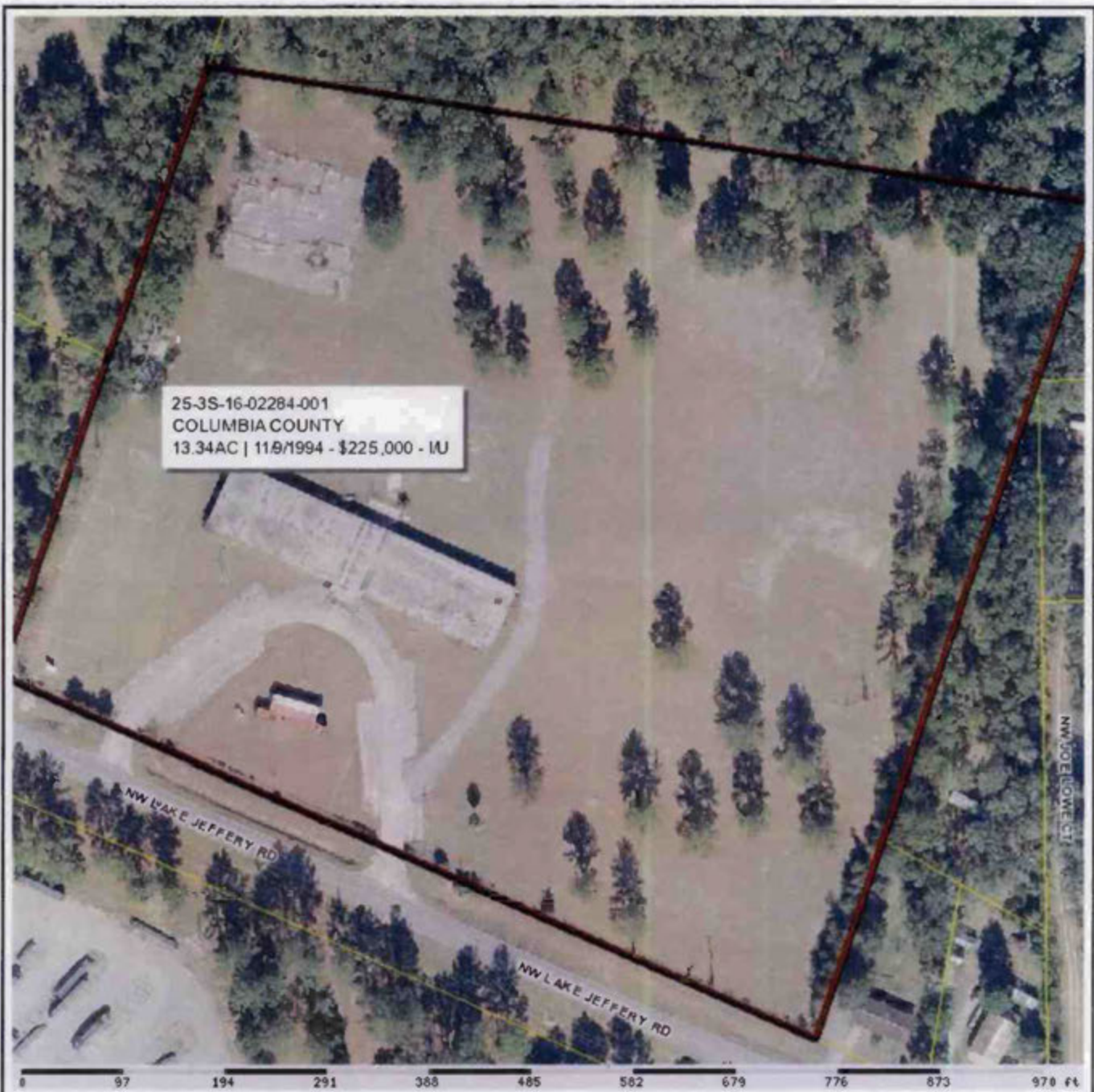
Contractor should be responsible for update of all locates. Price per linear foot for installation and materials. Footage will be verified after installation for totals before billing. Chain link and field fence portions should be priced separately.

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AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.



