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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 December 12, 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](mailto:laine@ncfrpc.org) by December 9th 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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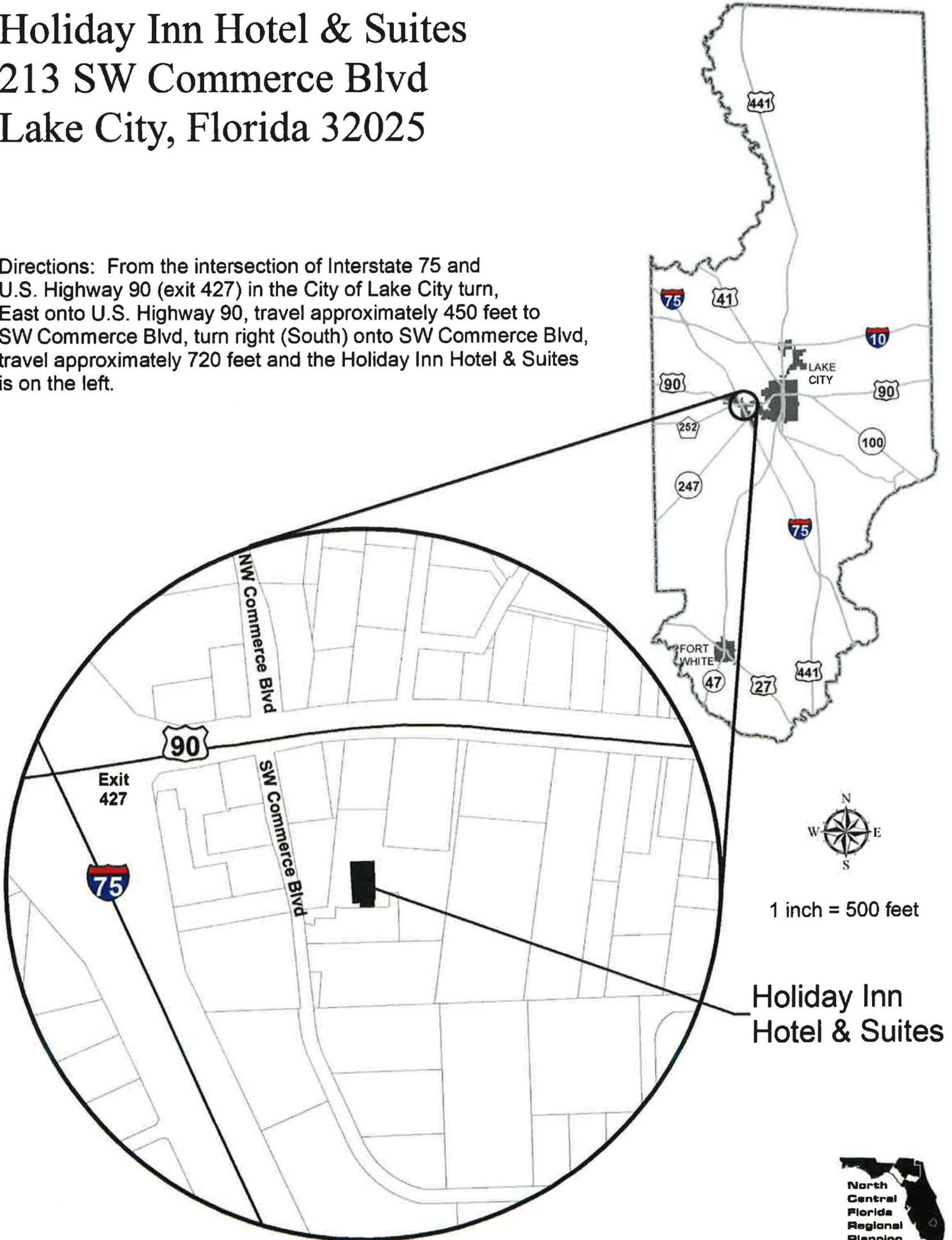
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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,  
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Lake City, Florida 32025

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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

December 12, 2013  
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

October 24, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Don Cook, City of Perry  
Karen Cossey, Union County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
*Sandra Haas, Suwannee County*  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
**Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville**  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County  
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville  
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua  
*Charles Williams, Hamilton County*  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE

Ginger Travers, City of High Springs

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine  
Jean Strong

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County  
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs  
Susan Bottcher, City of Gainesville  
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville  
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Timothy Bennett, Madison City Manager  
Bobby Crosby, Gilchrist County Administrator  
Diana Davis  
Brian Delburn, Florida Dept. of Transportation  
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation  
Roni Jordan, Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection  
Buddy Haas  
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water  
Management District  
Doug Jones, Archer City Commissioner  
Joseph Riddick

**Board Members names are bolded**

*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nobles called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Nobles stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Nobles welcomed and introduced Timothy Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Commissioner Doug Jones from the City of Archer, Buddy Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas and Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County. Commissioner Thomas then introduced County Administrator Bobby Crosby from Gilchrist County.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 26, 2013

Chair Nobles asked that the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Technical Assistance Planning Grant Agreement - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- B. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Community Redevelopment Area Planning Assistance Agreement - City of Madison

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

**ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Mayor Spooner, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT - Appointment of Florida Regional Councils Association  
Policy Board Retreat Delegation

Chair Nobles stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association, a statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils, has scheduled a retreat for January 9-10, 2014, to be held in Tallahassee. He stated that the purpose of the retreat is to review the roles and responsibilities of regional planning councils in furthering their mission to improve the quality of life in regions throughout Florida and that the retreat will be facilitated by the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute. He stated that prior to the retreat, interviews and surveys will be conducted by the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute with regional planning council partners and stakeholders. Chair Nobles added that the composition of each regional planning council delegation is to consist of the three Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board representatives and two other Council members, provided that the delegation at a minimum includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of each regional planning council. He asked that the appointments of the following Council members be made to the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Retreat Delegation, as recommended by the Chair.

