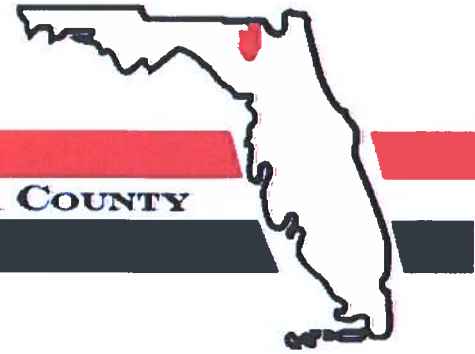


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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

Hon. Steven Witt, Mayor
Ami Fields, City Manager
City Hall
205 N. Marion Ave.
Lake City, FL 32055

Dear Mayor Witt and City Manager Fields;

On September 9, 2021 during its regular meeting the Board of County Commissioners requested that I contact you to invite the City to negotiate for the possible combining of certain City and County services.

The Commissioners share the belief that combining our Building, Planning and Zoning, 911 Dispatch, Addressing, and Code Enforcement Departments will provide a savings to the taxpayers, address critical staffing shortages, eliminate duplication of services, and generally improve service delivery. We understand that thorough discussions followed by detailed negotiations among each agency's key staff will be necessary to progress toward any possible consolidations of services.

I am requesting a preliminary meeting for the week of October 11 to include the City and County managers, the City and County attorneys, along with key City and County staff. We can outline the process for due diligence and discuss each agency's interest in further negotiations.

Please contact my office at your earliest convenience so we can further discuss this request. In the interest of respecting everyone's schedule, I believe we should set this meeting sooner than later. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Kraus', enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

David Kraus
County Manager

CC: City Councillors
 Fred Koberlein, City Attorney
 Audrey Sikes, City Clerk
 County Commissioners
 Joel Foreman, County Attorney
 Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager

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