- A 20' Gate opening with two 10' gates
- B 16" Tube Gate for maintenance entrance
- X 4 feet walk thru areas form parking to field area
- Chain Link Fence
- Field Fence



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NW COR SECTION 16

**Columbia County Property Appraiser**

J. Doyle Crews - Lake City, Florida 32055 | 386-758-1083

**PARCEL: 25-3S-16-02284-001** - COUNTY (008600)

COMM NE COR OF SEC, RUN S 885.27 FT FOR POB, RUN S 434.73 FT, SW 662.21 FT TO N R/W CR-250, NW ALONG RW 825 FT, N 1062.55 FT, SE 696.28 FT FT TO POB.

Name: COLUMBIA COUNTY  
 Site: 1689 NW LAKE JEFFERY RD  
 Mail: P O BOX 1529  
 LAKE CITY, FL 32056

Sales: 11/9/1994  
 Info: 2/1/1983

\$225,000.00 I / U  
 \$1,000.00 I / U

**2010 Certified Values**

Land	\$79,267.00
Bldg	\$83,024.00
Assd	\$164,241.00
Exmpt	\$164,241.00
	Cnty: \$0
	Other: \$0   Schl: \$0

NOTES:



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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Lisa K.B. Roberts, Assistant County Manager  
**DATE:** June 24, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Group Health Insurance Renewal Fiscal Year 2011-12

Please be advised the Columbia County Insurance Committee convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2011 to allow Tyson Johnson, Parks Johnson Agency to present the 2011 BlueCross BlueShield of Florida (BCBS) group plan policy renewal proposal. The following proposal was offered by BCBS:

- (1) Renew the current group health for policy year 2011 with no rate adjustments.
- (2) Contribution of \$75,000 to be used to fund a Wellness Plan for the group. The purpose of the Wellness Plan would be to encourage participants in the group health plan to adapt healthy lifestyle choices, such as exercise and nutrition, in an effort to improve the overall health of the group and curb future medical costs. The Plan would be developed by a subcommittee of the Insurance Committee and the money can be used for education, employee incentives, or any other purpose deemed suitable by the committee, provided it is related to the health and wellness of the employees of the County.
- (3) Florida Combined Life Insurance Company, Inc. voluntary Group Dental Insurance Benefits increased as follows:

	Current Rates	New Rates
Employee	\$24.64	\$26.23
Employee + 1 Dependent	\$48.90	\$52.05
Family	\$89.32	\$95.07

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Because the \$75,000 contribution is an investment in the health and wellness of the employees of the group. BCBS will incorporate into a Pro-Share Agreement a requirement the County maintain its group health plan with BCBS for 2 years. Should the County leave during this 2 year period, BCBS will require the County repay \$50,000 of the wellness contribution.

The Insurance Committee voted unanimously to renew the current group health plan for 2011 with no rate adjustments, renew the voluntary BlueDental Choice Plus Voluntary Plans with proposed increases and accept the Wellness contribution for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners approval.

XC: Dale Williams, County Manager  
Insurance Committee File  
Outgoing Correspondence

attachments

Financial Features - Amount Member Pays	BlueChoice	BlueOptions	BlueOptions
	Plan A	Plan C	HSA Compatible Plan D/E Individual/Family
<b>Calendar Year Deductible (CYD)</b> Per Person/Family Aggregate			
In-Network	\$1,000 / \$2,000	\$1,500 / \$4,500	\$1,250 / \$2,500*
Out-of-Network	Combined w/ In-Network	\$3,000 / \$9,000	\$2,500 / \$5,000*
<b>Coinsurance (Coins)</b> Percentage of covered services paid by member			
In-Network	20%	20%	20%
Out-of-Network	40%	40%	40%
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b> Per Person/Family Aggregate	Includes Coinsurance Only	Includes CYD, Coins, Copays; Excludes Rx	Includes CYD, Coins, Copays
In-Network	\$2,000 / \$6,000	\$3,000 / \$6,000	\$5,000 / \$5,000*
Out-of-Network	Combined w/ In-Network	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$10,000 / \$10,000*
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	No Maximum	No Maximum	No Maximum
<b>Office Services</b>			
<b>Office visits</b>			
In-Network Family Physician/PCP (FP)	\$20	\$25	CYD + 20%
In-Network Specialist (SP)	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Provider	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Advanced Imaging Services (AIS)</b> (MRI, MRA, PET, CT, Nuclear Medicine)			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Provider	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Maternity (Due at initial visit only)</b>			
In-Network Family Physician/PCP (FP)	\$20	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
In-Network Specialist (SP)	CYD + 20%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Provider	CYD + 40%		CYD + 40%
<b>Allergy Injections</b>			
In-Network Family Physician/PCP (FP)	\$5	\$10	CYD + 20%
In-Network Specialist (SP)	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Provider	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Medical Pharmacy – Physician-Administered Medications (applies to Office Setting and Specialty Pharmacy Vendors)</b>			
<b>In-Network Monthly Out-of-Pocket (OOP) Maximum<sup>2</sup></b>	\$200	\$200	\$200
<b>In-Network Provider</b>	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
<b>Out-of-Network</b>	CYD + 50%	CYD + 50%	CYD + 50%
Physician-Administered Medications – These medications require the administration to be performed by a health care provider. The medications are ordered by a provider and administered in an office or outpatient setting. Physician-Administered medications are covered under your <i>medical</i> benefit. Please refer to the Physician-Administered medication list in the Medication Guide for a list of drugs covered under this benefit.			
<b>Preventive Care</b>			
<b>Adult Wellness Benefit Maximum (PBP)</b>			
In-Network	No Maximum	No Maximum	No Maximum
Out-of-Network	No Maximum	\$150	\$150
<b>Routine Adult Physical and Well Woman Exam</b>			
In-Network Family Physician	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Network Specialist	\$0	\$0	\$0
Out-of-Network	\$0	40%	40%

Financial Features - Amount Member Pays	BlueChoice	BlueOptions	BlueOptions
	Plan A	Plan C	HSA Compatible Plan D/E Individual/Family
<b>Well Child (No PBP Max)</b>			
In-Network Family Physician	\$0	\$25	20%
In-Network Specialist	\$0	20%	20%
Out-of-Network	40%	40%	40%
<b>Mammograms (Covered at 100% of Allowed Amount)</b>			
In-Network and Out-of-Network	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Colonoscopy (Routine for age 50+ then frequency schedule applies)</b> (Covered at 100% of Allowed Amount)			
In-Network	\$0	\$0	\$0
Out-of-Network	40%	\$0	\$0
<b>Hospital/Surgical</b>			
<b>Inpatient Hospital Facility and Rehabilitation Services (per admit)</b>			
In-Network	\$150 PAD + CYD + 20%	Rehabilitation Services limit – 21 days Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 25%	Rehabilitation Services limit – 21 days Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 25%
Out-of-Network	\$300 PAD + CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Outpatient Hospital Facility Services (per visit)</b>			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 25%	Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 25%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Therapy at Outpatient Hospital</b>			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	Option 1 - \$45 Option 2 - \$60	Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 25%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)</b>			
In-Network Facility	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Facility	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Emergency Room Facility Services (per visit; waived if admitted)</b>			
In-Network	\$50 + CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	\$50 + CYD + 20%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 20%
<b>Emergency Medical Care</b>			
<b>Urgent Care Centers</b>			
In-Network	\$20	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Emergency Room Facility Services (per visit)</b>			
In-Network	\$50 + CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	\$50 + CYD + 20%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 20%
<b>Ambulance Services (Ground, air and water travel, combined per day maximum)</b>			
In-Network and Out-of-Network	No Maximum CYD + 20%	\$5,000 Combined CYD + 20%	\$5,000 Combined CYD + 20%

Financial Features - <i>Amount Member Pays</i>	BlueChoice	BlueOptions	BlueOptions
	Plan A	Plan C	HSA Compatible Plan D/E Individual/Family
<b>Outpatient Diagnostic Services</b>			
<b>Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTF) (per visit) (X-rays and Advanced Imaging) Includes Provider Services</b>			
In-Network (Advanced Imaging Services)	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
In-Network (Other Diagnostic Services)	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Independent Clinical Lab</b>			
In-Network	20%	\$0	CYD
Out-of-Network	CYD + Coins	CYD + Coins	CYD 40% Coins
<b>Other Provider Services</b>			
<b>Provider Services at Hospital and ER</b>			
In-Network and Out-of-Network	In-Network CYD + 20%	In-Network CYD + 20%	In-Network CYD + 20%
<b>Radiology, Pathology and Anesthesiology Provider Services at an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)</b>			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	In-Network CYD + 20%	In-Network CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	In-Network CYD + 20%	In-Network CYD + 20%
<b>Provider Services at Locations other than Office, Hospital and ER</b>			
In-Network Family Physician	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
In-Network Specialist	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Other Special</b>			
<b>Combined Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation and Occupational, Physical, Speech and Massage Therapies (PBP Max)</b>	35 Visits	35 Visits	35 Visits
<b>Spinal Manipulations (sub part of OP Therapy Max) (PBP Max)</b>	26 Manipulations	26 Manipulations	26 Manipulations
In-Network Locations other than Hospital and Physician's Office	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network Locations other than Hospital	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Outpatient Hospital Facility Services (per visit)</b>			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	Option 1 - \$45 Option 2 - \$60	Option 1 CYD + 20% Option 2 CYD + 25%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotics</b>			
In-Network	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Home Health Care (PBP Max)</b>	20 Visits	20 Visits	20 Visits
In-Network	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (PBP Max)</b>	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days
In-Network	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Hospice</b>	No Maximum	No Maximum	No Maximum
In-Network	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%

