

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1999 STATE OF THE COUNTY

OCTOBER 21, 1999

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners held the State of the County on Thursday, October 21, 1999, at 6:30 p.m., in the rotunda of the Lake County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida. Commissioners present at the meeting were: Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman; Catherine C. Hanson, Vice Chair; Robert A. Pool; Rhonda H. Gerber; and G. Richard Swartz, Jr. Others present were: Sue Whittle, County Manager; Sanford A. Minkoff, County Attorney; Alvin B. Jackson, Jr., Deputy County Manager; Neil Kelly, Senior Chief Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office; Barbara Lehman, Chief Deputy Clerk, County Finance; George B. Knupp, Jr., Sheriff; Jerry Foster, Assistant Supervisor of Elections; Pat Land, Assistant Tax Collector; Carolyn Richardson, Administrative Assistant, Tax Collector's Office; Gail Bass, Chief Legislative Assistant, Florida House District 42; Mary Fletcher; Lake County School Board; Dignitaries; various Department Heads; and Marlene S. Foran, Deputy Clerk.

There were approximately 180 staff, reporters, and citizens present.

Commr. Cadwell presented opening comments and welcomed those present to the 1999 State of the County.

PRESENTING OF THE COLORS

At this time, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the colors.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Homer Royals, President, Lake County League of Cities gave the invocation and the Honorable George E. Knupp, Jr., Sheriff, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Commr. Cadwell introduced the Lake County Board of County Commissioners; Ms. Sue Whittle, County Manager; Mr. Sandy Minkoff, County Attorney; Mr. Neil Kelly, Senior Chief Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office; Ms. Barbara Lehman, Chief Deputy Clerk, County Finance; George B. Knupp, Jr., Sheriff; Mr. Jerry Foster, Assistant Supervisor of Elections; Ms. Pat Land, Assistant Tax Collector; Ms. Carolyn Richardson, Administrative Assistant, Tax Collector's Office; Ms. Gail Bass, Chief Legislative Assistant, Florida House District 42; and Ms. Mary Fletcher, Lake County School Board.

Commr. Cadwell expressed a special thanks to Carroll Fulmer & Company, Inc.; First National Bank of Mount Dora; First Federal Savings Bank of Lake County; First Union Bank; Florida Power Corporation; Sprint-Florida, Inc.; and Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. for sponsoring the event this evening.

At this time, Commr. Cadwell congratulated the F.A.C.T. (Finding Answers Through Commitment and Teamwork) Team upon receiving the Most Measurable Organizational Impact Award.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY WEB PAGE

Ms. Sue Whittle, County Manager, stated that the Lake County Board of County Commissioners were pleased to announced that the Lake County Web Page was now officially on the Internet at <http://www.lakegovernment.com> She stated that over 150 pages of employment opportunities/applications, board agendas and valuable information was available on the website. At this time, she illustrated the Welcome Page, Commissioners Pages, Economic Development Pages, Emergency Services pages and the Supervisor of Elections Pages.

1999 WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Commr. Cadwell announced that the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame inductees for 1999 were Pearl Long Cullen and Nelle Conley Skeen.

Commr. Gerber provided a brief narrative of Ms. Pearl Long Cullen's accomplishments and presented a plaque and lapel pin to Mr. Bruce Duncan, Grand Nephew, accepting the award on behalf of the family of Ms. Cullen.

Commr. Hanson provided a brief narrative of Ms. Nelle Conley Skeen's accomplishments and presented a plaque and lapel pin to Mr. Glenn Skeen, Son, accepting the award on behalf of the family of Ms. Skeen.

STATE OF THE COUNTY MESSAGE

Commr. Cadwell invited the Commissioners to address the audience. Commr. Rhonda H. Gerber, District 1; Robert A. Pool, District 2; Catherine C. Hanson, District 4; and Welton G. Cadwell, District 5, briefly discussed their accomplishments and the accomplishments of various committees for 1999. Commr. Cadwell stated that, as Lake County moves into the new century, the Board was ready to face the issues and continue in a professional manner to manager Lake County government.

At the conclusion of the State of County, Commr. Cadwell announced that entertainment would be provided by the Oak Park Middle School Knights of Jazz Band and invited those present to join in refreshments and socializing.

There being no further business, the State of the County was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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WELTON G. CADWELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAMES C. WATKINS, CLERK