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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **April 27, 2023**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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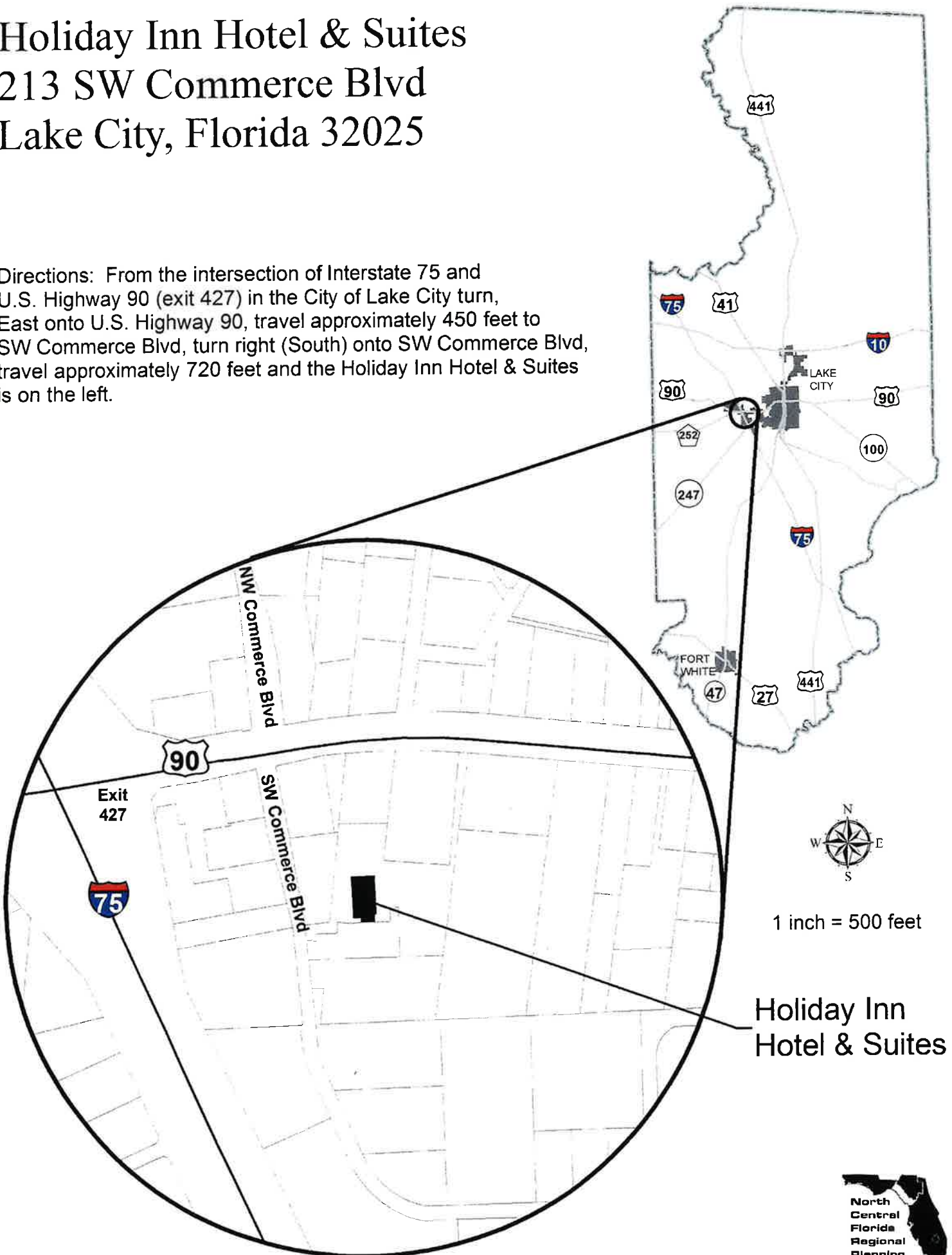
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

April 27, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

IV.A.

