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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 February 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email laine@ncfrpc.org by February 25th to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

(Location Map on Back)

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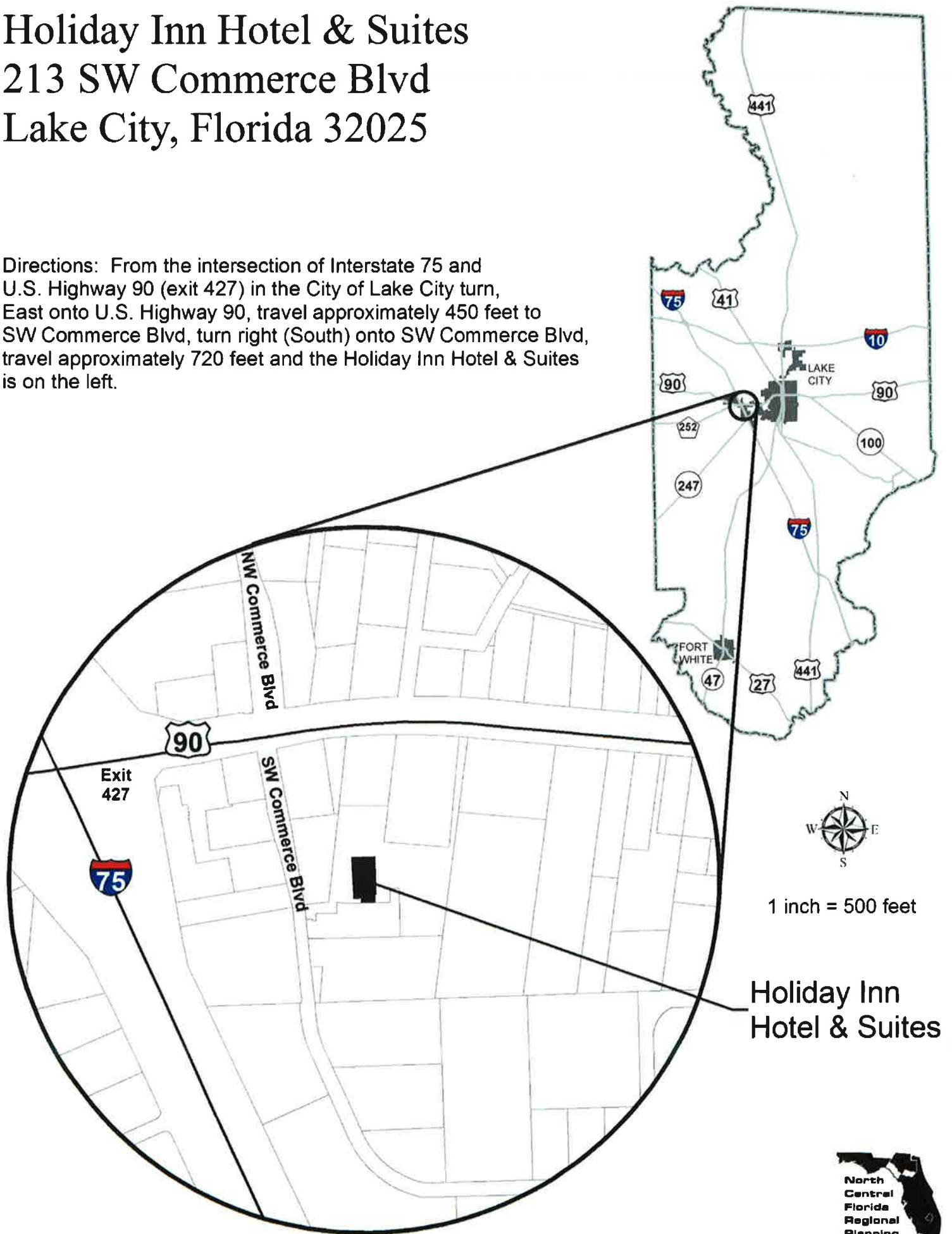
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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida

February 28, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 24, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Don Cook, City of Perry
Karen Cossey, Union County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County

OTHERS PRESENT

Allen Cherry, Madison County
Diana Davis
Joe Flanagan, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Al Grieshaber Jr., City of Archer
Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer
Joseph Miranti, City of Live Oak
Joe Riddick

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong
Bryan Thomas

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Patterson and a pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Randall. She stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Allen Cherry, Madison County Coordinator and a member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Al Grieshaber Jr., City Manager for the City of Archer and Joseph Miranti, City Administrator for the City of Live Oak. She also introduced and welcomed Joe Riddick, who previously served as Council Chair, and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

Chair Thomas asked members and staff present to please stand and introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 13, 2012

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mayor Ogborn made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Reports - November 2012 and December 2012
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Interlocal Agreement Affirmation

Chair Thomas asked if there were any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Thomas introduced and welcomed new members Commissioner Beth Burnam from Hamilton County, Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV from Alachua County, Commissioner Karen Cossey from Union County, Commissioner Rick Davis from Madison County and Commissioner Patricia Patterson from Taylor County.

- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Rusty DePratter

Chair Thomas asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Commissioner Rusty DePratter, who served as Chair of the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since January 2012.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution of Appreciation - James Tallman

Chair Thomas asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner James Tallman from Union County.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Tallman. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Employee Certificate of Service - Bryan Thomas

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Bryan Thomas, who has been with the Council staff since January 7, 2008. Mr. Thomas currently serves as the Economic Development Program Director for the Council. Chair Thomas presented a 5-year Certificate of Service and a 5-year service pin to Mr. Thomas. Mr. Koons and Chair Thomas thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the Council.

V. PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Mr. Koons reintroduced Bryan Thomas, Economic Development Program Director for the Council. Mr. Thomas outlined the duties of the Council as an economic development district and gave an overview of the Economic Development Strategy for the North Central Florida Economic Development District which utilizes the Six Pillars of Florida's Future Economy as the organizing framework. He also discussed the marketing programs of The Original Florida Tourism Task Force to promote increased tourism as a means of economic development through "Visit Natural North Florida" and "Fish Natural North Florida." He stated that The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was founded by the Council in 1993 to market the region as one destination to enhance tourism while preserving the historical, cultural and natural assets of north Florida. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Thomas for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

Mr. Koons reported that the items listed on the two schedules, which are attached herein and made a part of these minutes, are computer hardware of out-dated technology, with related equipment and outdated photocopiers. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that this hardware be declared as surplus property and that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy, which will result in transporting it to the Leveda Brown Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Alachua County or donating the equipment to a nonprofit organization or local government.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to declare the items listed on the two schedules, which are attached herein and made a part of these minutes, as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring February 10-16, 2013 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Mr. Koons stated that the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. He added that public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. He stated that the Florida Division of Emergency Management has designated the week of February 10-16, 2013, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council proclaim the week of February 16, 2013 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to proclaim the week of February 10-16, 2013 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution Recognizing 175th Anniversary of the City of Madison

Mr. Koons reported that the City of Madison began its year-long celebration of its 175th anniversary at a ceremony held at the Madison County Courthouse on January 6, 2013. He asked that a resolution recognizing the 175th anniversary of the City be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells, to adopt Resolution 2013-01 recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the City of Madison, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Due to absence of the Clearinghouse Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, Committee member Mayor Steven Witt gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met previously on January 9, 2013 and reviewed two local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#20 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#21 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mayor Witt stated that these items were reviewed on behalf of the Council as per Council procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with a response deadline prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. He noted that a copy of the Committee report concerning these amendments was included in the Council meeting packet.

Mayor Witt further stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#30 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mayor Witt reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the comprehensive plan, as amended, would not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Mayor Witt made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #30, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee

1. Accept Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit Report
2. Authorize Payment of Auditor

Chair Thomas introduced Commissioner Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Commissioner Thomas reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with the auditor and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements and that there were no findings or concerns reported by the auditor. Commissioner Thomas stated that the Finance Committee recommended acceptance and approval of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit and further recommended that final payment be made to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit.

ACTION: Commissioner Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants and to make final payment to the auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation, gave a status report concerning Florida Department of Transportation programs. Mr. Green reported that a public workshop was recently held to discuss the U.S. Highway 301 Starke Bypass project. He stated that the Department anticipates funding for construction of the bypass by Fiscal Year 2016. He further stated that the widening of U.S. Highway 90 west of Lake City also recently began and discussed the small county road assistance programs.

Joe Flanagan, Administrative Services Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District gave a brief update on the water conservation and water development grant program. He also discussed a District pilot restoration project on District-owned lands to increase wetland values and water storage.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 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. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, will be reported each month at the Council meeting. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons reported that he, Chair Thomas, Vice-Chair Nobles, and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 11, 2013. He reported that Fred Abousleman, Executive Director, National Association of Regional Councils, reported on Regionalism - A National Perspective, Bob Romig, State Transportation Development Administrator, Florida Department of Transportation, gave an update on the Florida Department of Transportation Future Corridors Initiative, Chris Hart, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Florida, Inc., gave a presentation on the Priority Initiatives of Workforce Florida, Inc., Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research reported on Florida's economic outlook and Al Latimer, Vice-President of Strategic Partnerships, Enterprise Florida, discussed the Communities and Job Readiness Program.

Mr. Koons further reported that Chris Doolin, Legislative Consultant, Small County Coalition, reported on the Small County Coalition's legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session, Deena Reppen, Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties, addressed the Policy Board concerning the Association's legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session and David Cruz, Legislative Associate, Florida League of Cities reported on the League's legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session. He stated that the Policy Board also received a report from Ron Book, Executive Director, reviewed a financial report of the Association, filled two officer vacancies on the policy Board and appointed a Nominating Committee. He noted that Chair Thomas was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that 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 develop 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. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 January 2013 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2013 regular Legislature session will convene on March 5, 2013 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2013. He then reviewed the interim committee schedule. He stated that no bills have been filed to date affecting regional planning councils or growth management, community or economic development issues.

Florida Association of Counties 2013 Legislative Program

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association reported that the Florida Association of Counties adopted the following new position statements in its 2013 legislative program:

- **SUPPORT** full funding of regional planning councils to, at a minimum, cover the costs of statutory responsibilities, and to support enhanced economic development activities.
- **OPPOSE** legislation prohibiting or restricting the ability of a regional planning council to provide planning and technical service to its local governments.

Small County Coalition 2013 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association also reported that the Small County Coalition adopted new language among its priorities to guide the 2013 legislative session supporting full funding of regional planning councils.

Florida League of Cities 2013 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association reported that support for regional planning council funding was among ten priorities considered by the Florida League of Cities' Growth Management and Economic Development Policy Committee. He stated that each policy committee was only allowed to elevate one priority for the League's 2013 legislative priorities and that, while support for regional planning council funding was not elevated to the list of priorities, the Florida Regional Councils Association appreciates the Florida League of Cities for considering the issue and its ongoing support of regional planning councils.

E. North Florida Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that in September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. He stated that ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

Mr. Koons reported that the Committee met on December 12, 2012 at the Florida Gateway College in Lake City. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed agricultural best management practices, the status of the development of the regional groundwater model and heard a presentation regarding alternative water supply and aquifer recharge concepts.

F. Florida Leaders Organized for Water

Mr. Koons reported that on December 10, 2012, the ninth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. He stated that the Board of Directors agreed to develop goals and an action plan for the organization. Mr. Koons further reported that Council members Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright from Suwannee County are serving as representatives for their respective counties to the organization.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

2/28/2013
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December 3, 2012

TO: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

FROM: Kevin D. Parrish, Information Technology and Property Management Director

SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

Number	Original Cost	Description	Serial Number	Purchased
3089	\$2,657.00	Dell Latitude C810 Laptop	C6X3X01	10/03/01
3090	\$2,826.00	Dell Latitude C810 Laptop	J6X3X01	10/05/01
3093	\$1,692.00	Dell Inspiron 2650 Laptop	BLQXT11	09/13/02
3094	\$1,692.00	Dell Inspiron 2650 Laptop	JLQXT11	09/13/02
3095	\$1,692.00	Dell Inspiron 2650 Laptop	5LQXT11	09/13/02
3096	\$1,692.00	Dell Inspiron 2650 Laptop	1KQXT11	09/13/02
3103	\$1,476.25	OnGuard HazMat Technician Compliance/Essentials Series Course on CD-ROM	N/A	09/23/02
3104	\$1,476.25	OnGuard HazMat Technician Compliance/Essentials Series Course on CD	N/A	09/23/02
3105	\$1,476.25	OnGuard HazMat Technician Compliance/Essentials Series Course on CD	N/A	09/23/02
3106	\$1,476.25	OnGuard HazMat Technician Compliance/Essentials Series Course on CD	N/A	09/23/02
3107	\$1,132.36	Pressure Test Kit for HazMat Suits	N/A	09/30/02
	\$19,288.36	Sum * All fully depreciated		

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December 3, 2012

TO: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

FROM: Kevin D. Parrish, Information Technology and Property Management Director

SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

Number	Original Cost	Description	Serial Number	Purchased
3091	\$1,050.00	Sony DCR-TRV830 Digital 8 Camcorder	1009923	10/25/01
3113	\$13,977.00	Ricoh 1060 Copier	J4245301089	09/16/04
3114	\$13,977.00	Ricoh 1060 Copier	J4245600647	09/29/04
3136	\$1,200.34	Dell Dimension E520 Computer	4CML7C1	12/13/06
3138	\$1,200.34	Dell Dimension E520 Computer	2CML7C1	12/13/06
3151	\$1,951.04	Dell Optiplex 745 Computer	36QNXD1	10/16/07
3152	\$1,951.04	Dell Optiplex 745 Computer	16QNXD1	10/16/07
	\$35,306.76	Sum * All fully depreciated		

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE
175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MADISON

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, first known as "Newtown," was founded in May 1838 after Madison Livingston deeded 160 acres to the County of Madison in the territory of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, with a population of approximately 3,000 residents, was designated as one of the "Best Little Towns in Florida" by VISIT FLORIDA, serves as the county seat for Madison County government; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the City of Madison has served as home for North Florida Community College and as an out-campus for St. Leo University; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is known as the "City of the Four Freedoms" with the Four Freedoms Park located in the heart of downtown Madison honoring World War II hero, Colin P. Kelley, a former Madison County resident; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is a Military Family and Community Covenant city, a public affirmation and pledge to support military personnel, military families and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison began a year-long celebration of its origins at a ceremony held at the Madison County Courthouse on January 6, 2013 by presenting "The County Seat Begins" hosted by the City of Madison, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Treasures of Madison County Museum and the Madison County Ministerial Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the City of Madison on its 175th Anniversary.

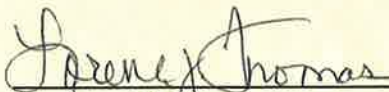
DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of January 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 10-16, 2013 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publicly promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments, regional planning councils and local emergency planning committees to work together to increase community safety by encouraging emergency responders to attend free training on how to safely respond to releases of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, citizens need to know that local governments, businesses, emergency responders and emergency planners are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of February 10-16, 2013 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of January 2013.

ATTEST:

SEAL

s. / Kenrick Thomas
Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

s. / Lorene J. Thomas
Lorene J. Thomas, Chair



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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - January 2013

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for January 2013. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date. Status of the adjusted general fund balance of the Council at the end of the month is also provided on the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of four months was 26 percent of budget

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of four months are 29 percent of budget. It is anticipated that the year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

Fund Balance

The adjusted general fund balance of the Council was \$1,526,916 at the end of the last fiscal year. At January 31, 2013, it was \$1,605,582.

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.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	January 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,967,300	89,203	515,594	26%
Expenses	1,967,300	105,788	561,728	29%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	January 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue				
Program Development	33,900	14,964	27,081	80%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	30,000	18,073	30,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000	0	0	0%
 Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	57,000		24,000	42%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	39,500	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,300	0	16,443	18%
Hazards Analyses	10,100	0	0	0%
Energy Resiliency & Assurance Studies	30,000	14,509	19,824	66%
 Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	614,400	0	119,481	19%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	0	43,300	25%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	22,200	0	3,049	14%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	157,900	0	39,562	25%
Technical Assistance Services		0	1,409	
 Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	27,109	60,750	56%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	9,000	26%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	0	46	0%
Vision North Central Florida		2,500	2,500	
 Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	12,048	20,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	313,000	0	61,313	20%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	0	37,836	21%
Total Revenue	1,967,300	89,203	515,594	26%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Financial Statement (Unaudited)

January 31, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	January 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Expenses				
Audit	15,000	14,295	14,295	95%
Building Debt Service	44,600	3,714	14,856	33%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,164	12,553	31%
Contractual Services	77,000	0	10,886	14%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	40,000	2,147	31,114	78%
Furniture & Equipment	30,000	0	14,648	49%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	0	9,080	53%
Legal Costs	12,000	678	1,992	17%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	6,000	1,165	3,359	56%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	1,491	4,580	24%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	41,000	1,313	7,363	18%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	74,204	403,614	29%
Postage	13,000	729	2,301	18%
Printing	3,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	278	3,603	30%
Telephone	6,000	435	1,956	33%
Travel	86,000	3,175	25,528	30%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	62,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,967,300	105,788	561,728	29%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2013

Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	45,566
Assigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	
Unemployment Claim Fund	30,000
Legal Defense Fund	100,000
Capital Reserve Fund	470,000
Unassigned General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	<u>926,916</u>
Total General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	1,572,482
Less Nonspendable General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	<u>(45,566)</u>
Adjusted General Fund Balance, 10/01/12	1,526,916
Member Dues, Year to Date	118,962
Misc. Income, Year to Date	
Sales	500
Interest Income	738
Proceeds from Loan Portfolio Sale	992
Other	891
Expended Regional Support	(14,059)
Expended General Technical Service	(1,018)
Expended Member Support to Econ Develop.	(6,366)
Expended Program Development	<u>(21,974)</u>
Adjusted General Fund Balance, 01/30/13	1,605,582




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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2012
Administrative Services Agreement - Union County

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with Union County to provide Community Development Block Grant administrative technical assistance services for their Housing Rehabilitation Project for a fixed fee amount of \$80,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with Union County to provide assistance with the administration of their Fiscal Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Project. This agreement will be funded with Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The amount of the administrative technical assistance services agreement with the County will be a fixed fee amount of \$80,000.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: State Housing Initiatives Partnership Fiscal Year 2013
Administrative Services Agreement - Union County

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with Union County to provide State Housing Initiatives Partnership administrative technical assistance services for their project for a fixed fee amount of \$6,700.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with Union County to provide assistance with the administration of their Fiscal Year 2013 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Project. This agreement will be funded with State Housing Initiatives Partnership funds. The amount of the administrative technical assistance services agreement with the County will be a fixed fee amount of \$6,700.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2013-14

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chair to enter into the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, authorize the Chair to sign the grant assurances and agreements or contracts, and authorize the Executive Director to sign invoices, warranties and certifications for the program.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Council is the designated official planning agency, pursuant to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. The designated official planning agency's responsibilities include Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards with staff support and resources to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities.

The Council receives approximately \$19,000 per County on a cost reimbursement basis to provide these services.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 28th day of February 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair




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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with Updating the Region 2 Florida Multiyear Training and Exercise Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to assist with updating the Florida Training and Exercise Plan for a fixed fee amount of \$4,238.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided funding to the State of Florida for regional planning councils to help assist with updating the Florida Training and Exercise Plan. The goal of the plan is to ensure that limited funds for training and exercise are targeted to priorities identified by state and local government organizations. This plan also facilitates the identification of opportunities to hold joint training and exercises with nearby organizations.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$4,238 by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to assist with the update of the Plan.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with
 Updating the Region 3 Florida Training and Exercise Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with updating the Florida Training and Exercise Plan for a fixed fee amount of \$4,000.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided funding to the State of Florida for regional planning councils to help assist with updating the Florida Training and Exercise Plan. The goal of the plan is to ensure that limited funds for training and exercise are targeted to priorities identified by state and local government organizations. This plan also facilitates the identification of opportunities to hold joint training and exercises with nearby organizations.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$4,000 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the update of the plan.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with exercise planning, evaluation and preparing documentation for a fixed fee amount of \$8,000.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has provided funding to the State of Florida for regional planning councils to help assist with conducting training and exercises. The Council has been asked to provide technical assistance to the Northeast Florida Regional Council with a series of exercises that they are conducting during March through June 2013. These exercises will follow the methodology defined in the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$8,000 by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the update of the plan.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: City of Madison Celebrating 175 Years Street Banner Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsor a City of Madison Street Banner Celebrating 175 Years to be displayed in the City during 2013 in the amount of \$100.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Madison was founded on land secured from Madison C. Livingston, May 2, 1838, and established as the county seat after its removal from San Pedro. An early political center, it was along the escape route of Confederate Secretary of War John C. Breckenridge in 1865. The town played a prominent role in the development of tobacco, livestock raising, and conservation in North Florida. Home of the North Florida Junior College, the area's economy is based on agriculture and industry.

The City began its year-long celebration at a ceremony held at the Madison County Courthouse on January 6, 2013 by presenting "The County Seat Begins" hosted by the City of Madison, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Treasures of Madison County Museum and the Madison County Ministerial Association. The Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce is conducting a street banner program to promote the 175th Anniversary celebration. In recognition and support of the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the City of Madison, sponsorship by the Council of a street banner to be displayed in the City during the year 2013 is recommended for approval by the Council.

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

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CELEBRATING 175 YEARS ~ 1838 – 2013 ~ Madison, Florida BANNER SPONSORSHIP



SPONSOR:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Choose one:

- ☐ ***“Remembering”***
- ☐ ***“In Memory Of”***
- ☐ ***“Honoring”***
- ☐ ***“In Honor Of”***

☐ ***SPONSOR NAME ONLY***

Name Personalization:

Sponsorship Amount: \$100.00

Includes Purchase of 23” x 48” Personalized banner to be hung in Madison during the year of 2013 to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the City of Madison. Banner will be presented back to the sponsor in December of 2013 along with a Banner Certificate of Service and recognition to the person remembered on the banner.

Provided by The Greater Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Mr. Bo Beauchemin served as the Veterans Representative on the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from June 2009 to October 2012. Mr. Scott Pfender served as the Public Education Representative on the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from November 2005 to February 2013.

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

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February 29, 2013

Mr. Bo Beauchemin, VSO
1153 US Hwy 41, Suite 16
Jasper, FL 32052

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Mr. Beauchemin:

On behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer serve as the Veterans Representative on the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Board. Your knowledge and your concern for transportation disadvantaged individuals have made you a valuable asset to the Board.

