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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 25, 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 April 22nd 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.***

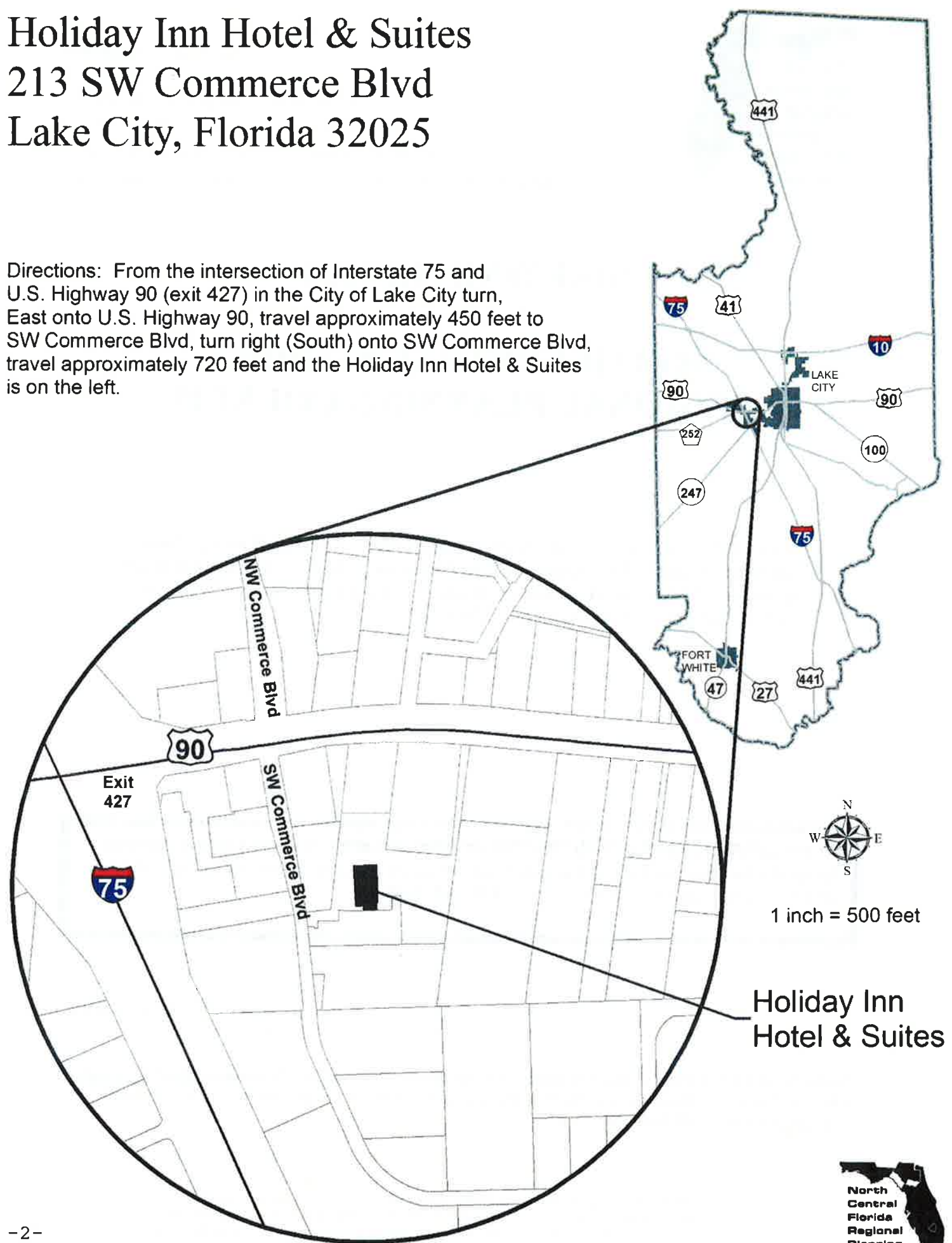
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Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet.)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

Directions: From the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 90 (exit 427) in the City of Lake City turn, East onto U.S. Highway 90, travel approximately 450 feet to SW Commerce Blvd, turn right (South) onto SW Commerce Blvd, travel approximately 720 feet and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites is on the left.