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

March 23, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
James Catron, City of Madison
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
William Mitchell V, City of Jasper
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Rocky Ford, Columbia County
Ward Ketring, City of Perry
Dayna Miller, City of Alachua
James Tallman, Union County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Craver, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection - Virtual
Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District - Virtual
Luzette Musen, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission - In Person
Amy Roberson, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Cook - In-Person
Diana Davis - In-Person
Ryan Fulford - In-Person
Kody Glazer - Virtual
Stew Lilker - In Person
Paul Martin - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In Person
Lauren Yeatter - In Person

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Chair Anthony Adams noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Meeks gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Adams welcomed Councilman Ryan Fulford, Town of Cross City; Ashley Cook, Senior Regional Director for U.S. Senator Marco Rubio; Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; Paul Martin, citizen, Dixie County; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adams asked that the consent agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes - February 23, 2023
- B. Monthly Financial Report - February 2023
- C. Interagency Agreement with East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to Participate in Regional Joint Mitigation Resiliency Project Amendment 2
- D. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for Bradford County
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for Lafayette County

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Adams asked that the regular agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Kody Glazer, Legal and Policy Director
Florida Housing Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Kody Glazer, Legal and Policy Director, Florida Housing Coalition. Mr. Glazer discussed the affordable housing legislation being considered during the 2023 Legislative Session, accessory dwelling units and housing land trusts. Chair Adams thanked Mr. Glazer for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

Chair Adams welcomed new member City of Jasper Mayor William Mitchell V to the Council.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Proclamation Declaring April 2023 County Government Month

Chair Adams stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as County Government Month in the north central Florida region. He further stated that County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as County Government Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring April 10-14, 2023 Community Development Week

Chair Adams stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 10-14, 2023 as Community Development Week in the north central Florida region. He further stated that Community Development Week is to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 10-14, 2023 as Community Development Week, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

1. #29 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR)
2. #30 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR)
3. #31 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ER)

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #29 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ESR); Item #30 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR); and Item #31 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ER). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2023-24 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Mortimer, Vice-Chair of the Council and Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. She reported that the Program Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. Commissioner Mortimer stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. She noted that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. Finally, Commissioner Mortimer stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2023 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Roberson, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, stated that the District is currently reviewing recently received Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications, Small County Outreach Program grant applications, Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant applications and County Incentive Grant program grant applications. She also stated that the Department is currently reviewing recently received Transportation Alternatives grant applications for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Finally, Ms. Roberson distributed copies of an updated guide book entitled Partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation: A Resource Guide for Local Governments.

Kathryn Craver, Outreach/Communications Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District, reported that the Northeast District is available to provide assistance to local governments with Department grant opportunities. She also stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

Luzette Musen, Land Use Planning Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated the District has extended the comment period for updated Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Santa Fe River Watershed until April 30, 2023.

- X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None
- XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the February 2023 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2023 report.

- B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the March 2023 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

- C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2023 Legislature Session convened on March 7, 2023 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 5, 2023. He reported on the status of bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

- XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Mortimer invited Council members to attend the Bradford County Strawberry Festival to be held on March 25-26, 2023 in Starke.

Commissioner Wheeler invited Council members to attend the Walldogs Mural Event to be held on March 25-26, 2023 in High Springs.

- XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Adams stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 27, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Anthony Adams, Chair

4/27/23
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2023-01 for the designation of the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 5, 2023;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2023-01; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2023-01.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2023.

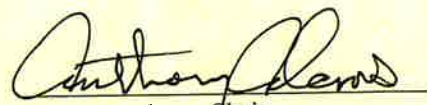
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 23rd day of March 2023.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Anthony Adams, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Lafayette County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2023-02 for the designation of the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 4, 2023;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2023-02; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2023-02.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2023.


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 23rd day of March 2023.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Anthony Adams, Chair

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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2023

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 2023. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of six months is 80 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months are 43 percent of budget.

