CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MINUTES – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUGUST 19, 2014

PRESENT AND ACTING:

THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN DARRELL MCDOUGALD

JOHN SHEETZ, DEPUTY SHERIFF
MATT FUQUA, COUNTY ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

<u>Kristy Terry, Executive Director Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and Jim Brooks, Executive Director Opportunity Florida</u>

Ms. Terry discussed the 2014 Strategic Plan noting the strategic plan was facilitated by Opportunity Florida.

Mr. Brooks discussed development of the 2014 Strategic Plan.

A copy of the 2014 Strategic Plan was provided to the Board. Ms. Terry discussed the ten goals and strategies identified in the plan and also reminded the Board of the Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Referendum to be placed on the ballot in November.

Ms. Terry also mentioned other items such as the need for a bed and breakfast for lodging, bed tax for economic development, speculative building at the catalyst site, labor survey, development of workforce together with the School District, need for additional Chamber volunteers, and promoting the region-neighboring counties.

Ms. Terry informed the Board travel writers recently spent the day in Calhoun County. Upcoming events are:

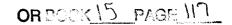
- Swamp/Stomp in Altha September 20, 2014
- Super Council at Blountstown Library September 25, 2014

Commissioner McDougald stated he enjoyed participating in the recent economic development meetings.

Ms. Terry also mentioned two additional upcoming events.

- Bike Florida March 20, 2015 700 bicyclists will stay in Calhoun County at the Blountstown Middle School over the weekend.
- 1st Wildflower Festival April 25, 2015

The Workshop was adjourned.



ATTEST:

THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK