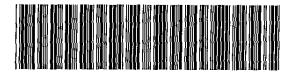
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### OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SECURITIES REGULATION

DATE:

January 17, 2003

TO:

Karon Beyer, Department of State

Division of Corporations - Bureau of Commercial Recordings

FROM:

Bruce Ricca, Licensing and Chartering

SUBJ:

Lake-Sumter Community Bank Leesburg, Lake County, Florida

(Proposed New Bank)

Please file the attached Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced institution, using the <u>CURRENT DATE</u>, as the effective date.

Please make the following distribution of certified copies:

(1) One copy to:

**Bruce Ricca** 

Division of Banking 101 East Gaines Street Fletcher Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350

(2) Two copies to:

Mr. Richard P. Hunt

Kendrick Pierce & Company

324 South Hyde Park Avenue, Suite 202

Tampa, Florida 33609...

(3) Uncertified

Mr. Tim Flono

copy to:

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

10 Tenth Street, N. E.

Suite 800

Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3906

Also attached is a check that represents payment of the filing fees, charter tax and certified copies. If you have any questions, please call 410-9528.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LAKE-SUMTER COMMUNITY BANK

The undersigned, acting as directors for the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be Lake-Sumter Community Bank and its initial place of business shall be 1035 West Dixie Avenue, in the city of Leesburg, in the County of Lake, and State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be that of a general commercial banking business with all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the Florida Financial Institutions Codes, regulating the organization, powers, and management of banking corporations.

#### ARTICLE III

The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the corporation shall be 2,000,000. Such shares shall be of a single class and shall have a par value of \$5.00 per share. The corporation shall begin business with at least \$3,200,000 in paid-in common capital stock to be divided into 640, 000 shares. The amount of surplus with which the corporation will begin business will be not less than \$2,800,000. All of the paid-in common capital stock and surplus shall be paid in cash.

#### ARTICLE IV

The term for which said corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless terminated pursuant to the Florida Financial Institutions Codes.

#### ARTICLE V

The number of directors shall not be fewer than five (5). A majority of the full board of directors may, at any time during the years following the annual meeting of shareholders in which such action has been authorized, increase the number of directors by not more than two and appoint persons to fill resulting vacancies. The name and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are:

NAME

v

STREET ADDRESS

139921 N. US 301 Oxford, FL 34484

Don M. Buckner
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William F. Herlong
Richard C. Schulteis
Richard M. Shipley
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6750 Tuscawilla Dr Leesburg, FL 34748
1048 Strimenos Lane Leesburg, FL 34748
1230 Overlook Rd Eustis, FL 32726
39548 Crest Court Lady Lake, FL 32159
3793 Picciola Rd Fruitland Park, FL 34731

#### ARTICLE VI

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as incorporator is Beryl N. Stokes, III, 6750 Tuscawilla Dr Leesburg, FL 34748

In witness of the forgoing, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereby subscribe thereto and hereunto set his hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.

Beryl'N. Stokes, III

County of Lake)		
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this		day of anuary,
2003, by who is personally known to me or who has produced		identification and
who did/did not take an oath.		<del></del>

(Seal)

State of Florida)

JENNIFER WALLACE RUSS Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. exp. June 11, 2006 Comm. No. DD 124586

Notary Public – State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires: 0/2 1/-0/2

Expires: 06-11-00

Approved by the Office of Financial Institutions and Securities Regulation this 17<sup>TH</sup>, day of LANUARY, 2003.

Tallahassee, Florida

Director, Office of Financial Institutions and Securities Regulation