Conclusion

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2023

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,286,787
Accounts Receivable	739,101
Other Current Assets	21,930
Total Current Assets	<u>3,047,818</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,047,818</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	21,131
Other Current Liabilities	55,738
Total Liabilities	<u>76,869</u>
Equity	<u>2,970,949</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,047,818</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2023

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	March	2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,705,200		349,805	1,369,883	80%
Expenses	1,705,200		155,008	738,971	43%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2023

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	March 2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	37,500	4,088	48,198	129%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,012	100%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	87,000	0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	223,103	379%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	123,200	9,700	17,000	14%
Hazards Analyses	14,800	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	299,400	183,262	334,972	112%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	244,100	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	25,600	2,010	8,466	33%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	205,500	30,305	84,282	41%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	80,008	70%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	8,680	17,258	47%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	67,500	33,197	90,197	134%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,003	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	61,063	320,024	131%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	53,860	96%
Total Revenue	1,705,200	349,805	1,369,883	80%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2023

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	March 2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	110,000	4,551	30,330	28%
Contractual Services	88,000	5,599	21,494	24%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	40,000	360	26,809	67%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	32,828	131%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	5,433	10,866	43%
Legal Services & Public Notices	8,000	947	3,284	41%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	0	2,620	37%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,423	7,230	36%
Moving Expense	10,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	5,531	12,465	50%
Personnel	1,163,600	109,225	491,515	42%
Postage	9,000	330	2,820	31%
Printing	2,000	0	2,250	113%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	3,026	6,532	33%
Telephone	8,000	485	2,908	36%
Travel	30,000	2,570	13,232	44%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	67,500	15,528	71,788	106%
Contingency	27,100	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,705,200	155,008	738,971	43%



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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 7-13, 2023 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 7-13, 2023 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 30 years ago. It is a 14-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to “Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay.” The goal is to enhance the area’s economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.

The week of May 7-13, 2023 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 7-13, 2023 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 7-13, 2023 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 122 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates an estimated 96 billion dollars in economic activity, estimated eight billion dollars in annual sales tax revenues and employs over one million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 7-13, 2023 as *Travel and Tourism Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of April 2023.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Robert Brown, Secretary

Anthony Adams, Chair



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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 as Economic Development Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The International Economic Development Council has designated May 8-12, 2023 as Economic Development Week. The Council assists local governments and economic development organizations in promoting economic well-being and quality of life for communities create, retain and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base.

The International Economic Development Council is encouraging local governments and other organizations to recognize Economic Development Week.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 8-12, 2023 AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an economic development district designated by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers working in the north central Florida region support the expansion of career opportunities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 8-12, 2023 as *Economic Development Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of April 2023.

ATTEST:

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., April 27, 2023. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #33 - Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ER)
- #34 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
- #35 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-3ESR)
- #36 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
- #37 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-4ESR)
- #38 - Town of Bell Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-1ER)

Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor’s Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the March 2023 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2023

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Collected articles for the upcoming Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,700 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
 - Florida Housing Coalition/Sadowski Coalition Working Group
 - In-person Statewide Emergency Shelter Working Group hosted by the Division of Emergency Management,
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grants funded by the Environmental Protection Agency,
 - Resiliency Collaborative Forum hosted by The Nature Conservancy,
 - Coordination call with the Economic Development Administration