- Rick Davis, Executive Committee Member
- Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair, Policy Board Representative
- Carolyn Spooner, Vice-Chair
- Daniel Riddick, Secretary-Treasurer, Policy Board Representative
- Lorene Thomas, Immediate Past Chair, Policy Board Representative

**ACTION:** Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to ratify the appointments of Rick Davis, Garth Nobles, Jr., Carolyn Spooner, Daniel Riddick and Lorene Thomas to the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Retreat Delegation as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed three local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #1 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #2 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #4 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Ms. Haas further stated that the Clearinghouse Committee also received the following sector plan.

#3 - Plum Creek Sector Plan, Council Recommendations for the Long-Term Master Plan

Ms. Haas stated that the comprehensive plan amendments would be grouped for presentation purposes. She stated 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. She 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:** Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hawkins, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #1, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #2, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #4, Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that with regards to the Plum Creek Sector Plan, Council Recommendations for the Long-Term Master Plan, the Committee recommends that:

1. The long-term master plan contain goals, policies and/or commitments which prevent, minimize and/or mitigate impacts to regional transportation facilities identified in the regional plan in a manner consistent with the goals and policies of the regional plan;
2. The long-term master plan contain goals, policies and/or commitments which prevent, minimize and/or mitigate impacts to regional transportation facilities

identified in the strategic regional policy plans of the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council;

3. The long-term master plan contain an analysis of impacts to the anticipated lifespan of the New River Regional Landfill;
4. The long-term master plan contain goals, policies and/or commitments which prevent, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance identified in the regional plan in a manner consistent with the goals and policies of the regional plan;
5. The long-term master plan include a commitment to address affordable housing impacts using the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council methodology, as amended; and
6. The long-term master plan include language which directs each detailed specific area plan be treated as a stand-alone project for purposes of affordable housing impact analysis.

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these recommendations to Plum Creek, Alachua County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hawkins, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning the Plum Creek Sector Plan. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### VI. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department is currently developing its five-year work program. He further stated that a public workshop will be held in Lake City on December 5, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to present the tentative five-year work program for all counties in the north central Florida region plus Levy County. He reported that a public hearing will be held in Jacksonville on December 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns Counties.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that a new Water Conservation Specialist position has been created. He stated that the Suwannee River Water Management Districts has received \$5.4 million from the State for springs conservation. He stated that drilling in Mallory Swamp is being conducted to determine the potential for water storage and aquifer recharge. He also stated that a feasibility study has been completed to obtain property adjacent to Camp Blanding to mitigate flooding in the Starke area. He stated that Suwannee River Water Management District is currently negotiating with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop prevention/recovery strategies for the Lower Santa Fe River.

Roni Jordan, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Department continues to streamline the regulatory permitting process. She stated that assistance can be obtained by contacting her office.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity 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 September 2013 monthly activity report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

Mr. Koons stated that an assessment survey will be distributed via email to Council members, ex-officio members as well as city and county and economic development organization partners during the month of November 2013. The results of the survey will be used by the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute to develop a report which will be presented at the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Retreat in January 2014.

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

Mr. Koons then presented a video developed by the Florida Chamber Foundation on economic trends in Florida over the past 100 years.

C. National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Awards

Mr. Koons reported that the National Association of Development Organizations is a Washington, D.C.-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies. The Association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Mr. Koons stated that the Association recently awarded the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council two 2013 Innovation Awards. The first award was for the Fish Natural North Florida Regional Marketing Campaign and the second award was for the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Exercise. The 2013 slate of awardees included 93 projects representing National Association of Development Organizations members from 25 states.

F. Check Fraud Status Report

Mr. Koons reported that 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 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. He added that on June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons stated that at their meeting on July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00, to engage Stanley Cushman from the law firm of Scruggs and Carmichael to serve as co-counsel for the lawsuit and to designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. He stated that on August 6, 2013, a lawsuit was filed against Wells Fargo to recover the Council's funds.

Mr. Koons further reported that on September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Cushman responded to the motion stating that arbitration does not apply to the dispute and have filed a motion for a hearing on the motion to compel arbitration. The hearing has been scheduled for October 30, 2013.

Mr. Koons stated that Commissioner Robert Wilford will be retiring as Chief Executive Officer of the Central Florida Community Action Agency on November 1, 2013. He reported that Commissioner Wilford was recently honored by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners with a proclamation proclaiming November 1, 2013 as Robert W. Wilford Day in Alachua County, Florida. Commissioner Wilford continues to serve as a city commissioner for the City of Alachua and as the City of Alachua representative on the Council.

Chair Nobles informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 12, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SKK*  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - September 2013

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for September 2013. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date as is reported 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 12 months was 99 percent of budget

**Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of 12 months are 98 percent of budget. The year ended 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 September 30, 2013, it was \$1,538,736.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound.