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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

April 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

March 28, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Don Cook, City of Perry
Karen Cossey, Union County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

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
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett, City of Madison
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Diana Davis
Dr. J. Michael Francis, Florida Humanities Council
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer
Elvin Lord
Marjorie Zander, City of Archer

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 Catron. She stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Timothy Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Marjorie Zander, Vice-Mayor from the City of Archer and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer. She then introduced Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis and Elvin Lord, a retired employee from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Chair Thomas asked that Item VI.B.4. - #49, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item VI.B.5. - #50, Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, which were received by staff after the meeting packets were distributed, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to add Item VI.B.4. - #49, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item VI.B.5. - #50, Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 28, 2013

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Cossey made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. GUEST SPEAKER - J. Michael Francis, Ph.D., Florida Humanities Council
"Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans and Indians in La Florida - 1513-1607"

Scott Koons, Executive Director, stated that April 2, 2013, marks the 500 year anniversary of the arrival of Ponce de León to Florida. He further stated that the goal of the Florida Department of State Viva Florida 500 celebrations throughout the state during 2013 is to stimulate cultural heritage tourism and to make history come alive with events in all 67 counties. He then introduced and welcomed Dr. J. Michael Francis from the Speakers Bureau of the Florida Humanities Council. Dr. Francis gave a presentation concerning the history of the explorers, settlers and native inhabitants of "La Florida" during the 1513-1607 timeframe, from the arrival of Ponce de Leon to the explorations of Pánfilo de Narváez, Hernando de Soto, Cabeza de Vaca and Pedro Menendez de Aviles. Chair Thomas thanked Dr. Francis for his informative presentation.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - February 2013
- B. Florida Department of Transportation Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution
- C. Application to Florida Municipal Insurance Trust
- D. Health Savings Account Payroll Deduction

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

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT - no report

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Proclamation Declaring April 2, 2013 as Viva Florida 500 Celebration Day in North Central Florida

Mr. Koons stated Viva Florida 500 is a statewide initiative led by the Florida Department of State to highlight the 500 years of historic people, places and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León to the land he named La Florida in 1513. He stated that Viva Florida 500 will take place year-round in 2013, and its many partners are planning more than 150 events statewide. The goal is to promote 500 years of Florida history, its people, places and cultural achievements, and this important milestone in American and Florida history. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council join in this effort by designating April 2, 2013 as *Viva Florida 500 Celebration Day in north central Florida*.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to proclaim April 2, 2013 as Viva Florida 500 Celebration Day in north central Florida by adopting a proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Due to the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, Vice-Chair Hawkins gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed three local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #45 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #47 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Commissioner Hawkins further reported that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, Council staff received the following late-arriving items which require action prior to the next Council meeting.

- #49 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (added to agenda)
- #50 - Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (added to agenda)

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, do not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local

governments. However, he stated that for the City of Alachua and Town of Branford amendments, the Committee recommended that the City and Town consider adding Transportation Best Practices found in the regional plan to their comprehensive plans. Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #45, City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #47, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, Item #48, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #49, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (added to agenda) and Item #50, Town of Branford Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2013-14 Overall Program Design

Chair Thomas introduced Mayor Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair and Chair of the Program Committee. He reported that the Program Committee met earlier in the evening to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. This document is to be used as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to provide instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Mayor Nobles stated that the Program Committee anticipated recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2013 Council meeting.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District reported on the progress that the North Florida Water Supply Partnership is making during their monthly meetings being held in Lake City.

Stew Lilker, of the Columbia County Observer, reported that Gilchrist County had recently withdrawn from the North Florida Broadband Authority, created in 2009 by an interlocal agreement among counties and cities in north central Florida.