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized, hosted and attended several working group sessions for RPC staff in program areas including Resiliency, Finance and Geographic Information Systems. Additional working groups sessions are planned for other programmatic areas.
- Drafted bill language for HB 111 and SB 1170 that will permit regional planning councils to directly apply for and receive grant funding under the Florida Department of Protection's Resilient Florida Program.
- Participated in the March FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting and prepared for the April FRCA EDAC Meeting and the Quarterly FRCA Partners Meeting scheduled for April 28th.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2023 meeting and conference schedule.
- Distributed the FRCA Bill Report, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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April 20 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the April 2023 Scorecard.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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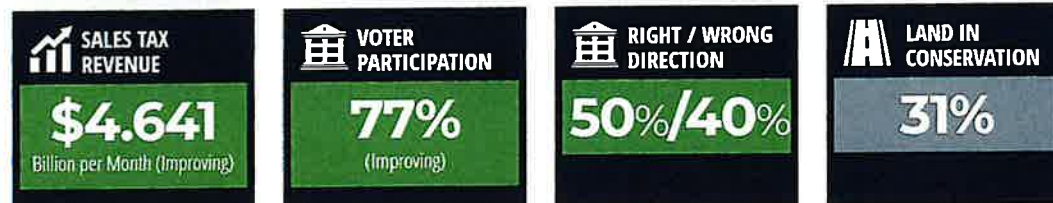
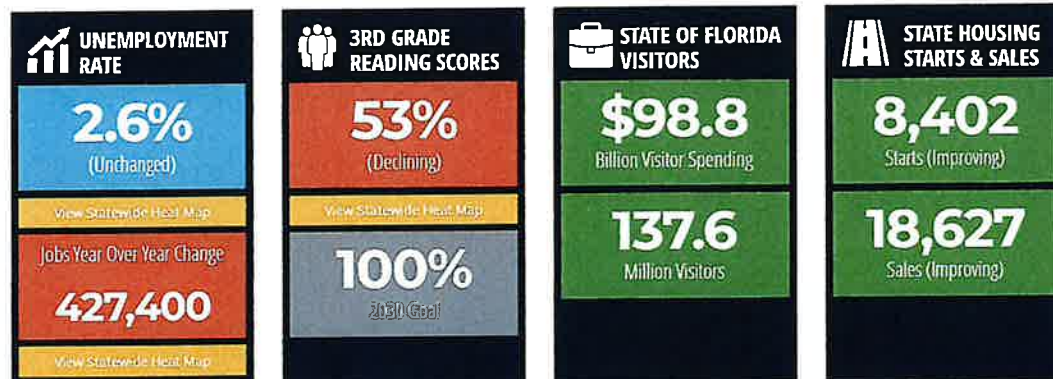
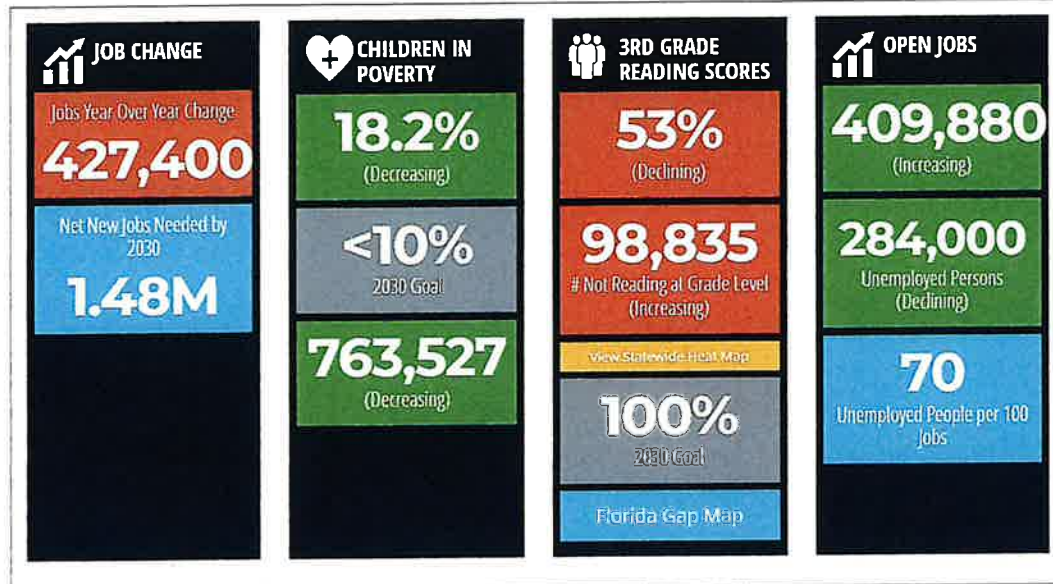
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FLORIDA POPULATION 04/11/2023

22,706,034

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Talent Supply & Education

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 Innovation & Economic Development