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Planning Council, at its regular meeting on February 28, 2013 approved the enclosed resolution. Thank you for taking the time to serve on this Board.

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bo Beauchemin has served as the Veterans Representative on the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2009; and

WHEREAS, Bo Beauchemin ably discharged his duties as the Veterans Representative on the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Bo Beauchemin for the dedicated service he rendered to the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Hamilton County and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Bo Beauchemin.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

February 28, 2013

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February 29, 2013

Mr. Scott Pfender
7629 129th Road
Live Oak, FL 32060

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Mr. Pfender:

On behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer serve as the Public Education Representative on the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Board. Your knowledge and your concern for transportation disadvantaged individuals have made you a valuable asset to the Board.

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Planning Council, at its regular meeting on February 28, 2013 approved the enclosed resolution. Thank you for taking the time to serve on this Board.

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Scott Pfender has served as the Public Education Representative on the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since November 2005; and

WHEREAS, Scott Pfender ably discharged his duties as the Public Education Representative on the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Scott Pfender for the dedicated service he rendered to the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Suwannee County and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Scott Pfender.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Assigned Fund Balance - Capital Reserve

RECOMMENDATION:

Encumber \$30,000 of the Council's unassigned fund balance as part of the assigned fund balance to increase the Capital Reserve Fund balance for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs to \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

During Fiscal Year 2011-12, \$34,342 for depreciation of building and equipment was applied to the capital assets of the Council. The Capital Reserve Fund is maintained at an amount approximate to the accumulated depreciation of building and equipment to cover one-time capital expenditures for building improvements/repairs and equipment replacement/upgrades. In order to maintain the Capital Reserve Fund at this level, it is recommended that \$30,000 from the Council's unassigned fund balance be encumbered as part of the Capital Reserve Fund assigned fund balance to increase the amount for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs from \$470,000 to \$500,000.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring April 17, 2013 as
 Florida Military and Community Covenant Day

RECOMMENDATION:

Proclaim April 17, 2013 as Florida Military and Community Covenant Day by adopting the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

During the months of February and March 2013, regional planning councils and cities across Florida are joining forces with the State to recognize April 17, 2013 as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day to be part of the groundswell of support to implement Operation Strong Families, an initiative that supports military, veterans and their families in the Great State of Florida.

The Florida Regional Councils Association and the Florida League of Cities are reaching out to each regional planning council and city to sign either a resolution or proclamation showing that Florida civilians from region to region and city to city support our military families. By adopting resolutions or proclamations in regions and cities throughout the state proclaiming April 17, 2013 as Florida Military and Community Covenant Day, a ground swell of civilian support will be generated for military personnel and veteran families who have sacrificed so much for our nation. It is recommended that the Council join in this effort by designating April 17, 2013 as *Florida Military and Community Covenant Day* (see attached Proclamation).

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

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PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2013 AS FLORIDA MILITARY AND COMMUNITY COVENANT DAY

WHEREAS, the Florida Military and Community Covenant supports our military and veteran families across the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Military and Community Covenant connects military and veteran families to existing systems support through the Operation Strong Families initiative and in the Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Military and Community Covenant joins community forces to enable our military and veteran families the much needed community care they deserve; and

WHEREAS, during the months of February and March 2013, regional planning councils and cities across Florida are joining forces with the State to recognize April 17, 2013 as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day to be part of the groundswell of support to implement Operation Strong Families an initiative that supports military, veterans and their families in the State of Florida.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims April 17, 2013 as Florida Military Family and Community Covenant Day throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of February 2013.

ATTEST:

Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., February 28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. 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.

COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #31 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)
- #33 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No.13-1ESR)
- #34 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)

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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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 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 January 2013 Monthly Accomplishments Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. The report addresses outreach, resource development/capacity building, legislative and administrative activities.

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

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MONTHLY ACCCOMPLISHMENTS: January, 2013

OUTREACH

- Met with Doug Wheeler, Director of the Florida Ports Council, and shared with him examples of the interaction between seaports and RPCs, including RPCs' efforts to secure grants in support of port related projects and the involvement of ports in economic development activities throughout the regions, including representation on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committees.
- Prepared an Economic Impact Analysis Program Fact Sheet to share at the Enterprise Florida, Inc. Stakeholders Meeting, but the breakout sessions were cancelled at the last minute and rescheduled for August.
- Began working with Michelle Dennard to establish a process for identifying and appointing representatives of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to each of the RPC Boards.
- Met with John Kaliski (Cambridge Systematics) to discuss the Policy Board's interest in receiving a presentation in June regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's three sustainability projects in Florida; and, discussed the Florida Department of Transportation's Corridors Initiative and the importance of its linkage to the sustainability projects, regional visions, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.
- Met with Juan Flores, State Freight, Logistics, and Passenger Operations Administrator at the Florida Department of Transportation, to explain FRCA governance and invited him or Richard Biter, Assistant Secretary, to speak at the June Policy Board meeting.
- Attended a meeting of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership in Lake City.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Participated in Enterprise Florida, Inc.'s (EFI's) Stakeholders meeting, Community Competitiveness and Marketing Task Force meetings, and monthly conference call, and attended EFI's meeting of its Board of Directors; all of which focused on the new Florida Brand for attracting business, funding for the marketing plan, incentives, FPL's new economic development programs, and ways to begin rolling out the Community Competitiveness Self-Assessment Program.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which discussed the Klausner Lumber One catalyst site project in Suwannee County as well as a proposal for a new Tallahassee Community College educational facility in Wakulla County.

- Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which included an overview of the Florida Economic Development Council by its Executive Director, Amy Evancho; an explanation of the Governor's initiative to create a dashboard that would measure each state agency's progress toward achieving the Governor's priorities; and, a discussion regarding the Department's approach to developing the tactics and metrics appendix in the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, which is still scheduled for release in February, 2013.
- Attended a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which met to receive presentations from its 2013 grant applicants and decide on grant awards (grant award announcements are expected in February); also had the opportunity meet and spend time with the Lt. Governor's Chief of Staff, John Konkus.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Florida Defense Support Task Force's 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Work Plan.

LEGISLATIVE

- Attended legislative committee meetings and issued two legislative updates and bill tracking reports during the month.
- Participated in a 1000 Friends of Florida webinar focused on the 2013 Legislative Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Made the following changes to the FRCA website:
 - Added a section on Sequestration to the Advocacy Webpage;
 - Posted the 2013 Legislative Guiding Principles and Procedures;
 - Posted the presentations from the January FRCA Policy Board meeting;
 - Updated and posted the list of Policy Board members to reflect the new Executive Committee; and,
 - Posted FRCA meeting documents and legislative updates.
- Finalized the logistical and food and beverage arrangements for the January Policy Board meeting and reception; helped brief Commissioner Asseff prior to the Policy Board meeting; helped speakers prepare their presentations; finalized the Partners Agenda for the February FRCA meeting, and drafted meeting summaries for the Chair's approval.
- Completed a NARC dues survey and a survey of RPC retirement programs.
- Helped distribute announcements to interested parties pertaining to the WFRPC's 1st Annual Transportation Symposium and SWFRPC's 1st Annual Southwest Florida Brownfield Symposium.



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February 21, 2013

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 Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 February 2013 Scorecard.

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

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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Florida's Manufacturing Sector Is Poised For Growth

Florida's manufacturing industry is still recovering from the 2007 Great Recession, but despite that, Florida's manufacturing output increased by 3.3% from 2010 to 2011—a period in which the state's economy grew by 0.5%. There are a few key reasons to be optimistic about the future of the Florida's manufacturing sector. With the state's economic growth accelerating in 2012 and continuing to recover in the year ahead as the housing market improves, manufacturing is poised for much growth. As the Eurozone recovers from its recession in the years ahead, Florida's manufacturers could see increased demand for international exports.

Manufacturing Output



Florida is taking steps to make its export sector more competitive. Strategic investments in transportation infrastructure and logistics can help provide a more efficient system for exporting goods to other countries. Just as Governor Scott has proposed in his budget, keeping the tax and regulatory burdens on manufacturers at a relatively low level can also help bolster the performance of the industry.

In general, Florida's manufacturing output tends to be more volatile when compared to the rest of the economy. We typically see this sector expand quickly during good economic times, and shrink faster than the overall economy during business downturns. Manufacturing activity will be a key indicator to watch in the years ahead, as slumps within manufacturing can signal the beginning of a recession.

Florida Net Job Creation in 2013



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Ranking Florida



Key Indicators



Home Foreclosures

As Florida continues to recover from the housing market collapse, trends in home foreclosures provide insight into Florida's progress through the extended recovery.



Consumer Confidence

The Florida Consumer Confidence Index measures residents' perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago and expectations of U.S.



Population

Florida has the 4th largest population in the U.S., estimated at just over 19 million in April 2012.



Unemployment Rate

Florida has a labor force of over 9 million, ready to meet the workforce needs of businesses.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

BUDGET

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted to Governor Scott does not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature does not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. As you know, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2012-13. However, Governor Scott vetoed the appropriation for regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been approximately \$179,000.

The 2013 regular legislative session will convene on March 5, 2013 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2013. The six weeks of legislative interim committee meetings will conclude on February 21, 2013.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

To date, no bills have been filed affecting regional planning councils.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Urban Infill

House Bill 89 by Representative Pafford relates to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program. The Program establishes Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; provides program for grants to counties and municipalities with urban infill and redevelopment areas; authorizes transfer of unused funds between grant categories under the program; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the program; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt rules establishing grant review criteria. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 348 by Senator Soto relates to Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program. Establishes the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; providing a program for grants to counties and municipalities with urban infill and redevelopment areas; authorizing transfer of unused funds between grant categories under the program; requiring the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to administer the program. **Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations.**

Internet Data for Business Development

House Bill 121 by Representative Combee relates to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create web page accessible through the Department's internet website that provides comprehensive data and information relevant to creation of new businesses, or expansion of existing businesses, within state; provides purposes of web page; requires the Department to contact local governmental entities and collect specified data and information; requires cities and counties to provide notice of changes in data collected by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. **Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee. The bill is now in Local and Federal Affairs Committee.**

Senate Bill 670 by Senator Brandes relates to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires the Department to create a web page accessible through its Internet website that provides comprehensive data and information that are relevant to the creation of new businesses, or the expansion of existing businesses, within the state; requires the Department to contact local governmental entities and collect specified data and information; requires cities and counties to provide notice of changes in data collected by the Department. **The bill was referred to Commerce and Tourism, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations.**

Transportation Projects

House Bill 319 by Representative Ray relates to Community Transportation Projects. Revises provisions of Community Planning Act and provisions relating to transportation development authorities and community development districts; defines "mobility plan;" provides that certain development projects may not be delayed or denied if applicant has provided payment for transportation impacts, local government must calculate proportionate share contributions based only on certain capital improvements, projects to relieve transportation deficiencies may include projects outside designated deficiency area and mass transit improvements may extend beyond designated deficiency area; revises requirements for replacement by election of community development district board members for certain transit-oriented developments. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

Impact Fee Moratorium

House Bill 321 by Representative La Rosa relates to Growth Management. Prohibits local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new development for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; prohibits certain counties, municipalities and special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides for future expiration. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Finance and Tax Subcommittee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