Financial Features - Amount Member Pays	BlueChoice	BlueOptions	BlueOptions
	Plan A	Plan C	HSA Compatible Plan D/E Individual/Family
<b>Mental Health/Substance Dependency</b>			
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization Facility Services (per admit)</b>			
In-Network	\$0	Option 1 - \$0 Option 2 - \$0	Option 1 - CYD + 20% Option 2 - CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Emergency Room Facility Services (per visit)</b>			
In-Network and Out-of-Network	\$0	\$0	In-network CYD + 20%
<b>Provider Services at Hospital and ER</b>			
In-Network Family Physician / Specialist	\$0	\$0	CYD+ 20%
Out-of-Network	\$0	\$0	In-network CYD + 20%
<b>Provider Services at Locations other than Office, Hospital and ER</b>			
In-Network Family Physician / Specialist	\$0	CYD + 20%	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Outpatient Office Visit</b>			
In-Network Family Physician / Specialist	\$0	\$0	CYD + 20%
Out-of-Network	40%	CYD + 40%	CYD + 40%
<b>Prescription R/x</b>			
<b>Generic/Brand/Non-Preferred - Retail</b>	CYD then 40%	\$15/\$30/\$50	CYD then \$15/\$30/\$50
<b>Generic/Brand/Non-Preferred - Mailorder</b>	\$20/\$50 (all brand)	\$40/\$75/\$125	CYD then \$40/\$75/\$125
<b>Proposed Payroll Deductions (based on current contribution)</b>			
<b>Employee Only</b>	\$42.03	\$28.14	\$0
<b>Employee/Family</b>	\$249.47	\$224.35	\$147.48
<b>Dual Spouse</b>	\$35.40	\$10.28	\$0.00

This is not an insurance contract or Benefit Booklet. The above Benefit Summary is only a partial description of the many benefits and services covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. For a complete description of benefits and exclusions, please see Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's BlueOptions Benefit Booklet and Schedule of Benefits; its terms prevail.

The information contained in benefit overview includes benefit changes required as a result of the Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act (PPACA), otherwise known as Health Care Reform (HCR). Please note that plan benefits are subject to change and may be revised based on guidance and regulations issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) or other applicable federal agency.

\* When choosing family coverage on Plan E, the deductible and out-of-pocket maximum is not per person. It can be met by one person or a combination of anyone covered on the plan.

Monitoring Report by Paid Utilization and Enrollment

Company: COLUMBIA CO BOCC 1  
 Group(s): 15243  
 Division(s): All  
 Platform(s): All  
 Product(s): All  
 Location Code: All  
 Current Paid Date: May2010 - Apr2011