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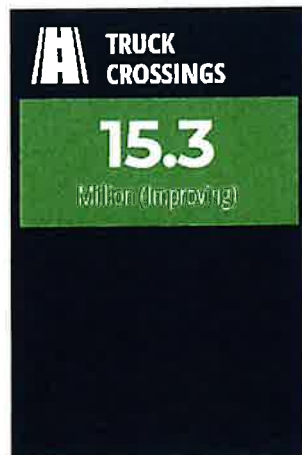
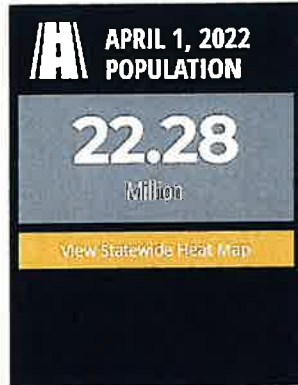
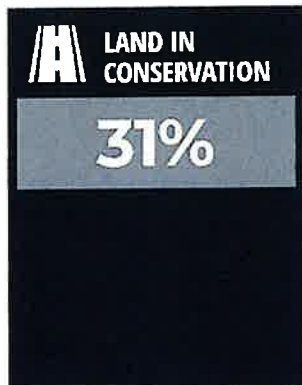
BUSINESS STARTUPS #1 <small>Business Startup Ranking</small> #1 <small>NYU Goal</small> 54,574 <small>March 2023 (Increasing)</small>	BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #1	HISPANIC-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #2	WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #2
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT \$1.44 <small>Triple (Improving)</small>	STATE GDP RANKING #4 <small>(Unchanged)</small> #1 <small>NYU Goal</small>	GDP PER CAPITA \$57,520 <small>(Increasing)</small>	PERCENT SMALL BUSINESS 59.9% <small>(Flat Data)</small>
PATENTS GRANTED 6,945 <small>(Increasing)</small>	PATENTS ISSUED RANKING #9 <small>(Unchanged)</small> Top 3 <small>NYU Goal</small>	VENTURE CAPITAL \$2,905 <small>Million (Increasing)</small>	STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS \$98.8 <small>Billion Visitor Spending</small> 137.6 <small>Million Visitors</small>
IMPORTS & EXPORTS \$67.5 <small>Billion Exports (Improving)</small> \$112.0 <small>Billion Imports (Increasing)</small>	TOP 6 IMPORTERS 30.4% <small>Market Share (Declining)</small> \$17.63 <small>Billion (Declining)</small>	INTERNATIONAL VISITORS 9.812 <small>Million (Improving)</small> <small>Top 10 Countries</small>	CRUISE PASSENGERS 10.9 <small>Million (Improving)</small>
FLORIDA EXCHANGE RATE 86.81	EMPLOYMENT BY FOREIGN COMPANIES 353.8 <small>(Decreasing) (Declining)</small>	INCOME MIGRATION \$2.70M <small>Per Hour</small>	OVERSEAS VISITORS 1st <small>(Unchanged)</small> #1 <small>2021 Goal</small>
TECHNOLOGY JOBS 4th <small>(Unchanged)</small> Top 3 <small>NYU Goal</small>	VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 7th <small>(Unchanged)</small> Top 3 <small>NYU Goal</small>	MANUFACTURING JOBS 422,000 <small>(Increasing)</small> <small>www.floridajobs.com</small> 11th <small>(Declining)</small> Top 5 <small>2020 Goal</small>	FLORIDA MANUFACTURING <small>Share of Jobs</small> 5.0% <small>(Decreasing)</small> <small>Annual Wages</small> \$70,005 <small>(Increasing)</small> <small>Wage Share</small> 5.1% <small>(Decreasing)</small>
GDP FOR RURAL COUNTIES 3.21% <small>(Decreasing)</small> 6.21% <small>2020 Goal</small>	FLORIDA-ORIGIN EXPORTS \$67.5 B <small>(Increasing)</small> \$114.4 B <small>2020 Goal</small>	RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FUNDING #41 <small>(Increasing)</small> Top 3 <small>2020 Goal</small>	SERVICES EXPORTS \$43.3 B <small>(Increasing)</small> \$129.9 B <small>2020 Goal</small>

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Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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Business Climate & Competitiveness

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

69.7
(Improving)

CEO RANK

2nd
(Unchanged)

STATE LEGAL CLIMATE RANKING

46th
(Unchanged)

Top 12
2030 Goal

SALES TAX REVENUE

\$4.641
Billion per Month (Improving)

BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE

4th

#1
2030 Goal

OPEN JOBS

409,880
(Increasing)

284,000
Unemployed Persons
(Declining)

70
Unemployed People per 100
Jobs

STATE RANKING FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY

#49

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY

Homeowners' Insurance Affordability data is available at the county level.