Manufacturing Development

House Bill 357 by Representative Boyd relates to Manufacturing Development. Creates “Manufacturing Competitiveness Act;” authorizes local governments to establish local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires local manufacturing development program ordinance to include certain information; provides certain restrictions on termination of such program; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers; requires participating agencies to coordinate and review applications for certain state development approvals; requires manufacturer to file certain documents; requires the Department to convene meeting when requested by certain manufacturer; provides for requests for additional information and specifies periods; requires participating agencies to take final action on applications within certain period; requires the Department to facilitate resolution of certain applications; provides for approval by default; requires the Department to develop materials that identify local manufacturing development programs. **Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee, Government Operations Subcommittee, and Judiciary Committee. The bill is now in Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 582 by Senator Galvano relates to Manufacturing Development. Establishes the Manufacturing Competitiveness Act; authorizes local governments to establish a local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers. **The bill was referred to Commerce and Tourism, Community Affairs, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations.**

Community Development Block Grants

Senate Bill 494 by Senator Simpson relates to Community Development Block Grants. Requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt a rule pertaining to the distribution of funds under the block grant program; requires approved Section 108 loan applicants to enter into an agreement with the department; requires that a local government’s future community development block grant be reduced in the event of default; provides restrictions on the expenditure of block grant funds by local governments. **The bill has been referred to Community Affairs, Commerce and Tourism, and Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations.**

Local Referendum on Comprehensive Plan Amendments

House Bill 537 by Representative Moraitis relates to Growth Management. Revises and provides for applicability of provisions that prohibit initiative or referendum process for development orders and local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments; provides that such initiative or referendum process commenced or completed on or after specified date is void; provides exception for initiative or referendum process specifically authorized by local government charter provision in effect as of such date for certain local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments. **The bill has been referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Local and Federal Affairs Committee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 528 by Senator Simpson relates to Community Planning Act. Authorizes a local government to retain an existing initiative or referendum process relating to a local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment in certain circumstances. **The bill has been referred to Community Affairs, Judiciary, Commerce and Tourism, and Rules.**

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Pilot Program

Senate Bill 786 by Senator Simpson relates to Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Establishes a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment; provides a process for the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; provides an exception for certain local governments and other specified areas; provides that agencies may not adopt rules to implement the program. **The bill has been referred to Community Affairs, and Judiciary.**

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

House Bill 7 by Representative Porter relates to Water Management Districts. Requires districts to include certain reservations and water bodies in priority lists and schedules; provides for adoption of certain reservations and minimum flows and levels by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requires districts to provide certain information and support to the Department; requires districts to apply, without adopting by rule, certain reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies; authorizes water management districts to enter into interagency agreements for resource management activities under specified conditions; exempts cooperative funding programs from rulemaking requirements; requires regional water supply authority and applicable district to jointly develop component of regional water supply plan. **Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee, and State Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 244 by Senator Dean relates to Water Management Districts. Provides for the adoption of certain reservations and minimum flows and levels by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; requires water management districts to apply, without adopting by rule, the reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies adopted by the Department; requires a regional water supply authority and the applicable water management district to jointly develop the water supply component of the regional water supply plan. **Passed by Environmental Preservation and Conservation. The bill is now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.**

SPRINGS

House Bill 789 by Representative Stewart relating to Springs. Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders.

Senate Bill 978 by Senator Soto relating to Springs. Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans and submit certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature, authorizes the districts to adopt rules and issue orders.

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Economic Development Districts and
 Economic Development Organizations

The roles that economic development districts (regional planning councils) and economic development organizations (local economic development councils) play in economic development are related, but different. The two sets of organizations collaborate to complement the activities of each other.

Economic development districts (regional planning councils) are the planning and research arm of economic development. They provide supportive services to economic development organizations (local economic development councils). These services include strategic economic development planning, economic impact analysis, and grant procurement and administration. Economic development districts (regional planning councils) also provide technical assistance to economic development organizations (local economic development councils), administer brownfields revitalization loan funds and conduct special projects such as military base coordination and eco-tourism and heritage tourism promotion.

Economic development organizations (local economic development councils) are directly engaged with prospects in business recruitment, business retention and expansion, and entrepreneur development. In addition, economic development organizations (local economic development councils) manage information for company representatives, site location consultants and real estate brokers, market and promote their local area, grow targeted industry sectors that support and complement existing industries and identify workforce and talent development needs.

Please find attached an information sheet prepared by the Florida Regional Councils Association that more fully compares and contrasts the differences between economic development districts (regional planning councils) and economic development organizations (local economic development councils).

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Economic Development Districts (Regional Planning Councils)	Economic Development Organizations (Primarily Local)*
Develop and implement comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, which are aligning with the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development, and which identify investment priorities and funding sources in each region in the State of Florida.	Engage in business recruitment and business retention and expansion activities and advance local businesses.
Participate in economic development organizations (for instance, Northeast Florida RPC participates in JAXUSA's stakeholder meetings; North Central Florida RPC serves on the North Florida Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors; Apalachee RPC serves on the Gadsden County Economic Development Council; and South Florida RPC serves on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Board of Directors).	Manage business retention, expansion, and attraction resources for company representatives, site location consultants, and real estate brokers researching a particular area of the state.
Prepare grant applications for federal or state economic development infrastructure funds to support projects that are a priority for economic development organizations and local governments.	Market and promote the local area.
Conduct Regional Economic Impact Analyses to help economic development organizations and local governments compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel, and assist them in making decisions pertaining to incentives packages for new or expanding economic development projects.	Grow targeted industry sectors that support and complement existing industries within the jurisdiction in which the organization is located.
Provide technical assistance to economic development organizations so they can take the lead on economic development projects and issues.	Foster entrepreneurialism.
Provide brownfields revitalization loan funds to put economically obsolete properties back into productive use.	Identify workforce and talent development needs.
Conduct special projects for the economic benefit of the state (e.g., broadband planning, military base coordination, eco-tourism and heritage tourism, and energy resiliency).	Serve as an ex-officio member of the RPC located within the organization's jurisdiction.