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, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

B. 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 March 2013 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee has included \$2.5 million dollars in their budget for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14. He further reported that it is expected that the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee will also include in their budget \$2.5 million dollars in funding for regional planning councils.

Mr. Koons then reviewed the following bills being considered by the 2013 Legislature.

House Bill 4035 removes a section of Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, which allows local governments, regional planning councils or the state land planning agency to petition the Governor and Cabinet to increase or decrease the thresholds by 50 percent which determine a development of regional impact.

Senate Bill 1698 repeals provisions relating to the certification of local governments to conduct developments of regional impact reviews.

House Bill 121/Senate Bill 670 relates to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create a 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 the state.

Senate Bill 786 relates to comprehensive plan amendments and establishes a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment process.

House Bill 7/Senate Bill 244 relates to water management districts and requires districts to include certain reservations and water bodies in priority lists and schedules.

House Bill 789/Senate Bill 978 relates to springs and requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders.

D. 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 March 18, 2013 in Lake City and heard presentations on rainfall record keeping, water conservation practices for phosphate mining operations, as well as land coverage data collected by the water management districts.

F. Florida Leaders Organized for Water

Mr. Koons stated on March 11, 2013, the 12th meeting of the Florida Leaders Organized for Water was held in Lake City. The Board of Directors heard presentations from Dr. Robert L. Knight of the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute as well as from Chris Bird and Stacie Greco of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department. He stated that the Working Group voted to hold a workshop to develop a strategy for the Working Group. Mr. Koons 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 April 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

4/25/13

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE JOINT
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Florida Department of Transportation Joint Participation Agreement, as authorized under Section 339.12, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to receive support for transportation planning and regional visioning for Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties for the period ending June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will coordinate with neighboring regional planning councils and adjoining counties in order to accomplish said transportation planning and regional visioning; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will coordinate said transportation planning and regional visioning with the on-going Future Corridors studies of the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Joint Participation Agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Department of Transportation; and

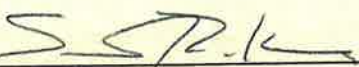
WHEREAS, this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

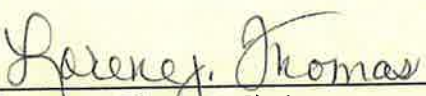
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to accomplish transportation planning and regional visioning in a 13-county area.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 28th day of March 2013.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director


Lorene J. Thomas, Chair



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2, 2013 AS VIVA FLORIDA 500 CELEBRATION DAY IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1513, Juan Ponce de León landed on the east coast of Florida and became the first recorded European to set foot on the continental United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Viva Florida 500 in 2013 marks the 500 year anniversary of the arrival of Ponce de Leon in 1513; and


WHEREAS, the 500th anniversary of landing of Ponce de Leon is a fitting time to reflect on the dynamic culture, rich diversity and economic prosperity of Florida and with recognition that five flags have flown over Florida in as many centuries, while also being the home to Native Americans for at least 12,000 years.


WHEREAS, Viva Florida 500 will take place year-round in 2013, with its goal to promote 500 years of Florida history, its people, places and cultural achievements, and this important milestone in American and Florida history.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims April 2, 2013 as Viva Florida 500 Celebration Day throughout the north central Florida region.

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

ATTEST:


Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer


Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

SEAL:



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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2013

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for March 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 six months was 46 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 44 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 March 31, 2013, it was \$1,584,318.