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS SUITS

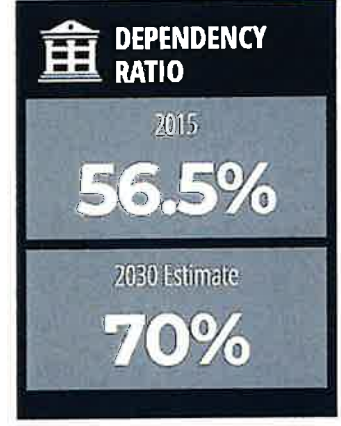
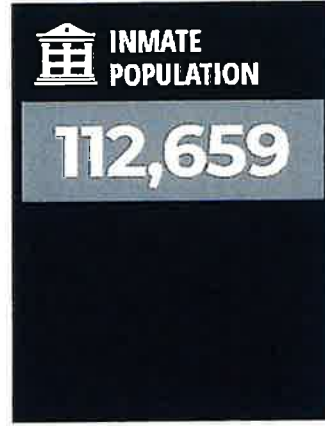
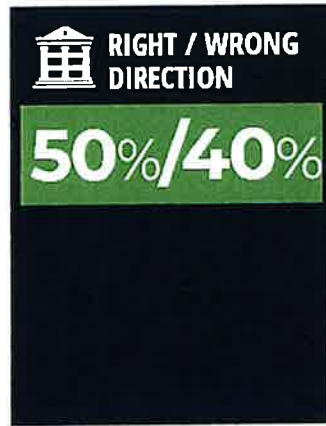
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Civic & Governance Systems

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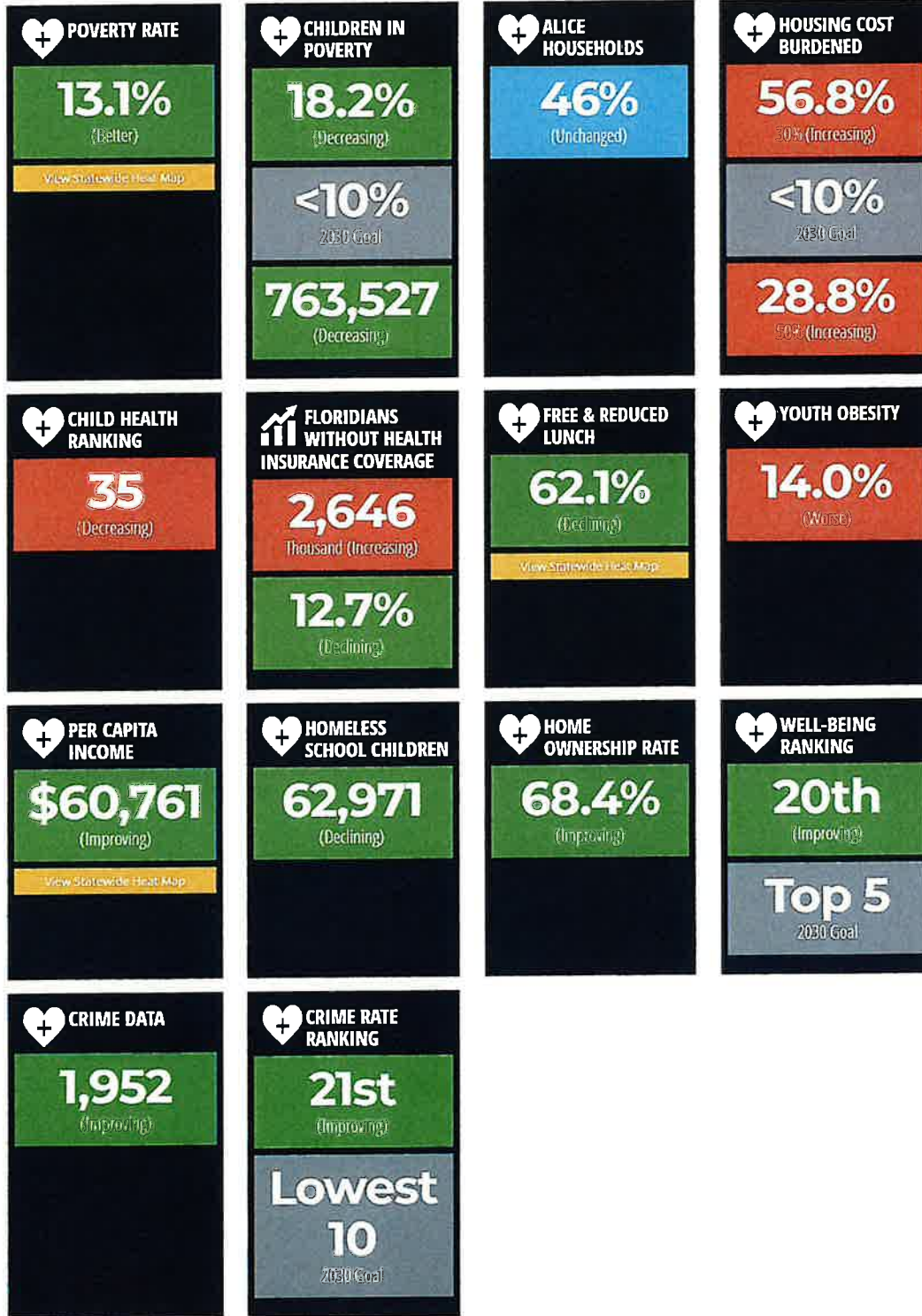