**NOTE: Not all counties have economic development organizations with full-time staff and these organizations generally focus their efforts within their own jurisdictions.*

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February 21, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Economic Development District
Grantee Performance Report
for the Period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

As you know, the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council.

Please find attached the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. As indicated on the attached report, an estimated 917 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated \$14,000,000 in private investment and an estimated \$4,000,000 in public investment occurred on 12 projects that implement the Strategy for the reporting period.

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

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Economic Development Administration
GPRA Data Collection Form

Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

PART I

Date December 1, 2012
Recipient Name North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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EDA Investment Planning Partnership Investments
Investment Number 04-83-06491 Award Period 01-Jan-2012 to 31-Dec-2012
Description of Investment: Economic Development District ☒ Indian Tribe ☐

PART II

Recipients Provide the Following Information

1. Economic Development Districts (EDD) only

- a. Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions eligible to participate in the EDD 44
- b. Number of Sub-state Jurisdictions actively participating by attending meetings or financially contributing to the EDD. 24

2. Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

- a. Number of economic development initiatives from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process implemented during the investment award period that led to private investment and jobs. 12
- b. Categorize type of project(s):
- | | Qty. | | Qty. |
|---|----------|----------------|----------|
| Facility Construction / Rehab. | <u>3</u> | Infrastructure | <u>2</u> |
| Technical Assistance | <u>0</u> | Planning | <u>1</u> |
| (total of these five must be equal to 2a) | | Other | <u>6</u> |
- c. How many (if any) of the above were: Technology 5 Brownfields 2 (should be subset of projects identified in 2b)
- d. Number of Investments Funded by Any Source: (Total must equal 2a. If EDA-funded investment, include only those awarded by EDA, during this reporting period and have an EDA investment number. Do not count this planning investment.)
- EDA Funded (Qty) 1 Funded by Other Source (Qty) 11
- e. Attach a list of economic development initiatives reported in 2a. Identify the sources of funding for each initiative, specify EDA, state, local or other federal agency(s).
- f. Estimated number of jobs created or retained as a result of projects in 2a 917
- g. Estimated amount of private sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$14,000,000
- h. Estimated amount of public sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$4,000,000

2.e.:

- 1) Mindtree - state and local incentive funding
- 2) Silver Airways - state and local incentive funding
- 3) Prioria Robotics - state and local incentive funding
- 4) SumTotal Systems - state and local incentive funding
- 5) RegisterPatient.com - state and local incentive funding
- 6) Totuit - state and local incentive funding
- 7) Love's Travel Center - local incentive funding
- 8) LaBelle Botanics - local incentive funding
- 9) Energy Resiliency Study - EDA and local funding
- 10) Original Florida Tourism Task Force - state and local funding
- 11) City of White Springs - local funding
- 12) City of Jasper - local funding



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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

In September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. Ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which was formed in May 2012, serves as an advisory body to offer viewpoints from stakeholder groups to the St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to help address the region's water supply issues. The Stakeholder Committee is structured such that a wide range of public interests are included, while keeping the Committee small enough to be effective and productive. Stakeholder Committee representatives closely coordinate with the constituencies they represent, as well as being responsive to the interested public. Committee meetings are open to the public so stakeholders beyond the Committee membership can attend and participate.

The Committee met on January 23, 2013 and heard a presentation on public utility water conservation best practices as well as a presentation on historical rainfall, heard the perspective of members regarding various water supply issues, reviewed and approved an updated Partnership work plan and approved the geographic boundary of the joint water supply plan.

The Committee also met on February 18, 2013 and heard presentations on water conservation practices for sand mining operations, agriculture crop selection and water conservation, as well as water supply planning tools and resource protection criteria measures.

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Florida Leaders Organized for Water

As previously reported, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners hosted a tri-county public meeting and forum in Lake City with the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to discuss north Florida water issues on November 29, 2011. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners took action to establish a multi-county work group to engage a hydrologist and discuss what steps need to be taken and what studies need to be conducted to potentially challenge the consumptive water use permit issued to Jacksonville Electric Authority by St. Johns River Water Management District in May 2011. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners also took action to appropriate \$250,000 to fund the work group and pay for environmental monitoring services and other needed services. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners also asked other counties and local governments in the region to join in the effort.

On January 14, 2013, the tenth meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex in Lake City. The Board of Directors for Florida Leaders Organized for Water heard presentations from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Earthjustice regarding state and federal water quality regulations. The group also agreed to enter into a legal services contract with Sniffen and Spellman of Tallahassee. Finally, the group is continuing to develop proposed water legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

On February 11, 2013, the 11th meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held. The Board of Directors for the Florida Leaders Organized for Water heard a presentation from Save Our Suwannee regarding north Florida groundwater and spring flows. The group continued work on a position paper regarding the future of north Florida water. Members agreed to express their concerns regarding water to state legislators as representatives of their local constituencies rather than as representatives of Florida Leaders Organized for Water. The group also indicated they were not ready to propose water legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session.

The current local government members of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water are: Alachua County, Bradford County, Clay County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Suwannee County, Taylor County, Town of Branford, City of Keystone Heights, City of Lake City, Town of Lee, City of MacClenny and Town of White Springs. Council members Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County and Commissioner Wesley Wainwright from Suwannee County are serving as representatives for their respective counties to the organization.

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