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)
March 31, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	March 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,967,300	251,011	910,947	46%
Expenses	1,967,300	166,549	872,340	44%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Financial Statement (Unaudited)

March 31, 2013

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	March 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue				
Program Development	33,900	1,146	28,338	84%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	30,000		30,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000		0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	57,000	300	26,300	46%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	39,500		0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,300	24,025	40,468	43%
Hazards Analyses	10,100		0	0%
Energy Resiliency & Assurance Studies	30,000		30,315	101%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	614,400	103,236	222,717	36%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	43,551	86,851	51%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	22,200	2,117	5,166	23%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	157,900	43,822	83,384	53%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	15,750	76,500	71%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	5,065	14,111	40%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	5,000	39,000	93%
Vision North Central Florida			2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000		20,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	313,000		122,626	39%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	7,000	82,672	47%
Total Revenue	1,967,300	251,011	910,947	46%

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

	Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13	March 2013	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Expenses				
Audit	15,000	0	14,295	95%
Building Debt Service	44,600	3,714	22,284	50%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	1,839	16,437	41%
Contractual Services	77,000	9,669	21,313	28%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	40,000	1,129	32,752	82%
Furniture & Equipment	30,000	0	14,648	49%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	3,934	13,014	77%
Legal Costs	12,000	1,001	3,540	29%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	6,000	235	3,594	60%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	4,162	8,745	46%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	41,000	1,627	10,059	25%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	115,065	628,644	45%
Postage	13,000	789	3,600	28%
Printing	3,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	709	5,352	45%
Telephone	6,000	448	3,071	51%
Travel	86,000	14,103	47,951	56%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	42,000	8,124	23,040	55%
Contingency	62,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,967,300	166,549	872,340	44%

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 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	911
Proceeds from Loan Portfolio Sale	1,908
Other	1,118
Expended Regional Support	(22,940)
Expended Local Technical Service	(1,207)
Expended Member Support to Economic Development	(19,776)
Expended Program Development	<u>(22,074)</u>
Adjusted General Fund Balance, 03/31/13	1,584,318



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$6,285.50.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$6,285.50.

The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. model is based upon an input-output engine and provides the Council, our local governments, economic development agencies and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. It uses national data calibrated for the region, but also can accept local data sets to enhance its accuracy. This model can review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, include economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region of any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include a minor league baseball stadium in Alachua County, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center and manufacturing facilities in Columbia County, a hypothetical manufacturing plant in Gilchrist County, an ethanol plant in Hamilton County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County, a marina resort development in Taylor County and an electric power generating plant in Taylor County.

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

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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.




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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement with Hamilton County - Fiscal Year 2012-13

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement for Hamilton County - Fiscal Year 2012-13 to add \$2,899 to the contract amount to conduct an additional 20 percent site visits.

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statutes require each county to annually monitor the waste management practices of 20 percent of the government organizations and businesses that may potentially generate small quantities of hazardous waste. The majority of these operations involve motor vehicle maintenance. On-site visits are required to collect information that is entered into an on-line database.

Hamilton County is requesting that the Council amend the Fiscal Year 2012-13 agreement to conduct hazardous waste monitoring to add \$2,899 to the contract amount to conduct an additional 20 percent site visits. During these site visits, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems with management techniques.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Selection of Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recommending that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The Council issued a request for proposals for Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

At the December 6, 2012 Council meeting, the Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to evaluate and score the proposals for the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator. The Technical Review Committee members evaluated Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and found it responsive to the request for proposals.

The Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, at its April 16, 2013 meeting, recommended that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

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

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;

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 that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair



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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Selection of Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recommending that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The Council issued a request for proposals for Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

At the December 6, 2012 Council meeting, the Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to evaluate and score the proposals for the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator. The Technical Review Committee members evaluated Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and found it responsive to the request for proposals.

The Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, at its March 25, 2013 meeting, recommended that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

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

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;

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 that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair




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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Selection of Union County Community Transportation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recommending that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate A & A Transport, Inc. as the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The Council issued a request for proposals for Union County Community Transportation Coordinator on January 3, 2013. The following firms submitted proposals in response to the request for proposals:

1. A & A Transport, Inc.
2. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

At the December 6, 2012 Council meeting, the Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and rank proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator.