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Quality of Life and Quality Places

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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2023 regular Legislature Session convened on March 7, 2023 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 5, 2023. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of December 12-16, 2022
- Week of January 3-6, 2023
- Week of January 17-20, 2023
- Week of January 23-27, 2023
- Week of February 6-10, 2023
- Week of February 13-17, 2023
- Week of February 20-24, 2023

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Senate Bill 102 by Senators Caltayud, Hooper, Osgood and Rouson deletes the authority of local governments to adopt or maintain laws, ordinances, rules, or other measures that would have the effect of imposing controls on rents; provides an exemption from ad valorem taxation for land that meets certain criteria; authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for portions of property used to provide affordable housing meeting certain requirements; suspends, for a specified period, the General Revenue Fund service charge on documentary stamp tax collections; and authorizes the Governor, under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, to approve state or local public infrastructure projects to facilitate the development or construction of affordable housing. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Senate (Yeas 40, Nays 0). **PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE (YEAS 103, NAYS 6).**

House Bill 627 by Representatives Busatta, Cabrera and Lopez removes authority of local governments to adopt or maintain laws, ordinances, or rules that have effect of imposing controls on rents; provides exemption from ad valorem taxation for land that meets certain criteria; authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for portions of property used to provide affordable housing meeting certain requirements; suspends, for a specified period, General Revenue Fund service charge on documentary stamp tax collections; and authorizes Governor, under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, to approve state or local public infrastructure projects to facilitate the development or construction of affordable housing. Passed by State Affairs Committee. Referred to State Affairs Committee; Ways and Means Committee; and Appropriations Committee. Passed by Ways and Means Committee; and State Affairs Committee. **This bill has been laid on the Table.**

LOCAL ORDINANCES

Senate Bill 170 by Community Affairs Committee and Representative Trumbull authorizes courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requires a board of county commissioners to prepare or cause to be prepared a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance; requires a county to suspend enforcement of an ordinance that is the subject of a certain legal action if certain conditions are met; and requires a governing body of a municipality to prepare or cause to be prepared a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. **Passed by Senate (Yeas 29, Nays 11).**

House Bill 1515 by Representative Brackett authorizes courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs, and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; specifies limitation on awards and restriction on fees and costs of certain litigation; provides certain procedures for continued meetings on proposed ordinances; provides duties of board of county commissioners and governing body of municipalities. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Civil Justice Committee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Civil Justice Committee; and State Affairs Committee. **This bill is now on Second Reading Calendar.**

