

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS SUB-COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
December 17, 2009**

A meeting of the Constitutional Officers Sub-Committee of the Charter Review Commission was held at the Administration Complex, Room 106-B, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

*Maureen Garrard, Suzanne Graham, Joseph Goggin
Andy Dodd*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. EST by *Chairman Garrard*

Agenda Items

1. Future Meeting Dates:

In deciding future meeting dates *Chairman Garrard* commented that upon review of materials from the 2004 Constitutional Officers sub-Committee they took their direction from the suggestions received in Public Hearings. She suggested that the next sub-Committee meeting be scheduled for soon after the CRC meeting/Public Hearing to be held on January 21, 2010. At such time they will develop a list of questions and discuss proposed interviews. (Note: *Suzanne Graham* indicated that she will not be in town to attend the 1/21/2010 meeting). The following tentative meeting dates and times have been selected (subject to possible additions of Public Hearings, availability of interviewees, etc).

January 28, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
February 18, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
March 4, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.
March 18, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
April 15, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
April 29, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

2. Committee Comments:

There being no strong opinion on which Constitutional Officers should be interviewed first, the members discussed possible issues to be examined including appointed versus elected Officers. *Chairman Garrard* mentioned the historical basis for the way the County Charter is worded as far as those officers who are elected and accountable to the people and the members compared this to counties where these officials are appointed. *Chairman Garrard* led a discussion of various specific Offices and the issues they have faced. The members plan to interview all five (5) Constitutional Officers, specifically the

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Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and the Tax Collector. As previously mentioned, this sub-Committee will be taking direction as a result of Public Hearings as well as developing a list of questions based on their own areas of concern and interest. They hope to address all areas equally and not expend all of their time on any one Office or issue.

3. Public Input: None

4. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. EST

Maureen Garrard