The Technical Review Committee members ranked the proposals in the following order.

1. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.
2. A & A Transport, Inc.

The Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended, at its April 16, 2013 meeting, that the Council recommend A & A Transport, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

Subsequent to the ranking of the proposals and the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board meeting held on April 16, 2013, the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. withdrew their proposal (see attached letter).

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

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April 17, 2013

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
2009 NW 6th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653
RE: Union County Request for Proposals

Dear Mr. Koons,

Please accept this letter as official notice that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is withdrawing its submitted proposal to become the Community Transportation Coordinator in Union County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. respects and appreciates the time spent on the Request for Proposals process by Planning Council staff and others involved.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this letter of withdraw.

Sincerely,
Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

Frances Terry
Executive Director

C: Matt Pearson, Director of Transportation
SREC Reading file
Union County RFP file

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL
PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING A & A TRANSPORT, INC. AS
THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION
COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority
to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for
proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on
January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received two
proposals in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a
Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee ranked the proposals in the following
order:

1. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
2. A & A Transport, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
recommended that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated as the Community Transportation
Coordinator for Union County;

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 that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation
Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning
Council this 25th day of April 2013.

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ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair



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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Ms. Michelle Giannosa served as the Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards from January 2010 to March 2013.

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

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April 25, 2013

Ms. Michelle Giannosa
1389 U.S. Hwy. 90, W. Suite 170B
Lake City, FL 32055

RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Dear Ms. Giannosa:

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

As a token of our appreciation for your service, the Planning Council, at its regular meeting on April 25, 2013 unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. Thank you for taking the time to serve on these Boards.

Sincerely,

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michelle Giannosa has served as the Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Giannosa ably discharged her duties as the Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Michelle Giannosa for the dedicated service she rendered to the Columbia and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards, and for her concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia and Union Counties 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 Michelle Giannosa.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

April 25, 2013
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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 21 years ago. It is now a 10-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 4-12, 2013 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 declaring the week of May 4-12, 2013 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

DECLARING MAY 4-12, 2013 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 89 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates over \$4.0 billion 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 declares the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2013.

ATTEST:

Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

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April 18, 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., April 25, 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

- #51 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ESR)
- #53 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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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April 18, 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 March 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 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: March 2013

OUTREACH

- Schedule a meeting with the new Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Jesse Panuccio (occurred on April 3, 2013).
- Strategized throughout the month with Sara Patterson, Florida Chamber Foundation, and Scott Koons (NCFRPC), Chair, regarding official roll-out activities and press releases pertaining to the completion of each RPC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy using the Florida Chamber's Six Pillars as an organizing framework.
- Met with Patty Nelson, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform to assist a Gubernatorial Fellow working in her office on a regulatory reform project, which provided an opportunity to share information and promote an understanding of the role of regional planning councils in planning and economic development.
- Along with Mario Taylor (NEFRC), worked with Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils, to restructure RPCs' dues payments.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Attended a Florida Transportation Commission workshop that addressed regional governance and included a discussion of the Florida Department of Transportation's freight and corridors initiatives.
- Attended Opportunity Florida's quarterly board meeting, which focused on repurposing the organization, a review of the regional rural development grant, and an update on the Broadband Alliance.
- Attended a meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, which focused primarily on legislative issues and the impact of sequestration on Florida's military bases related and resources.
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, during which an update on the Franklin County Economic Development Summit was given and redesignation of the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern was discussed.
- Participated in a meeting of the state agency Economic Development liaisons, hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, where a draft of the Appendix for the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development was reviewed and instructions provided for submitting changes and comments by April 2, which was completed by the deadline.

Florida Regional Councils Association
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Monthly Accomplishments
March 2013

- Along with Mario Taylor (NEFRC), met with Dr. Melanie Simmons, Florida Department of Management Services' Resource Development for the Broadband Initiative, to explore the potential for RPCs to apply for and administer a health care related fund.