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

Senate Bill 346 by Senator DiCeglie provides that applications for approval of a development permit or development order which are under review by a municipality are deemed approved after a specified timeframe; requiring a certain list to include a dollar valuation using reasonable market rates of the estimated cost to complete items on the list; and revising the timeframe within which proceedings must commence to resolve disputes between vendors and local governmental entities; revising the conditions that require a public entity to pay or release amounts subject to certain disputes or claims. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. **This bill is now in Rules Committee.**

House Bill 383 by Representative Griffis provides that certain permit applications shall be deemed approved; revises provisions relating to payments for purchases of construction services by local governmental entities and public entities; revises time periods within which certain proceedings must be commenced and concluded; and provides dates by which undisputed portion of certain payment requests must be paid. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee. **This bill is now in State Affairs Committee.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Senate Bill 540 by Senator DiCegile authorizes certain administrative modifications to capital improvement schedules; provides that the prevailing party in a challenge to a plan or plan amendment is entitled to recover attorney fees and costs; and awards attorney fees and costs, including reasonable appellate attorney fees and costs, to the prevailing party in a challenge to the compliance of a small scale development amendment. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. **This bill is now on Special Order Calendar.**

House Bill 359 by Representative Duggan authorizes certain administrative modifications to capital improvement schedules; provides that prevailing party in challenge to plan or plan amendment is entitled to recover attorney fees and costs; and awards attorney fees and costs, including reasonable appellate attorney fees and costs, to prevailing party in challenge to compliance of small scale development amendment. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. **This bill is now on Second Reading Calendar.**

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Senate Bill 1604 by Senator Ingoglia revises the types of data that comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based on; requires local governments to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect a certain minimum planning period; requires, rather than encouraging, a local government to comprehensively evaluate and update its comprehensive plan to reflect changes in local conditions; and revises requirements for local land development regulations. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. Removed from judiciary Committee. **This bill is now in Rules Committee.**

House Bill 439 by Representative McClain revises effect of special magistrate's recommendation; revises local governmental entity notification requirements; revises types of data that comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based on; requires local government to submit affidavit for specified purposes; requires that the Florida Economic and Demographic Research office be sole publisher of specified estimates; revises elements that must be included in comprehensive plan; revises frequency at which local government must evaluate its comprehensive plan; prohibits local government from adopting plan amendments when it fails to meet certain requirements; revises exceptions to applicability of land development regulations relating to single-family or two-family dwelling building design elements; and requires Auditor General to audit county transportation trust fund. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Commerce Committee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill is now State Affairs Committee.**



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April 20, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Broadband Opportunity Grant Program

On April 10, 2023, the second set of awards through the Broadband Opportunity Grant Program was made to expand access to broadband internet for underserved communities. A total of \$22 million was awarded for eight projects in eight counties for broadband internet expansion that will impact nearly 160,000 unserved residential, educational, business and community locations.

These awards are in addition to the \$144 million awarded on February 2, 2023, bringing Florida's total investment to \$166 million for the expansion of broadband Internet in Florida's rural communities. The first set of awards included \$47,882,642 for 14 projects in the north central Florida region.

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Broadband Opportunity Program funds the installation and deployment of broadband internet infrastructure in unserved communities, providing valuable access to telehealth, economic, educational and workforce development opportunities.

A total of \$15,000,000 in funding was awarded to the following three projects in the north central Florida region through the Broadband Opportunity Program:

- **City of Live Oak (\$5,000,000)** - to add 821 miles of fiber optic cable to their existing network to provide 21,492 unserved locations within Suwannee County with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 gigabit per second.
- **City of Madison and Town of Lee (\$5,000,000)** - to add 759 miles of fiber optic cable to their existing network to provide 1,835 unserved locations within Madison County with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 gigabit per second.
- **City of Monticello and City of Perry; Unincorporated Lamont and Wacissa (\$5,000,000)** - to add 946 miles of fiber optic cable to their existing network to provide 2,528 unserved locations within Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 gigabit per second.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