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)**  
**September 30, 2013**

**BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	1,284,955
Accounts Receivable	622,587
Other Current Assets	26,741

Total Current Assets	1,934,283
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,934,283
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	21,831
Other Current Liabilities	300,168

Total Liabilities	321,999
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Equity	1,612,284
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,934,283
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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**September 30, 2013**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13</b>	<b>September 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,890,900	384,394	1,875,536	99%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,890,900	221,804	1,848,261	98%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**September 30, 2013**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13</b>	<b>September 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	23,900	1,694	25,274	106%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	55,000	0	55,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	0		0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	49,800	0	55,538	112%
Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study	3,500	9,527	9,527	272%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	45,300	45,313	45,313	100%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	89,500	23,790	97,440	109%
Hazards Analyses	9,200	0	9,778	106%
Energy Resiliency & Assurance Studies	35,900	7,648	37,963	106%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	559,200	136,471	521,996	93%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	174,700	43,300	173,451	99%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	21,900	5,185	21,233	97%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	161,500	35,194	156,825	97%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	15,750	108,000	100%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	21,000	3,058	21,246	101%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	38,000	4,995	44,001	116%
Vision North Central Florida		-2,500	0	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	5,000	0	5,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	301,800	54,013	299,263	99%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	187,700	956	188,688	101%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,890,900</b>	<b>384,394</b>	<b>1,875,536</b>	<b>99%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**September 30, 2013**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2012 - 13</b>	<b>September 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	15,000	210	14,505	97%
Building Debt Service	44,600	3,714	44,568	100%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	31,000	2,631	29,321	95%
Contractual Services	60,000	12,840	57,109	95%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	47,000	4,361	46,900	100%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	14,648	98%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	255	17,203	101%
Legal Costs	13,000	5,429	14,261	110%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	6,000	82	4,751	79%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	268	16,940	85%
Moving Expense	0	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	27,000	725	26,136	97%
Personnel Costs	1,410,200	173,181	1,394,909	99%
Postage	8,000	679	7,480	93%
Printing	2,000	40	1,490	75%
Recruiting	0	0	0	0%
Reproduction	13,000	833	12,370	95%
Telephone	7,000	556	6,399	91%
Travel	98,000	10,612	97,306	99%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	38,000	5,388	41,965	110%
Contingency	19,100	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,890,900</b>	<b>221,804</b>	<b>1,848,261</b>	<b>98%</b>



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#### **Revenue**

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#### **Expenditures**

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

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound.

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#### **Attachment**

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

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,245,083
Accounts Receivable	423,987
Other Current Assets	<u>22,595</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,691,665</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>1,691,665</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	14,988
Other Current Liabilities	<u>175,312</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>190,300</u>
Equity	<u>1,501,365</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>1,691,665</u>

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

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>October 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,969,300	87,083	87,083	4%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,969,300	181,124	181,124	9%

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

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>October 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	23,900	4,963	4,963	21%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	50,000	19,605	19,605	39%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000	0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	57,000	0	0	0%
Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study	10,000	0	0	0%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	42,400	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,500	0	0	0%
Hazards Analyses	9,700	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	621,000	0	0	0%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,600	0	0	0%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	17,644	17,644	16%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000	34,000	34,000	79%
Vision North Central Florida		2,500	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	3,921	3,921	39%
City & County Planning Services	307,000	2,617	2,617	1%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	1,833	1,833	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,969,300</b>	<b>87,083</b>	<b>87,083</b>	<b>4%</b>

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

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>October 2013</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Debt Service	11,200	3,714	3,714	33%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,613	2,613	7%
Contractual Services	72,000	1,910	1,910	3%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	47,000	26,594	26,594	57%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	8,674	8,674	58%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	0	0	0%
Legal Costs	12,000	806	806	7%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	0	0%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	2,836	2,836	14%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	30,000	3,259	3,259	11%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	104,196	104,196	7%
Postage	8,000	604	604	8%
Printing	3,000	0	0	0%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	1,905	1,905	16%
Telephone	7,000	465	465	7%
Travel	97,000	5,695	5,695	6%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000	17,853	17,853	42%
Contingency	113,900	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,969,300</b>	<b>181,124</b>	<b>181,124</b>	<b>9%</b>



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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: 2014-16 U. S. Economic Development Administration Partnership  
 Planning Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning investment grant to the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$189,000 and authorize the Chair to execute the grant award if the application is approved.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is designated by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, as an Economic Development District. Every three years the Council applies for and receives a planning grant from the Economic Development Administration to fund a portion of the Council's economic development program.

The Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Economic Development Administration has invited the Council to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning investment grant in the amount of \$189,000. Based upon the Administration's preliminary analysis of the area distress of Union County, this invitation in the amount of \$189,000 will require a 25 percent local match of \$47,250.

As you will recall, this program consists, in part, of the preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and assistance to local governments in submitting applications for state and federal assistance for various development projects around the region.

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





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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: North Florida Economic Development Partnership  
*Experience North Florida* Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the Council being a Titanium Level Sponsor for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership *Experience North Florida* event in the amount of \$1,000.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership is the public-private partnership that promotes economic development in the 14-county North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. This area includes Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties in the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council region as well as Baker, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam Counties.

The Partnership is conducting an event entitled *Experience North Florida* at Honey Lake Plantation in Madison County on February 9-11, 2014. The purpose of the event is to connect site location consultants representing north Florida targeted industries with economic development professionals, state and regional project managers, state and local elected officials, corporate business leaders and other key decision-makers committed to attracting investment to the region.

The Partnership is soliciting sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event. It is recommended that the Council be a sponsor at the Titanium Level for \$1,000. This level of sponsorship entitles the Council to have one attendee participate in all group functions and have the Council logo featured on all event printed materials, website and on-site signage.