Paid Year /Month	Contracts	Members	PREMIUM	CAPITATION			FEE FOR SERVICE (FFS) CLAIMS							Grand Total	MLR
			Total Premium	PGP	Specialty	Total Capitation	Inpatient	Outpatient	Total Facility	Physician	Other	Total Medical	Pharmacy		
201005	447	767	\$261,526.13	\$0.00	\$37.21	\$37.21	\$32,720.83	\$14,041.27	\$46,782.10	\$37,176.57	\$12,551.60	\$96,490.27	\$25,417.81	\$121,945.29	46.63%
201006	446	787	\$260,785.27	\$0.00	\$38.43	\$38.43	\$114,907.02	\$79,433.32	\$194,340.34	\$63,682.47	\$17,391.86	\$275,614.67	\$31,708.32	\$307,361.42	117.88%
201007	449	779	\$264,302.97	\$0.00	\$37.82	\$37.82	\$99,171.87	\$33,895.49	\$132,867.18	\$75,338.50	\$12,873.32	\$221,078.98	\$19,959.20	\$241,078.00	91.21%
201008	456	788	\$266,069.30	\$0.00	\$38.43	\$38.43	\$87,869.27	\$66,242.42	\$154,111.89	\$85,411.83	\$20,270.89	\$259,794.01	\$28,552.89	\$286,385.13	107.64%
201009	450	775	\$267,369.44	\$0.00	\$38.43	\$38.43	\$58,563.49	\$44,107.03	\$102,670.52	\$58,944.14	\$13,022.64	\$174,837.30	\$44,278.87	\$218,954.60	81.89%
201010	436	740	\$273,849.55	\$0.00	\$-2.44	\$-2.44	\$0.00	\$46,032.61	\$46,032.61	\$82,813.03	\$10,324.90	\$119,170.54	\$18,496.69	\$137,664.79	50.27%
201011	434	745	\$276,479.02	\$0.00	\$247.66	\$247.66	\$7,509.06	\$67,824.25	\$75,333.31	\$53,415.37	\$7,770.36	\$136,519.04	\$23,589.88	\$160,336.58	57.99%
201012	433	743	\$273,357.57	\$0.00	\$141.52	\$141.52	\$67,534.44	\$61,989.27	\$129,623.71	\$52,544.54	\$7,320.10	\$189,488.35	\$23,223.85	\$212,853.72	77.87%
201101	432	745	\$270,577.90	\$0.00	\$140.91	\$140.91	\$32,343.38	\$32,836.70	\$65,180.08	\$40,104.91	\$5,376.57	\$110,661.58	\$25,863.67	\$136,466.14	50.44%
201102	432	748	\$273,940.20	\$0.00	\$146.40	\$146.40	\$34,636.69	\$11,953.76	\$46,590.45	\$30,477.90	\$8,648.99	\$85,717.34	\$14,710.37	\$100,574.11	36.71%
201103	430	748	\$265,902.35	\$0.00	\$146.40	\$146.40	\$19,104.77	\$34,123.31	\$53,228.08	\$41,376.82	\$9,478.15	\$104,083.05	\$35,658.10	\$139,887.55	52.61%
201104	426	742	\$276,272.95	\$0.00	\$146.40	\$146.40	\$69,345.27	\$40,725.16	\$110,070.43	\$33,753.79	\$9,044.83	\$152,868.85	\$28,113.98	\$181,129.23	65.56%
Total:	5,271	9,885	\$3,230,432.66	\$0.00	\$1,167.17	\$1,167.17	\$623,895.89	\$533,004.69	\$1,196,819.48	\$635,239.67	\$134,073.61	\$1,926,123.96	\$317,363.43	\$2,244,634.56	89.46%
Avg:	439	757	\$269,292.72	\$0.00	\$96.43	\$96.43	\$81,983.82	\$44,417.95	\$98,400.87	\$52,936.84	\$11,172.82	\$160,510.33	\$26,448.12	\$187,062.88	69.48%

Grand total includes Med FFS, Pharmacy FFS and Capitation.  
 Enrollment is recast to reflect retroactive adjustments.  
 MLR = Medical Loss Ratio

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Company: COLUMBIA CO BOCC 1

Group(s): 15243

Division(s): All

Platform(s): All

Product(s): All

Location Code: All

Current Paid Date: May2010 - Apr2011

Paid Year /Month	Employee /Single	Employee /Spouse	Employee /Children	Family	Spouse	Spouse /Children	Children Only	Total Contracts	Total Members
201005	306	0	0	141	0	0	0	447	767
201006	306	0	0	140	0	0	0	446	767
201007	306	0	0	143	0	0	0	449	779
201008	313	0	0	143	0	0	0	456	788
201009	310	0	0	140	0	0	0	450	775
201010	310	0	0	126	0	0	0	436	740
201011	306	0	0	128	0	0	0	434	745
201012	306	0	0	127	0	0	0	433	743
201101	305	0	0	127	0	0	0	432	745
201102	303	0	0	129	0	0	0	432	746
201103	300	0	0	130	0	0	0	430	748
201104	298	0	0	128	0	0	0	426	742
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>9,085</b>
<b>Avg:</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>757</b>

Grand total includes Med FFS, Pharmacy FFS and Capitation.