LEGISLATIVE

- Reached out to the Florida Department of Transportation's Legislative Director, Gerard O'Rourke, to discuss Secretary Prasad's presentation on regional transportation governance to the Senate Transportation Committee, and provided follow-up information to the Committee's staff director, Kurt Eichin.
- Participated in a 1000 Friends of Florida Legislative Webinar.
- Attended/monitored legislative committee meetings and issued a legislative update and several bill tracking reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Completed gathering data pertaining to the Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste Program, which will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in April.
- Distributed notices of funding and grant opportunities pertaining to brownfields, Hurricane Isaac, and the Florida Department of Transportation's Intermodal Logistics Center Support Program.
- Updated the FRCA Website to post an updated event calendar, meeting materials, and legislative update.
- Participated in the March FRCA meetings, drafted the March FRCA meeting summaries, secured presenters and prepared the Partners Agenda for the April FRCA meeting, and finalized the meeting space arrangements for the April and June FRCA meetings.



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April 18, 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 April 2013 Scorecard.

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

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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

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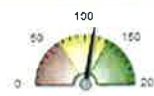
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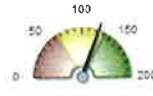
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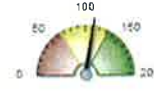
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Florida Needs More International Trade to Double Exports by 2015

The Florida Chamber Foundation is focused on doubling Florida-origin exports by 2015 when compared to 2010. This goal appears out of reach, as the annual growth rate of the state's exports slowed drastically to a mere 2.3% in 2012. This is a sharp decrease from the 2011 annual growth rate of 17.2%. This decrease can partially be explained by the slow growth of export prices in 2012. Yet, even after adjusting for inflation, Florida's export growth appeared to slow over the past year. Tracking international trade flows through the sunshine state is a critical component of monitoring Florida's progress to a new and sustainable economy. Imports provide consumers with the goods and services they demand, as exports spur production and job creation across many industries. The slow growth of Florida's total export value in 2012 provides a minor setback in achieving this goal. Given that Florida exports in 2012 totaled approximately \$66 billion, Florida will need to increase exports by over 18% each year if it is to reach this \$111 billion target.



Trade Exports

Florida Net Job Creation in 2013



The Florida Chamber Foundation's Trade and Logistics 2.0 study, set for release in October, aims to provide new strategies and opportunities to help Florida achieve this goal. By improving upon Florida's trade and logistics system, we can provide businesses with an infrastructure which efficiently facilitates the movement of goods. These developments can help Florida become more competitive and move the state closer to doubling exports in the years ahead. To learn more about the Florida Trade and Logistics 2.0 Study, please contact the Foundation at info@FLFoundation.org.



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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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April 18, 2012

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars Press Release

The Florida Chamber Foundation, founded in 1968, is a business-led, problem-solver and research organization, working in partnership with state business leaders to promote a vibrant Florida economy. A major initiative of the Foundation is to develop a statewide, 20-year strategic plan to promote prosperity and high paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness. The framework to accomplish such a task is known as the Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy. The Six Pillars is a product of years of collaboration and research by the Florida Chamber Foundation, along with business, civic and government partners, which identifies the critical factors determining Florida's future: 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.

The Foundation is a critical voice for improving the state's pro-business climate to enable Florida to grow and prosper. The Six Pillars Caucus System is a qualitative research program aimed to engage the best and brightest minds in the state to develop a plan for Florida's future economy that includes high-wage jobs, global competitiveness and vibrant communities by the year 2030.