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

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint Patricia J. Bonsteel as the Bradford County voting Citizen Advocate, Alberta Hampton as the Bradford and Union County voting Children at Risk Representative, Jeanne d'Eauede as the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee voting Citizen Advocate, Louie Goodin as the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Citizen Advocate, Audre J. Washington as the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Children at Risk Representative, Dwight Law as the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative and Brooke Ward as the Dixie and Gilchrist County alternate Children at Risk Representative.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that the following individuals be appointed to local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards, as follows:

- Patricia J. Bonsteel - Bradford County voting Citizen Advocate
- Alberta Hampton - Bradford and Union County voting Children at Risk Representative
- Jeanne d'Eauede - Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee voting Citizen Advocate
- Louie Goodin, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Citizen Advocate
- Audre J. Washington, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Children at Risk Representative
- Dwight Law, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee alternate Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative
- Brooke Ward, Dixie and Gilchrist County alternate Children at Risk Representative

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

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
 Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to sign the Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached certifications are regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes.

Please find attached the Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications. These forms certify that the membership of the boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

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

**Attachments**

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**BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place  
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The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

<b>MEMBER/REPRESENTING</b>	<b>ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING</b>
Commissioner Danny Riddick Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Tommy Chastain Local Elected Official
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Brad Seeling Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Jeffrey Aboumrad Florida Department of Education	Vacant Florida Department of Education
Cindy Roberts Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Linda Tatum Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Janice Johnson Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Richard Sapp Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Barbara Fischer Veterans	Vacant Veterans
Patricia Bonsteel (Term ending June 30, 2016) Citizen Advocate	Vacant Citizen Advocate
Patricia Fountain (Term ending June 30, 2015) Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Mary Lou Black (Term ending June 30, 2014) Persons with Disabilities	Sherry Ruszkowski Persons with Disabilities
Vacant Elderly	Vacant Elderly
Vacant Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Kyle Bonesteel Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Steve Futch - Vice -Chair Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED  
COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Bucky Nash Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Commissioner Beth Burnam Local Elected Official	Not Applicable
Commissioner Jason Bashaw - Vice Chair Local Elected Official	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Kay Tice Florida Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi Florida Department of Children and Families
Rayford Riels Florida Department of Education	Allison Gill Florida Department of Education
Bruce Evans Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Dwight Law Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Rehberg Regional Workforce Board	Jeannie Carr Regional Workforce Board
Matthew Pearson Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Keith Hatcher Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Clay Lambert Veterans	Ellis A. Gray, III Veterans
Vacant (Term ending June 30, 2014) Citizen Advocate	Jeanne d'Eauede (Term ending June 30, 2014) Citizen Advocate
LJ Johnson (Term ending June 30, 2015) Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Ralph Kitchens (Term ending June 30, 2016) Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Reverend Charles Burke (Term ending June 30, 2014) Elderly	Sandra Buck-Camp (Term ending June 30, 2014) Elderly
Kathy Barrs Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Colleen Cody Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

<b>MEMBER/REPRESENTING</b>	<b>ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING</b>
Commissioner Jason Holifield Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Brad Seeling Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Rayford Riels Florida Department of Education	Vacant Florida Department of Education
Cindy Roberts Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Elizabeth Jane Davis Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Vacant Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Tim Alexander Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Jerry Prater Veterans	Vacant Veterans
Vacant Citizen Advocate	Vacant Citizen Advocate
Vacant Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Vacant Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Betty Touma - Vice Chair (Term ending June 30, 2016) Elderly	Vacant Elderly
Vacant Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Tonya Hiers Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

<b>MEMBER/REPRESENTING</b>	<b>ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING</b>
Commissioner John Rance Thomas Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Brad Seeling Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Rayford Riels Florida Department of Education	Vacant Florida Department of Education
Cindy Roberts Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay - Vice-Chair Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Jaqueline Loubet Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Vacant Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Cloud Haley Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Jim Mash Veterans	Vacant Veterans
William R. Cummings (Term ending June 30, 2014) Citizen Advocate	Vacant Citizen Advocate
Vacant Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Jim McCrone (Term ending June 30, 2015) Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Betty Ramey (Term ending June 30, 2016) Elderly	Richard Esseck Elderly
Vacant Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Tonya Hiers Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

MEMBER/REPRESENTING	ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING
Commissioner Donnie Hamlin Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Kay Tice Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Vacant Florida Department of Education	Vacant Florida Department of Education
Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Rehberg Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Ricky Lyons Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Ritchie Page Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Carlton Black Veterans	Vacant Veterans
Cindy Morgan, Vice-Chair (Term ending June 30, 2014) Citizen Advocate	Vacant Citizen Advocate
Vacant Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Vacant Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Martha Humphries (Term ending June 30, 2015) Elderly	Vacant Elderly
Ginger Calhoun Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Vacant Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD  
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place  
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The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

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2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

<b>MEMBER/REPRESENTING</b>	<b>ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING</b>
Commissioner Ronnie Moore Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Karen Page Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Vacant Florida Department of Education	Vacant Florida Department of Education
Rosa Richardson Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Faye Basiri Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Harold Walker Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Sheryl Rehberg Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Matthew Pearson Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Gladney Cherry Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Oliver Bradley Veterans	Vacant Veterans
Shanetha Mitchell (Term ending June 30, 2014) Citizen Advocate	Vacant Citizen Advocate
Donna Hagan (Term ending June 30, 2016) Citizen Advocate - User	Cindy Hutto Citizen Advocate - User
Vacant Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Vacant Elderly	Vacant Elderly
Leila C. Rykard (Term ending June 30, 2015) Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Linda Jones Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit

**UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD**

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place  
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2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

<b>MEMBER/REPRESENTING</b>	<b>ALTERNATE/REPRESENTING</b>
Commissioner Wayne Smith Local Elected Official/Chair	Not Applicable
Sandra Collins Florida Department of Transportation	Janell Damato Florida Department of Transportation
Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant Florida Department of Children and Families
Rayford Riels Florida Department of Education	Barbara Harrington Florida Department of Education
Cindy Roberts Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Alana McKay Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Andrew Singer Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Vacant Regional Workforce Board	Vacant Regional Workforce Board
Matthew Pearson Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant Florida Association for Community Action
Mike Pittman Public Education	Vacant Public Education
Barbara Fischer Veterans	Vacant Veterans
Doyle Archer (Term ending June 30, 2016) Citizen Advocate	Vernon Dukes Citizen Advocate
Vacant Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant Citizen Advocate - User
Bill McGill (Term ending June 30, 2015) Persons with Disabilities	Vacant Persons with Disabilities
Donald Pettit (Term ending June 30, 2014) Elderly	Vacant Elderly
Vacant Medical Community	Vacant Medical Community
Kyle Bonesteel Children at Risk	Vacant Children at Risk
Vacant Private Transit	Vacant Private Transit





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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members  
 FROM: Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair  
 SUBJECT: Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

**Ratify the appointment of Commissioner Robert Wilford to the Regional Planning Committee.**

BACKGROUND:

Due to a vacancy on the Regional Planning Committee, an appointment to this committee needs to be made.

I am recommending the appointment of Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua, to serve as a member of the Regional Planning Committee. In addition to jurisdictional balance and geographic balance, attendance records at Council meetings were also considered in making this appointment.





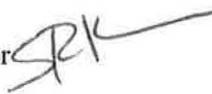
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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Mr. David Rountree.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Mr. David Rountree served as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from June 2013 to November 2013.

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

Attachment

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December 12, 2013

Mr. David Rountree  
Columbia County Senior Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1772  
Lake City, FL 32058

**RE: Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program**

Dear Mr. Rountree:

On behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, I want to express our regret that you will no longer serve as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 December 12, 2013 unanimously approved the enclosed resolution. Thank you for taking the time to serve on this Board.

Sincerely,

Garth R. Nobles, Jr.  
Chair

Enclosure

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens,  
by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,  
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, David Rountree has served as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, David Rountree ably discharged his duties as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to David Rountree for the dedicated service he rendered to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 David Rountree.*

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*Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

December 12, 2013

*Date*





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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair  
SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Janice Carpenter has been an employee of the Council for five years. As a token of appreciation for five years of service to the Council and in recognition of her dedicated service to the Council, a certificate of service is being presented to Ms. Carpenter.

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December 5, 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., December 12, 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

- #7 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 13-3ESR)
- #8 - Taylor County 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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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2014 regular Legislature session will convene on March 4, 2014 and adjourn on May 2, 2014. The legislative interim committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of September 23, 2013
- Week of October 7, 2013
- Week of November 4, 2013
- Week of December 9, 2013
- Week of January 6, 2014
- Week of January 13, 2014
- Week of February 3, 2014
- Week of February 10, 2014
- Week of February 17, 2014

**During the interim committee week of September 23, 2013 and October 7, 2013, committees held organizational meetings and received the following briefings from committee staff and state agencies.**

#### Senate and House Appropriations Committee

Both committees received presentations from Amy Baker, Director of the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, on Florida's long-range financial outlook. While there is expected to be a budget surplus this year, several key factors will drive the amount of money available for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Florida budget, including the long-term effects of federal sequestration.

#### Senate Agriculture Committee

An overview of water policies and procedures by both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as well as a presentation on state-owned lands by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee

A presentation by All Aboard Florida on intercity passenger rail service from South to Central Florida and a presentation by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on its new web-based incentives portal.

Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee

An update on springs protection, overview of the Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup Program, and annual status report on regional water supply planning by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts; and a presentation on water policies and procedures affecting water quality and quantity by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

An update on implementation of Senate Bill 1984 (2013) relating to non-conservation encroachment buffers for military installations by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

House Economic Affairs Committee

A presentation by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on Florida's Economic Indicators Reemployment Assistance Program.

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Presentations by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding their respective roles pertaining to state-owned lands.

**The Interim Committee meetings that occurred during the week of November 4, 2013 began to move from agency overviews to more substantive issues. Among the presentations made during this week were as follows:**

Senate Agriculture Committee

An overview of the Apalachicola Bay and River Basin, which included a discussion of the declining oyster industry and importance of aquaculture in Franklin County, with identified goals of rehabilitating and enhancing the existing reef substrate; relaying live oysters as a coordinated effort with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and encouraging and assisting with aquaculture development around the state. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity also provided an overview of its Franklin County Long-Term Economic Diversification Strategy.

### Senate Community Affairs

Presentation on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Water Reuse (i.e., reclaimed water) Program. Of note was the usage breakdown of 725 million gallons per day of reclaimed water, as follows:

- Public access areas (e.g., landscape irrigation, golf courses, parks) - 55%
- Industrial uses (e.g., cooling towers, power plants, citrus prewashing) - 17%
- Ground water recharge (e.g., rapid infiltration basins, percolation ponds) - 13%
- Agriculture irrigation (e.g., edible crops, spray fields, feed crops, fodder) - 10%
- Wetland and other (e.g., wetland restoration, fire protection, toilets) - 5%

Florida leads the nation in reuse, with an average of 38 gallons per day/person; California is the closest competitor with 16 gallons per day/person.