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## COLUMBIA COUNTY GROUP # 15243

FFS Claims	2,244,634
Less Pooled Claims: See Footnote	0
Adjusted FFS Claims net of Pooling (1 - 2)	2,244,634
Estimated Incurred FFS Claims (3 x 4)	2,266,865
Trend : 11%	
Trended, Incurred Claims (7 x 8)	2,606,895
Pooling Charge	87,856
Projected Incurred Claims plus Pooling (9 + 10)	2,694,751
Projected Capitation	1,200
Projected Claims, Pooling and Capitation (11 + 12)	2,695,951
Annualized Projected Claims, Pooling Capitation	2,695,951
Total Retention (15 + 16)	655,898
Required Premium (14 + 17)	3,351,849
Annualized Premium Based on Average Enrollment	3,140,460
Experience Increase (18 / 19)	+6.7%
Underwriting approves 5%	



**BlueCross BlueShield  
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June 7, 2011

Tyson Johnson:

The following letter confirms that while the renewal formula for the 2011 policy year requests a 5% increase, BCBS is pleased to provide a rate hold this policy year in recognition of the long term relationship and continued stability of the plan. BCBS recognizes the financial stress the local governments are under and with over 70% of the public sector employers enrolled with BCBS, we hope this renewal demonstrates our appreciation of the partnership enjoyed with Columbia County over the many years.

If there is anything we can assist with further please contact me or Rita Martling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Kelly".

In addition to its offer to renew the group with no rate adjustment, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida has offered the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners Group Health Plan a contribution of \$75,000 to be used to fund a Wellness Plan for the group.

The purpose of the Wellness Plan would be to encourage participants in the group health plan to adopt healthy lifestyle choices, such as exercise and nutrition, in an effort to improve the overall health of the group and curb future medical costs. The Plan would be developed by the group (perhaps a sub-committee of the Insurance Committee) and the money can be used for education, employee incentives, or any other purpose deemed suitable by the committee, provided it is related to the health and wellness of the employees of the County.

We at The Parks Johnson Agency will offer our experience in developing Wellness Programs to the County. We will work with appointed personnel and provide resources through BCBSFL to support the program.

As part of the contribution, BCBSFL will provide the group with an Annual Accounting and Retention Agreement. This agreement, commonly referred to as "Pro-Share", will reward the County with any excess underwriting gains should the group's claims experience be more favorable than projected. It is essentially a form of profit sharing and will be calculated annually after the end of each plan year.

Because the \$75,000 contribution is an investment in the health and wellness of the employees of the group, BCBSFL will incorporate into the Pro-Share Agreement a requirement that the County maintain its group health plan with BCBSFL for 2 years. Should the County leave during this 2 year period, BCBSFL will require that the County repay \$50,000 of the wellness contribution.



# Florida Combined Life

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May 28, 2011

Caroline Harris  
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Drawer 1529  
Lake City, FL, 32056

RE: Group Policy Number:  
25Y0068

Renewal Date: October 01, 2011

Dear Caroline Harris :

Thank you for choosing Florida Combined Life Insurance Company, Inc. for your group Dental Insurance benefits. We value you as a customer and appreciate your business.

Your Group Dental Insurance Plan is about to renew. We have completed our annual review of your coverage with FCL, taking into account a variety of factors that affect rate development. After careful consideration and analysis, we have established your renewal rates for the next plan year. Your current and renewal rates are shown below. The renewal rates will take effect on your renewal date and are guaranteed for the following 12 months, subject to the terms and conditions of your group contract.

BlueDental Choice Plus Voluntary 25Y0068

	Current Rates	New Rates
Employee	\$24.64	\$26.23
Employee + One Dependent	\$48.90	\$52.05
Family	\$89.32	\$95.07

We look forward to continuing our relationship well into the future. Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact your local Blue Cross and Blue Shield sales representative or telephone our office at 1-800-772-8244 ext. 7145.

Sincerely,

Tracy Seaman

Group Dental Underwriting

cc: Agency: Park Johnson Agency  
Sales Rep: Jimmy Kelly