The Six Pillars incorporates the work of a diverse range of stakeholders and their strategic thinking, including the Century Commission for a Sustainable Future, Florida Council of 100, Enterprise Florida, Inc., Florida University System, Workforce Florida, Inc., and 1000 Friends of Florida among others. The framework serves as an organizing force for strategic planning at the local, regional and state level. Its real power is in the efficiency of harnessing fragmented viewpoints into a common and consistent conversation. On April 8, 2013, the Foundation issued a press release which announced that all 11 regional planning councils have completed their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Six Pillars framework (see attached press release). More information about the Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy can be found at flchamber.com/six-pillars.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Juli Puckett, 850.521.1217

Florida's Regional Planning Councils Complete Economic Development Strategic Plans Using Six Pillars Framework
Securing Florida's Future through Statewide Strategic Planning

TALLAHASSEE, FL. (April 8, 2013) – Today, the Florida Chamber Foundation announced that all 11 of Florida's Regional Planning Council's (RPCs) have completed their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) using the Foundation's Six Pillars framework and will become the Foundation's strategic partner in demonstrating the value of the Six Pillars across the state. Designated as federal economic development districts, the RPCs promote economic development throughout the state in partnership with local economic development organizations and the business community.

The CEDS plans are completed with a five-year horizon and are a requirement of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, elevating the Six Pillars from a statewide effort to the federal level. The Six Pillars offer a framework for local chambers of commerce, economic development organizations and other community leadership groups to facilitate long-term planning while focusing on short-term action. Statewide organizations such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Florida, Florida Association of Counties, VISIT FLORIDA and the Department of Economic Opportunity are all utilizing the Six Pillars as a collaborative tool to move their efforts forward. The RPCs will join the ranks of these state partners, and the counties of Jackson, Palm Beach and Broward counties whom have all adopted the Six Pillars as well.

"The RPCs partnership with the business community is fundamental for Florida's economic success," said Bentina Terry, Vice President at Gulf Power and Chair of the Florida Chamber Foundation. "Their adoption of the Six Pillars clearly shows that the RPCs understand the importance of that partnership and the value of the Six Pillars in aligning our efforts."

As stewards of economic growth across Florida, the RPCs clearly understand that alignment with the business community will strengthen their economic development efforts and foster more opportunities for the entire state, including rural areas. The RPCs will play a strong role in the next phase of the Chamber Foundation's Six Pillars Community program in their respective regions, impacting the entire state of Florida.

"The Foundation looks forward to working with the RPCs," said Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice President of the Florida Chamber Foundation. "Every community and corner of the state now has a strong partner and friend working to ensure they grow and prosper."

The RPCs will become an official Six Pillars Community at their June Policy Board Meeting being held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference.

"I congratulate the RPCs on the completion of their CEDS plans focused on the Six Pillars of Florida's future," said Mark Wilson, President & CEO of the Florida Chamber. "Not only does this show the power

of the Six Pillars at the state level, but the federal level will be able to see the good work taking place in Florida through the RPCs.”

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*The **Florida Chamber Foundation** is the business-led, solutions development and research organization working in partnership with state business leaders to secure Florida's future. The Foundation's "Six Pillars" serve as a visioning platform for developing the first-ever, long-term strategic plan for the state. The Foundation's work focuses on: 1) Talent Supply and Education, 2) Innovation and Economic Development, 3) Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, 4) Business Climate and Competitiveness, 5) Civic and Governance Systems, and 6) Quality of Life and Quality Places. Founded in 1968, the Foundation is a critical voice for improving the state's pro-business climate to enable Florida to grow and prosper. For more information, visit www.FLFoundation.org.*



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April 18, 2013

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 did 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 did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. However, budgets recently adopted by the Senate and House both include \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14. The two budgets will now be reconciled by a budget conference committee and presented to the Senate and House for final action.