### House Economic Affairs Committee

A presentation on Florida's film industry addressing the challenges and opportunities identified in the Film Florida 2013-18 Film and Entertainment Industry Strategic Plan, as follows:

#### Today's Challenges

- Lack of a unified vision for Florida's film and entertainment industry;
- Lack of consistency in tax credit and incentive programs, and increased competition from other states and countries;
- Short-term nature projects; and
- Workforce graduating from Florida's educational institutions and leaving the state to work in competing states.

#### Tomorrow's Opportunities

- Alignment of industry stakeholders around a consensus-backed five-year strategic plan;
- Consider revisions to the current incentive programs to increase competitiveness and maximize the return on investment and benefits to the state;
- Establish a permanent infrastructure to attract and retain long-term productions; and
- Establish a permanent and successful industry in Florida to encourage the retention of the graduating workforce.

### House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

Updates on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Reemployment Assistance Connect System and Economic Development Incentives Portal. With regard to the Incentives Portal, legislators want more transparency, including the average wage required by a contract to receive taxpayer funds and the amount jobs retained by a project, as required by House Bill 7007 (2013).

House Energy and Utilities Subcommittee

Presentations regarding Florida's Energy Infrastructure, including meeting Florida's demand for natural gas and maintaining a secure electric grid.

House Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee

Presentation on the Florida Department of Transportation's 2014 Legislative proposals, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Extends the Florida Transportation Commission's oversight to include the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority;
- Eliminates the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission;
- Requires the Department to consult with Enterprise Florida prior to making expenditures for transportation projects under the economic development statutes, which is already current practice;
- Provides the Department with flexibility to support spaceport projects that may not meet the definition of a transportation facility; and
- Makes several changes to environmental mitigation requirements to make the Department and transportation authorities more accountable.

Joint Meeting of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee and State Affairs Committee

Presentations regarding the environmental status of the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie River, Caloosahatchee River and Estuary and Lake Okeechobee, by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, St. Johns River Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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December 5, 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 October 2013 and November 2013 Monthly Activity Reports highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. These reports address 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 ACTIVITY REPORT: October 2013

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### OUTREACH

- Met with Chad Poppell, Chief of Staff of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to help the Department begin the process of identifying and nominating non-voting, ex-officio representatives to each regional planning council, pursuant to s. 186.504, F.S.
- Attended a Competitive Florida Workshop hosted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, which was designed to explain the program to local communities and seek input on its further development.
- Attended the Clean Energy Congress 2.0, the outcome of which will be development of key policy priorities and talking points to be shared with Florida's lawmakers.
- Attended a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting, which focused on developing the strategic direction of the agency in conjunction with the priorities of its Commissioners.
- Attended the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum, which provided an opportunity to interact with representatives of the business and economic development community; during the Forum, the regional planning councils were again recognized as Six Pillars Communities and presented with an award.
- Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair, Scott Koons (NCFRPC), and Pat Steed (CFRPC), met with Barbara Foster, Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Partnerships in the Division of Strategic Business Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to discuss future partnership opportunities with the regional planning councils and implementation of the State Strategic Plan for Economic Development.
- Along with Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair, Scott Koons (NCFRPC), and Pat Steed (CFRPC), met with Bill Killingsworth, Director of the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to discuss the relationship between regional planning councils and the Department, with a focus on how the councils are uniquely positioned to provide statewide coverage to help carry out the Department's policies and programs.
- Met with Mark Reichert, Assistant Executive Director of the Florida Transportation Commission, to discuss the Commission's developing priorities related to regionalism and identify any potential impacts on regional planning councils.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Worked with staff at the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute on tasks leading up to the Florida Regional Councils Association's Strategic Assessment Retreat, including

providing input on the board member/stakeholder survey and developing a plan for its distribution in November.

- Participated by teleconference in Enterprise Florida's quarterly Stakeholders Committee and Board of Directors meetings; among the many presentations made over the two-day event was one on the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils' joint initiative – Seven50 – a blueprint for ensuring economic prosperity and the best-possible quality of life for Southeast Florida (see <http://seven50.org/>).
- Participated in a meeting of the Rural Economic Development Initiative, which included discussions pertaining to the Florida Main Street Program, economics of trails, and Florida Department of Transportation's upcoming review of the rural transportation planning process.
- On behalf of Brian Teeple (NEFRC), Chair, served as the Florida Regional Councils Association representative at the quarterly meeting of the State Emergency Response Commission.
- Distributed grant opportunity announcements to the RPC Executive Directors pertaining to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Investment Initiative and the Wells Fargo Foundation and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's joint program to support projects that link economic development and community well-being to the health of the environment.
- Participated in two Energy Resiliency Strategy Working Group teleconferences and reviewed and edited the draft, 122-page Florida Energy Resiliency Report, and provided comments to staff at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Responded to requests for information from the National Association of Development Organizations pertaining to its state association project, which included updating responses to a questionnaire that was first completed approximately two years ago; upon its completion, the project will be shared with the regional planning councils.

