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MICHAEL WOODS STEPS DOWN FROM CITY COMMISSIONER ZONE 3
TO FULFILL ROLE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LAKE SUMTER MPO

Lake Helen, Florida –

Michael Woods announced on Friday, November 2, 2018 that he will be stepping down from his elected position as City Commissioner Zone 3 effective November 14, 2018 to fulfill his new role as Executive Director of Lake Sumter MPO.

Commissioner Woods was elected in 2015 as Commissioner Zone 3 and was re-elected without opposition in 2017. In November, he enters his second year of his second term of office. Prior to serving as City Commissioner, Michael Woods was a long-time member of the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission (PLDRC).

“My current employment contract requires my full attention and I would be remiss if I stayed on without being able to fulfill my duties as a City Commissioner. Thank you for the support and the opportunities that you have provided me during the last three years. I have truly enjoyed my tenure with this Commission and I am more than grateful for the support from the city staff.”

"It is a big loss for the Commission. Michael brings forth a calming presence, expertise and heart. I am excited for his new role and challenge, but I am hopeful that he will return to the commission in the future" Mayor Daisy Raisler said.

The City Charter directs that the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment within thirty (30) days following the occurrence by majority vote of the remaining City Commission members.

A qualifying period will be held from noon on Monday, November 26, 2018 until noon on Friday, November 30, 2018. Documents and Applications received after noon on Friday November 30, 2018 will not be considered. Applicants must qualify in order to be appointed. The City Commission plans to interview and appoint a member to fulfill the vacancy on or before the Regular City Commission Meeting on December 13, 2018.

Applicants must be a registered voter in Zone 3, secure 15 petitions, and complete applications and forms. For details or more information, please contact Interim City Administrator Becky Witte at Lake Helen City Hall at (386) 228-2358 or bwitte@lakehelen.com.