

AT A GLANCE

THE PROBLEMS (General)

1. Rapid population growth.
2. Arbitrary lines of governmental jurisdictional authority unrelated to total community needs, resulting in:
 - a) Tax imbalances brought about by disproportionate sharing of tax burden
 - b) Voter disenfranchisement
3. Complexity of governmental structure making electorate's ability to pinpoint responsibility almost impossible, resulting in an apathetic electorate.
4. Governmental structure without the legal capabilities to meet the needs of the community.
5. Lack of adequate urban services in densely populated areas.
6. Inefficient and costly duplication of services.
7. Inadequate planning for present and future needs.
8. Rising taxes.

THE PROBLEMS (Specific)

1. Disaccredited schools.
2. High degree of water and air pollution.
3. High crime rate.
4. High degree of property deterioration (slums) inside Jacksonville corporate limits.
5. Emerging poor land use patterns, e.g. inadequate planning and zoning.
6. High comparative costs with other areas for providing governmental services.
7. Lack of public confidence in local government (Grand Jury findings, etc.).
8. Low voter registration.
9. Slowdown of area economic growth.
10. Traffic congestion—lack of adequate streets, highways, parking and mass transit.

11. Comparatively low wage earners' scale: high incidence of unskilled labor force.
12. Inadequate sewer facilities—countywide.
13. Inadequate water facilities outside municipal corporate limits.
14. Inadequate fire protection outside municipal corporate limits.
15. Incomplete sanitation services for garbage collection and disposal outside municipal corporate limits.
16. Continued unaccounted for variations in ad valorem tax roll assessments.
17. Inadequate prison facilities and probation and parole procedures.
18. Inadequate and wasteful governmental purchasing procedures.
19. Lack of library service outside Jacksonville city limits.
20. Racial unrest.
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THE NEEDS

1. A governmental structure that is responsive to the needs of the TOTAL local citizenry.
2. A structure which is easily understood by the citizenry and which encourages citizen interest and participation in the local government process.
3. A structure which simplifies the pinpointing of responsibility by the electorate thus increasing the value and effectiveness of the citizen's vote.
4. A government that can provide necessary governmental services at a minimum burden to its taxpayers, e.g. a streamlined administrative structure with emphasis on economy and efficiency.
5. A structure with built-in capabilities and flexibility to plan for and meet the needs of the present and future.

6. Elimination of costly, inefficient, overlapping, duplicated functions.

THE SOLUTION (In Brief)

1. Eliminate existing outmoded, inadequate governmental structures, both city and county.
2. Create a new single countywide local government based on a check and balance "Mayor-Council" governmental structure.
3. Provide a structure with the legal capabilities and flexibility to meet LOCAL needs with a minimum of outside interference.
4. Provide a structure that allows easy electorate pinpointing of responsibility, thus leading to greater citizenry understanding and participation.
5. Provide high quality general governmental services countywide: police protection—fire protection—streets & highway—planning—traffic control — zoning — recreation and

parks — library service — building codes, etc.

6. Provide adequate urban governmental services in densely populated areas: sewers — water—street lights—paved curb and gutter —street drainage—refuse collection and disposal—sidewalks, etc.
7. Work towards reduction of ad valorem taxes through efficiency, economy, new revenue sources and elimination of tax inequities.

IMPORTANT ASSURANCES

1. The entire plan will be submitted to a countywide electorate referendum.
2. No one will pay taxes for services until they receive them.
3. Every area of the county will have equal representation, based on population.
4. All existing public employees' job tenure and pension rights will be safeguarded.