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 convened on March 5, 2013 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2013. The six weeks of legislative interim committee meetings concluded on February 21, 2013.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

House Bill 4035 by Representative Spano relates to developments of regional impact. The bill deletes provisions authorizing the state land planning agency, regional planning agencies, or local governments to petition the Administration Commission to increase or decrease numerical thresholds of statewide guidelines and standards used in determining whether developments are subject to development of regional impact review. **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 1698 by Senator Latrala relates to developments of regional impact. The bill repeals provisions relating to the certification of local governments to conduct development of regional impact reviews. **Referred to Community Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee, and Rules Committee.**

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 Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations Committee.**

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, Local and Federal Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.**

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 Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations Committee.**

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. **Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now on the House calendar for Second Reading.**

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. **Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, and Finance and Tax Subcommittee. The bill is now in Economic Affairs Committee.**

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. **Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill is now on the House Special Order Calendar.**

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. **Passed by Commerce and Tourism Committee, and Community Affairs Committee. The bill is now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development.**

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 Committee, Commerce and Tourism Committee, and Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Appropriations Committee.**

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. **Passed by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Local and Federal Affairs Committee, Local and Federal Affairs Committee, and Economic Affairs Committee. The bill was passed by the House 116 Yeas and 0 Nays.**

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. **Passed by Community Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Commerce and Tourism Committee. The bill is now in Rules Committee.**

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 Committee, and Judiciary Committee.**

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. **Passed by Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee, and State Affairs Committee. The bill is now on the House calendar for Second Reading.**

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 Committee, and Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee. The bill was passed by the Senate 40 Yeas 0 Nays.**

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. **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 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. **Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, Community Affairs Committee, and Rules Committee.**

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



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April 18, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Incident

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and I briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account (see attached letter).

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

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April 18, 2013

Mr. Samuel Goforth
Regional President Wells Fargo
104 North Main Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Re: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Account number: 2100061145019

Dear Sam,

I represent the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. I have continuously represented this organization for over twenty years. I would like to introduce the Council to you by describing their membership and governmental purpose.

The Council is an association of 24 general purpose local governments located in north central Florida. The Council is organized under the authority of Section 186.504, Florida Statutes, with the formal organization being formed under authority of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, pursuant to a duly adopted and executed interlocal agreement. County members include Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. Municipal members include Alachua, Archer, Gainesville, Hawthorne, High Springs, Jasper, Lake City, Live Oak, Madison, Newberry, Perry, Starke and Waldo.

The Council, in partnership with economic development organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life in counties and incorporated municipalities in north central Florida. The Council, whose members are local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, administers a variety of state and federal programs for north central Florida. Programs include development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, technical assistance to local governments in development of comprehensive plans, land development regulations and grant management, and administration of developments of regional impact, local mitigation strategies, hazardous materials, homeland security and economic development programs. In addition, the Council staffs the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and *The Original Florida* Tourism Task Force.

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April 18, 2013
Mr. Samuel Goforth

The Council maintains memberships in the following organizations: National Association of Development Organizations; National Association of Regional Councils; Florida Regional Councils Association; Florida Small County Coalition; Florida Chamber Foundation and 15 local chambers of commerce in north central Florida.

As I am sure you are aware, the Council has had a long lasting banking relationship with your institution and its predecessor. Never before have they been in a situation in which a fraud resulted in excess of \$49,000.00 being removed from their account. The Council did nothing wrong and the funds that were wrongfully removed from their account are all governmental funds. The Council needs these funds to operate on and to fulfill its governmental mission. For your review, I am enclosing a copy of the fraudulent check and a copy of a normal check which the Council uses for this account.

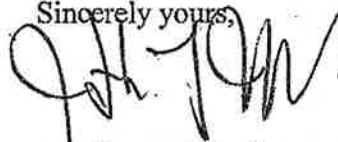
Therefore, we request the following:

1. That your institution provide us within 15 days of the date of this letter a copy of all documents that the Council has signed with your institution relative to this account, including copies of the signature cards.
2. That you remit to the Council the sum of \$49,523.00 within 30 days of the date of this letter.

The Council and its members are not responsible for the loss of this money and they respectfully request that the Bank reimburse the Council for this loss.

We hope this matter can be resolved amicably.

Sincerely yours,



Jonathan F. Wershow

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