#### **LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

- Worked with staff at the Florida Association of Counties to remove from its draft 2014 Legislative Priorities and Policies, obsolete language pertaining to regional planning councils, while maintaining support for regional planning council funding and technical assistance activities.
- Compiled and distributed to the Executive Directors the membership lists for the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities legislative committees that address regional planning council issues for purposes of outreach and support of regional planning council funding in the legislature.
- Completed the compilation of regional planning council budgets, broken down by local, state, and federal funding categories, and provided it to the Senate Transportation and

Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, as requested by its Staff Director.

- Reviewed newly filed bills for the 2014 Legislative Session and attended legislative committee meetings the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Organized and participated in a conference call to brief the FRCA President, Commissioner Patty Asseff, on the activities and organizational plans associated with the Florida Regional Councils Association's Strategic Assessment Retreat.
- Participated in the October FRCA meetings.
- Executed contracts with the Doubletree Hotel for the January, February, March, and April Florida Regional Councils Association meetings.





## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: November 2013

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### OUTREACH

- Along with Bruce Ballister, Economic Development Planner at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, met with Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President of Tallahassee Community College and Chair of the Tallahassee Economic Development Council, to discuss the role of these three organizations in regional economic development and a visioning initiative.
- Met with Sally Mann, Director of Intergovernmental Programs, to be briefed on a staff reorganization within her office and significant, on-going initiatives within the Department.
- Worked with staff in the Governor's Appointments Office to help expedite two regional planning council appointments.
- Provided staff support and assistance to the new Executive Director of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Chris Rietow.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- Collected from each regional planning council and submitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity the required data for the first quarter of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, to support and demonstrate implementation of the *Florida Strategic Plan for Economic Development*.
- Participated in the Enterprise Florida Stakeholders Council monthly conference call, which addressed the continued legislative scrutiny of the Quick Action Closing Fund, as well as legislation addressing Enterprise Zones and Brownfields. Council members were briefed on the Governor's business development activities, including a trip to Japan, Germany, and New York, as well as new business announcements in Hillsborough County, Polk County, and the cities of Melbourne, Panama City, and Tampa.
- Participated by teleconference in a Florida Defense Support Task Force meeting, during which the Governor's new Washington Representative for State/Federal Issues, Doug Callaway, was introduced, and which addressed anticipated legislative issues for the 2014 Legislative Session, including a House Subcommittee on Veterans and Military Affairs proposed committee bill addressing support for military veterans and their families.
- Participated in a meeting of and provided support to the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition (December 1-7 is Older Driver Safety Awareness Week; see <http://www.safeandmobileseniors.org/ODSAW.htm>, for more information).

**LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

- Issued a November Legislative Highlights and FRCA bill tracking report.
- Reviewed newly filed bills for the 2014 Legislative Session and attended legislative committee meetings the week of November 4, 2013.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Worked with staff at the SouthEast Regional Directors Institute on tasks to support FRCA's Strategic Assessment Retreat in January, including scheduling 18 appointments for face-to-face interviews with 33 individuals and sending out the strategic assessment on-line survey to over 600 regional planning council board members and stakeholders.
- Prepared the October FRCA partners and business meeting summaries and confirmed and prepared speakers for the November FRCA meetings, including representatives from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida Transportation Commission, Florida Conservation Coalition, Florida League of Cities, and Florida Association of Counties.
- Made minor updates to the FRCA website.



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December 5, 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 December 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

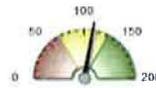
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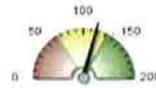
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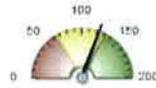
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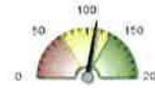
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Quality of Life & Quality Places

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## We Hold These Truths to be Self Evident...

Last week, we celebrated the first occasion. On November 11 – on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – we marked another year of honoring our hard working veterans. Throughout the past 100 years, those veterans have journeyed to far off places to fight battles so that we wouldn't have to. Belleau Wood, Normandy, Guadalcanal, Inchon, Ia Drang, Kahiji, Kandahar, Fallujah – remote points on world maps, all well known to the 1.5 million veterans that call Florida home. Consider the following statistics from the [Florida Department of Veterans Affairs](#):

**A full 12 percent of Florida's population 18 and older have served in action – the third largest population in the U.S.,**

**More than 231,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans call Florida home, and**

**While we have the largest population of WWII veterans in the United States (more than 164,000), the living history of their sacrifice is quickly diminishing – 670 of these veterans pass away every day.**

The second occasion reflects on an event that took place 150 years ago today, when President Abraham Lincoln delivered what many have referred to as the single most famous speech in American history. His speech consecrated the ground of Gettysburg a mere four months after the pivotal battle that took place on that site. In July 1863, men (many of them boys) from the Union and Confederacy met in a small Pennsylvania town and made small, rural and relatively unknown places like Little Round Top, Devil's Den, Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill part of the American lexicon. Names such as Lee, Pickett and Longstreet paved the way for a ceremony on a cold November 19 day, when a solemn President would utter 270 words so profound they are carved in the hearts of Americans.

It is within the context of these two occasions that we discuss a scorecard stat that can and should be better. Florida's voter turnout, as calculated by the [Florida Secretary of State](#), measures those registered voters who actually voted in a given election. This is slightly different than the voter participation rate, which estimates the percentage of the eligible voters that take part. Florida's voter turnout rate has, consistently throughout the past 12 years, lagged the overall U.S. voter turnout rate by double digits. In 2012, our voter turnout rate of 71.5 percent was a full 15 percentage points below the U.S. voter turnout of 86.8 percent. Looking back on the past 12 years, Florida's voter turnout has never been closer than 14 points below the U.S. rate.



Voter Turnout

### Florida Net 12-Month Job Creation



143.7K



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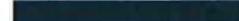
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## Ranking Florida

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Productivity



### 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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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

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 November 18, 2013 in Lake City. The Committee meeting was preceded by a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Rule Development Workshop for the lower Santa Fe River Basin (including the Ichetucknee River) minimum flows and levels rule. During the Partnership meeting, which took place immediately after the Rule Development Workshop, Partnership members voted to recommend that the Suwannee River Water Management District request the Florida Department of Environmental Protection extend the December 18, 2013 public comment deadline for the proposed rule by one month.

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

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

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 Council staff 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. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

On July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. In addition, the Council authorized the Council Attorney and the Executive Director to contact federal and state law enforcement agencies to discuss the fraudulent check processed and paid out of the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo.

On August 5, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and I met with Mr. William Cervone, State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to discuss the check fraud incident. Mr. Cervone offered the assistance of his staff to work with the Gainesville Police Department to secure the bank records relating to the check fraud incident.

On August 6, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman filed a five-count lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's bank account.

On September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Wells Fargo alleges that disputes related to the Council's checking account are to be resolved by an arbitrator. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating arbitration does not apply to the dispute.

A hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo. However, the hearing has been rescheduled for January 24, 2014.

Please find attached a summary of legal fees incurred to date concerning the lawsuit.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
Wells Fargo Lawsuit  
Legal Fees

December 5, 2013

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
Total	\$7,081



**CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE ITEM  
REVIEWED ON NOVEMBER 26, 2013**



**NOTE: For informational purposes only. The comment deadline for this item preceded the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and commented on this item on behalf of the Council on December 2, 2013, as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.**

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW FORM 01**

Regional Planning Council: North Central Fl  
Review Date: 11/26/13  
Amendment Type: Draft Amendment

Regional Planning Council Item No.: 6  
Local Government: City of Newberry  
Local Government Item No.: CPA 13-03  
State Land Planning Agency Item No.: 13-3ESR

Date Mailed to Local Government and State Land Planning Agency: 11/27/13

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A written report containing an evaluation of these impacts, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is to be provided to the local government and the state land planning agency within 30 calendar days of receipt of the amendment.

**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT**

City item CPA 13-03 reclassifies 36.7 acres from Agriculture to Planned Development on the City Future Land Use Plan map (see attached).

**1. ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN**

The subject property is located adjacent to State Road 26, which is identified and mapped in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan as part of the Regional Road Network. The local government data and analysis report notes that the subject property, if developed to its highest allowable intensity of use, could generate a maximum of 622 peak-hour trips. The local government data and analysis report indicates that sufficient unused capacity exists on the adjoining segment of State Road 26 to operate at the minimum level of service standard should the subject property be developed to its maximum allowable intensity of use.

However, significant adverse impact may occur to the adjoining segment of State road 26 located between U.S. Highway 27/41 and SW 266th Street. This segment of the regional road Network, which is also part of the Strategic Intermodal System, is the subject of a long-term concurrency management program between the City and the Florida Department of Transportation. Under the terms of the agreement, a State Road 26 bypass is to be constructed around the City by the end of June 2016.

The subject property is located within the City Transportation Enhancement Area. As such, Transportation Circulation Element Policy 11.5.9 applies to the subject property. This policy notes, that all proposed development within the Transportation Enhancement Area shall a) promote public transportation by incorporating transit oriented design features in a manner that will accommodate public transit facilities; b) encourage walkability, and the design of multi-modal features into the development; c) be designed to reduce impacts to the state road system by incorporating features into the development such as right-of-way preservation, right-of-way donation and limitations to vehicular access, to reduce reliance on the state road system for short trips.

**NOTE: For informational purposes only. The comment deadline for this item preceded the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and commented on this item on behalf of the Council on December 2, 2013, as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.**

Regional Plan Policy 5.1.1 states that impacts to the Regional Road Network as a result of additional development are considered to be adequately mitigated in municipalities which implement Transportation Planning Best Practices (see attached). While City Transportation Circulation Element Policy 11.5.9 includes some Transportation Planning Best Practices, it is recommended that the City include additional Transportation Planning Best Practices contained in the regional plan as goals and policies in the City Comprehensive Plan.

The City is located within an Area of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer, a Natural Resource of Regional Significance as identified and mapped in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Nevertheless, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur as the City Comprehensive Plan contains adequate policy direction to prevent or mitigate significant adverse impacts to the Natural Resource of Regional Significance (see attached).

The City Comprehensive Plan map of high aquifer recharge areas is based on a recharge map prepared by the Suwannee River Water Management District. The City recharge map was the same map used in the regional plan prior to the 2011 amendment to the regional plan. However, the regional plan now uses the Alachua County Aquifer Vulnerability Area map to identify high recharge areas in Alachua County. It is recommended that the City replace its aquifer recharge map with the Alachua County Aquifer Vulnerability Area map and also replace references in various City Comprehensive Plan policies to the Suwannee River Water Management District map with references to the Alachua County map.

**2. EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE REGION**

Adverse extrajurisdictional impacts are not anticipated to occur to adjoining local governments as a result of the amendment.

**Request a copy of the adopted version of the amendment?**

Yes  No   
Not Applicable

It is recommended that these findings be forwarded to the City and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**ACTION:** Clearinghouse Committee Action: At its November 26, 2013 meeting, the Committee voted to adopt this report as official Council comment as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures.