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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on February 20, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Please call the Council at (352) 955-2200, or (800) 226-0690, or email laine@ncfrpc.org by February 17th 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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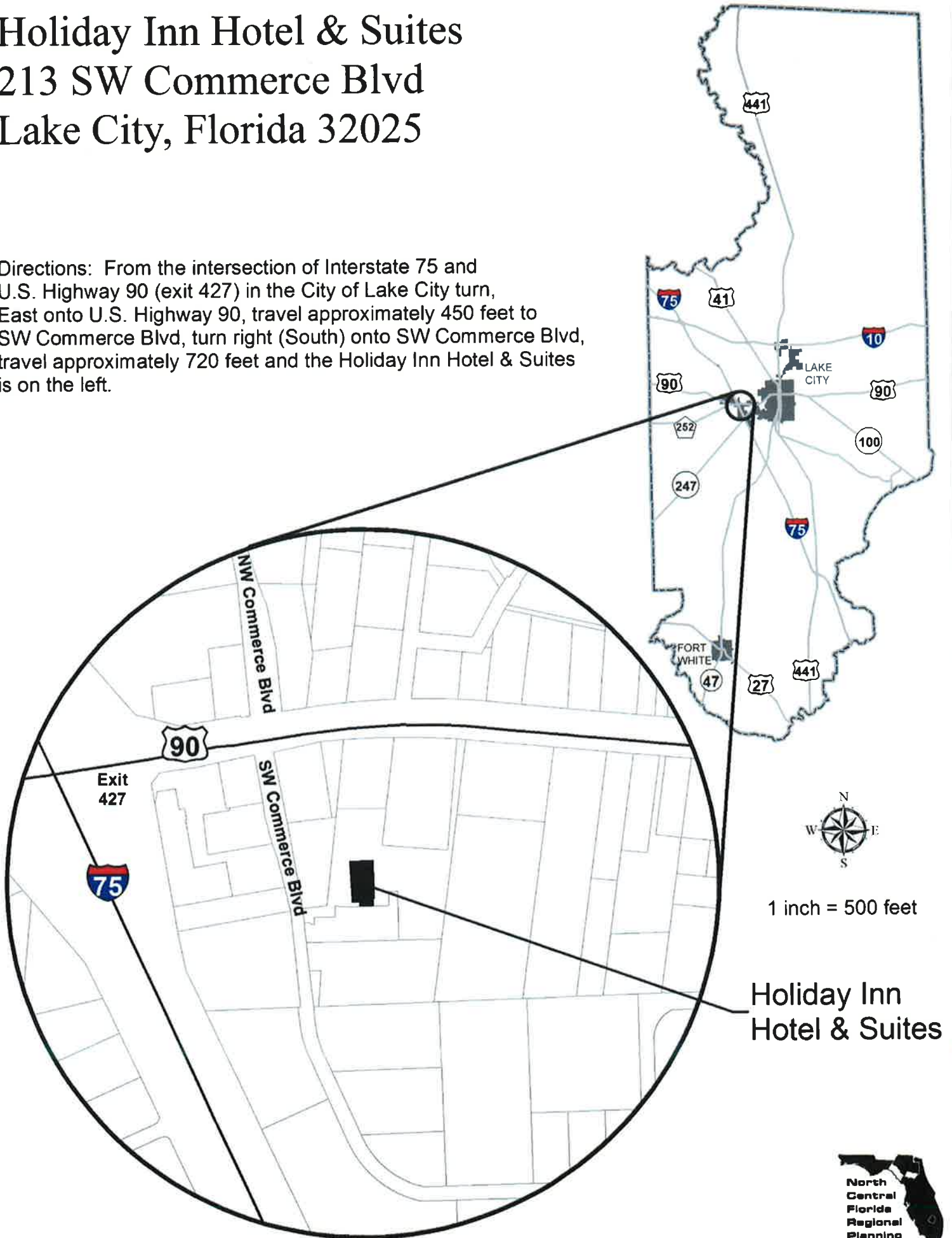
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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens,
by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

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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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

February 20, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Don Cook, City of Perry
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
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Wayne Smith, Union County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Brian Delburn, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
Susan Bottcher, City of Gainesville
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

OTHERS PRESENT

Timothy Bennett, Madison City Manager
Dave Cobb, Florida Power and Light
Diana Davis
Ceci LaFuka
Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer
Hon. W. Keith Perry, Florida House of
Representatives
Bill Steele, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

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 7:31 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Montgomery and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Nobles stated that there was a quorum of the Council. Chair Nobles then asked members and staff present to introduce themselves.

Chair Nobles welcomed and introduced Timothy Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison, Dave Cobb from Florida Power and Light, Bill Steele from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Mayor Louie Davis.

II. LEGISLATIVE GUEST SPEAKER - Honorable W. Keith Perry, District 21
Florida House of Representatives

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced the Honorable W. Keith Perry, representing District 21 of the Florida House of Representatives, including Dixie and Gilchrist Counties and the western portion of Alachua County. Representative Perry discussed matters being addressed by the Legislature. Chair Nobles thanked Representative Perry for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 12, 2013

Chair Nobles asked that the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - November 2013 and December 2013
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

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

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

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Nobles introduced and welcomed new member Commissioner Wayne Smith from Union County.

- B. Committee Appointment - Program Committee

Chair Nobles asked that his appointment of Commissioner Wayne Smith, Union County, to the Program Committee be ratified by the Council.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wainwright, to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Wayne Smith, Union County, to the Program Committee, as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Mary Lou Black

Chair Nobles asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Mary Lou Black, who served as the Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board from August 1991 to January 2014.

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Smith to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mary Lou Black. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Honorable Karen Cossey - Union County
2. Honorable Lee Pinkoson - Alachua County

Chair Nobles asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Commissioner Karen Cossey from Union County and Commissioner Lee Pinkoson from Alachua County.

ACTION: Commissioner DePratter made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Commissioner Cossey and Commissioner Pinkoson. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

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

ACTION: Commissioner Smith made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to declare the items listed on the schedule, which is attached herein and made a part of these minutes, as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Office Building Final Promissory Note Payment

Mr. Koons stated that on August 4, 1999, the Council purchased the office building and warehouse located at 2009 NW 67th Place in Gainesville. He stated that the purchase price for the 7,560 square foot office building and 1,989 square foot warehouse located on a 4.4-acre site was \$490,400. Along with \$31,400 in cash, the Council secured a 15-year promissory note from SouthTrust Bank in the amount of \$459,000 to purchase the office building and warehouse.

Mr. Koons stated that on January 1, 2014, the final payment in the amount of \$3,134.95 was made satisfying the promissory note. Therefore, the Council no longer has any outstanding long-term debt. Chair Nobles and Secretary-Treasurer Riddick then ceremoniously tore up a copy of the promissory note with SouthTrust Bank.

3. Proclamation Declaring February 16-22, 2014 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Mr. Koons stated that the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. He added that public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. He stated that the Florida Division of Emergency Management has designated the week of February 16-22, 2014, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council proclaim the week of February 16-22, 2014 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to proclaim the week of February 16-22, 2014 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

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

#11 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Committee found that the comprehensive plan, as amended, was not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance. However, he stated that significant adverse impacts may occur to segments of the Regional Road Network located within the City and within Gilchrist County. Therefore, he stated that the Committee recommended that the City consider adding Transportation Planning Best Practices found in the regional plan as goals and policies to the City Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Hawkins stated that the

Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the City of Newberry 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 #11, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee

1. Fiscal Year 2012-13 Audit
2. Authorization to Pay Auditor

Chair Nobles introduced Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Commissioner Riddick reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with the auditor and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements and that there were no findings or concerns reported by the auditor. Commissioner Riddick stated that the Finance Committee recommended acceptance and approval of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Audit and further recommended that final payment be made to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Audit.

ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants and to make final payment to the auditor. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2014-15 is \$8.8 billion. He added that in a press release, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Prasad stated that full funding of the work program will continue the vision of creating a world class transportation system by delivering exceptional projects and providing significant return on investment.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, reported that a How to Comply with Hazardous Waste and Used Oil Regulations Workshop will be held at the Florida Gateway College in Lake City on February 18, 2014 to assist businesses and governmental agencies comply with hazardous waste and used oil storage and disposal regulations. He stated that this compliance assistance outreach project is being presented in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the North Central Florida District 3 Local Emergency Planning Committee. He added that more information can be obtained by contacting Council staff member Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that a second rule development workshop was held earlier in the week at the Alachua County Board of County Commission Chambers in Gainesville. He further stated that a North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership meeting will be held on January 27, 2014 at the Florida Gateway College in Lake City to discuss recommendations regarding the Lower Santa Fe River Basin Draft Recovery Strategy Rule.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2014 regular Legislature session will convene on March 4, 2014 and adjourn on May 2, 2014 with interim committee meetings scheduled for the weeks of September 23, 2013, October 7, 2013, November 4, 2013, December 9, 2013, January 6, 2014, January 13, 2014, February 3, 2014, February 10, 2014 and February 17, 2014. He then reviewed several committee meetings held in recent weeks.

B. 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 December 2013 monthly activity report included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting

Mr. Koons reported that Chair Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair Carolyn Spooner, Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Riddick, Immediate Past Chair Lorene Thomas, Executive Committee member Rick Davis and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 9, 2014. He stated that the Policy Board adopted the 2014 Legislative Guiding Principles, Procedures, Strategy and Policies, reviewed a financial report and ratified appointments to the Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Mr. Koons then reviewed the Florida Regional Councils Association 2014 Legislative Agenda.

D. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the January 2014 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

E. North Florida Regional 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 and establishes the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership. 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 Partnership met on December 16, 2013 in Lake City. He stated that the Committee discussed questions, comments and recommendations regarding the Lower Santa Fe River Basin Draft Recovery Strategy Rule which were submitted to Committee facilitators prior to the meeting. He stated that the Committee will be evaluating and ranking the individual member recommendation statements during their January 2014 meeting as Committee comment on the draft Rule.

F. City of Waldo 2013 Florida Rural Community of the Year

Mr. Koons reported that the City of Waldo was recently named Florida's Rural Community of the Year by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. He stated that the award was received by the City in recognition of its efforts to improve the quality of life of its residents through a program of sustainable community and economic development initiatives in water/wastewater design and implementation and increasing economic development opportunities.

G. 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. 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.

Chair Nobles informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

2/20/14
Date



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 16-22, 2014 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of February 16-22, 2014 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of January 2014.

ATTEST:

SEAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Riddick", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Riddick, Secretary-Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Garth R. Nobles, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair




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January 3, 2014

TO: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

Number	Original Cost	Description	Serial Number	Purchased
3153	\$1,951.04	Dell Optiplex 745 Computer	G5QNXD1	10/16/07
3154	\$1,951.04	Dell Optiplex 745 Computer	65QNXD1	10/16/07
3155	\$1,951.04	Dell Optiplex 745 Computer	J5QNXD1	10/16/07
	\$5,853.12	Sum * All fully depreciated		

The above items are either broken or of such outdated technology that they are no longer being used.

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February 13, 2014

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - January 2014

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for January 2014. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date. Status of the adjusted general fund balance of the Council at the end of the month is also provided on the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of four months was 27 percent of budget

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of four months are 28 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. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

January 31, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking / Savings 1,301,955

Accounts Receivable 428,937

Other Current Assets 18,834

Total Current Assets 1,749,726

TOTAL ASSETS 1,749,726

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable 8,760

Other Current Liabilities 130,610

Total Liabilities 139,370

Equity 1,610,356

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,749,726

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2014

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14	January 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,969,300	72,287	540,838	27%
Expenses	1,969,300	98,490	548,168	28%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2014

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14	January 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	23,900	8,457	14,966	63%
Regional Planning				
State Planning & Review	50,000	30,395	50,000	100%
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	3,473	35%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	42,400	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,500	0	8,724	9%
Hazards Analyses	9,700	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	621,000	0	131,956	21%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000	0	52,500	31%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	0	6,915	29%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,600	0	52,253	30%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	27,356	60,750	56%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	0	0%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000	0	34,000	79%
Vision North Central Florida		0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	6,079	10,000	100%
City & County Planning Services	307,000	0	69,430	23%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000	0	43,371	25%
Total Revenue	1,969,300	72,287	540,838	27%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)

January 31, 2014

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14	January 2014	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	15,000	14,500	14,500	97%
Building Debt Service	11,200	0	10,563	94%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,102	10,480	26%
Contractual Services	72,000	223	12,299	17%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	47,000	584	31,037	66%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	8,674	58%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	275	9,766	57%
Legal Costs	12,000	616	5,529	46%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	2,172	43%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,368	6,146	31%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	30,000	1,212	5,118	17%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	60,940	373,581	27%
Postage	8,000	678	2,259	28%
Printing	3,000	0	695	23%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	342	4,483	37%
Telephone	7,000	475	1,873	27%
Travel	97,000	9,142	21,178	22%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000	6,033	27,815	65%
Contingency	113,900	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,969,300	98,490	548,168	28%



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February 13, 2014

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
 Planning Grant Resolution, Fiscal Year 2014-15

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chair to enter into the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties, authorize the Chair to sign the grant assurances and agreements or contracts, and authorize the Executive Director to sign invoices, warranties and certifications for the program.

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED TRUST FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

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

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

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 20th day of February 2014.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Garth Nobles, Jr, Chair

(SEAL REQUIRED)



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February 13, 2014

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. Tony Marshall has been an employee of the Council since December 1, 2003 and currently serves as the Finance Director. As a token of appreciation for 10 years of service to the Council and in recognition of his dedicated service to the Council, a certificate of service is being presented to Mr. Marshall.

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February 13, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Investment Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt an amendment to the Investment Policy for the Council, Policy 2013-1, providing that funds may be invested in banks, savings banks or savings association provided that such funds are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or such funds are fully insured and deposited in a qualified public depository designated by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, in order to maximize yield while protecting the invested principal of the Council's retained earnings cash in excess of short-term cash needs, the Council adopted an investment policy on July 25, 2013. The investment policy delegates the authority for the management and operation of the investment program to the Executive Director. It also limits authorized investments to U. S. Government securities, non-negotiable certificates of deposit and the State Board of Administration of Florida Local Government Investment Pool.

The policy, as adopted, limits non-negotiable certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit as authorized investments in banks, savings banks or savings associations as defined in Section 280.02(26), Florida Statutes, as amended, that have deposit insurance under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, and have been designated by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida as a qualified public depository.

It is recommended that the Council adopt an amendment to the policy providing that funds may be invested in banks, savings banks or savings associations provided that such funds are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or such funds are fully insured and deposited in a qualified public depository designated by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida.

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

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
AMENDED POLICY 2013-1
INVESTMENT POLICY**

I. SCOPE

This policy applies to the investment of short-term funds of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Said funds are identified as the Council's retained earnings cash in excess of short-term cash needs.

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The statutory guidelines for allowable investments by governmental units are provided for in Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, Local Government Investment Policies.

The primary investment objectives, in priority order are:

1. To preserve the principal of the invested funds;
2. To provide sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash needs; and
3. To maximize the return on investments subject to guideline restraints.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Responsibility and authority for the management and operation of the investment program is hereby delegated to the Executive Director, who shall act in accordance with the established procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy. The Executive Director shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of internal controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

IV. DEFINITION OF SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments consist of cash or any other investments as described in the above-referenced guidelines. These investment instruments, supplemented by on-going cash flow, should be available to pay claims and other expenses coming due within one year. At all times, the need for satisfactory yield levels will be superseded by protection of the principal and the anticipated cash needs of the Council.

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Only the following investments shall be permitted by this investment policy:

1. U. S. Government securities backed by the "full faith and credit" of the United States, its agencies and instrumentalities which have a liquid market with a readily determinable market value;
2. Non-negotiable certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at a bank, savings bank, or savings association as defined in Section 280.02(26), Florida Statutes, as amended, provided that such non-negotiable certificates of deposit and other evidence of deposit at such bank, savings bank or savings association is fully insured by that has deposit insurance under the provision of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, and or such deposits are fully insured with a bank, savings bank or savings association that has been designated by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida as a qualified public depository; and
3. State Board of Administration of Florida, Local Government Investment Pool/Florida Prime.

Duly adopted in regular session by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 20th day of February 2014.



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February 13, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
 Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., February 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level item which requires 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

#33 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 14-1ESR)

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

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February 13, 2014

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

The following paragraphs provide a summary of bills of interest filed to date.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LOCAL REFERENDUM

House Bill 189 by Representative Boyd relates to Growth Management. Revises restrictions on initiative or referendum process in regard to local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments. The bill broadens the exception to the prohibition on using a referendum process in regard to a comprehensive plan or map amendment by deleting the limitation that the exception must involve "more than five parcels of land." **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; and Economic Affairs Committee. Passed by the Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 374 by Senator Detert relates to Growth Management. Revises restrictions on an initiative or referendum process with regard to local comprehensive plan amendments and map amendments. The bill broadens the exception to the prohibition on using a referendum process in regard to a comprehensive plan or map amendment by deleting the limitation that the exception must involve "more than five parcels of land." **Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

House Bill 395 by Representative Perry relates to Growth Management. Requires local governments to address protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element that addresses certain objectives; requires counties and municipalities to adopt land development regulations consistent with property rights element. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

House Bill 241 by Representative Gaetz relates to Developments of Regional Impact. Deletes certain exemptions for dense urban land areas. The bill deletes Section 380.06(29)a.2. and (29)a.3., Florida Statutes, removing the exemption for dense urban land areas that are within a county and located in an urban service area as defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and which are in a county with a population of at least 900,000 but do not have an urban service area. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

Senate Bill 372 by Senator Galvano relates to Developments of Regional Impact. Deletes certain exemptions for dense urban land areas; revises the exemption for any proposed development within a county that has a population of at least 300,000 and an average population of at least 400 people per square mile. The bill deletes Section 380.06(29)a.2. and (29)a.3., Florida Statutes, removing the exemption for dense urban land areas that are within a county and located in an urban service area as defined in Section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, and which are in a county with a population of at least 900,000 but do not have an urban service area, which is identical to House Bill 241. However, it also revises the exemption in Section 380.06(29)a.4., to apply to a county with an average population of at least 400 people per square mile and a population of at least 300,000, and does not have to be located in an urban service area. It previously applied to a county with a population of at least one million, with no square mile requirement, although it did have to be located in an urban service area. More specifically, eight counties were exempted from state review of proposed "developments of regional impact" under 2009 legislation. This bill would extend the exemption to Brevard, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Sarasota and Volusia Counties. **Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules. Passed by Community Affairs.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

House Bill 7023 by Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee relates to economic development. Revises provisions relating to transportation concurrency, impact fees, loan programs, urban redevelopment, Space Florida, Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund contributions, and rural areas of critical economic concern. This bill streamlines applicable sections of Chapter 290, Florida Statutes, to increase flexibility in the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program by removing certain application requirements and competitive scoring criteria and allow grants to be used for economic development projects. The bill also rebrands Florida's Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern to Rural Areas of Opportunity. In addition, the bill exempts the development of small businesses from having to comply with impact fee, concurrency, or proportionate share requirements for transportation impacts for three years. The bill also makes other changes proposed by the Florida

Department of Economic Opportunity and replaces Enterprise Florida with VISIT Florida as the entity to assist Space Florida in developing its marketing plan.

ENTERPRISE ZONES

House Bill 141 by Representative Powell relates to Florida Enterprise Zone Act. Revises date of repeal of Florida Enterprise Zone Act. The bill changes the date to repeal the Florida Enterprise Zone Act from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2025. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Finance and Tax Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WEB PAGE

House Bill 235 by Representative Combee relates to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create web page accessible through its Internet website that provides certain information; provides purpose of web page; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to collect all local business information available to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; requires Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to request relevant local government to provide any otherwise unavailable information; requires local governments to provide notice of changes in information collected by department; authorizes local government entities to provide summary that includes certain information for Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's web page. The bill creates Section 288.112, Florida Statutes, requiring the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to create a new web page on its website devoted solely to the collection and publication of data and information relevant to the creation or expansion of new businesses within the state, for the following purposes: (a) provide a comprehensive overview of conditions that exist within cities and counties that are conducive to the creation and expansion of new businesses; (b) enable prospective employers to effectively and accurately evaluate the business climate in various locations throughout the state; and, (c) provide prospective business owners and operators within the state with immediate access to specific charges and costs related to the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a business. The bill provides the specific list of criteria to be collected. The Department is given until January 1, 2015 to collect the information and post it as soon as possible thereafter on its website. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

FREIGHT LOGISTIC ZONES

House Bill 3 by Representative Ray relates to freight logistic zones. Defines "freight logistics zone"; authorizes county or two or more contiguous counties to designate geographic area(s) within its jurisdiction as freight logistics zone; requires adoption of strategic plan which must include certain information; provides that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; provides evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones. The bill requires the freight strategic plan to be compatible with the applicable local government comprehensive plan and adopted long-range transportation plans of a metropolitan planning organization. **Referred to Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee. Passed by Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee. The bill is now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.**

Senate Bill 136 by Senator Ring relates to freight logistic zones. Defines the term "freight logistics zone"; authorizes a county, or two or more contiguous counties, to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone; requires the adoption of a strategic plan that must include certain information; provides that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; provides evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones. The bill requires the freight strategic plan to be compatible with the applicable local government comprehensive plan and adopted long-range transportation plans of a metropolitan planning organization. **Referred to Transportation; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations. Passed by Transportation.**

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS SINKHOLE TESTING

House Bill 315 by Representative Stark relates to Land Development Regulations. Requires local land development regulations to include sinkhole testing. The bill amends Section 163.3202(2), Florida Statutes by adding new subparagraph "j" as stated above. **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Local and Federal Affairs Committee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

Senate Bill 376 by Senator Soto relates to Local Land Development Regulations. Requires local land development regulations to provide for sinkhole testing. The bill amends Section 163.3202(2), Florida Statutes, by adding new subparagraph "j" as stated above. **Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.**

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

House Bill 611 by Representative Beshears relates to Rural Areas of Opportunity. Increases value of tax credits for certain eligible businesses; provides additional tax credit for certain businesses located within rural area of opportunity; authorizes certain eligible businesses to apply for ad valorem tax reimbursement in specified amount; provides for sales tax refund for certain eligible businesses; increases maximum amount of grant funds that regionally based economic development organizations may receive from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; deletes provision that caps tax refund amount for certain qualified target industry business tax refund applicants; exempts certain businesses from requirement that tax refunds be reduced in absence of specified amount of local financial support; revises definition of term "rural enterprise zone" to include rural areas of opportunity; specifies that rural area of opportunity shall be designated as rural enterprise zone; renames "rural areas of critical economic concern" as "rural areas of opportunity." **Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee; Finance and Tax Subcommittee; and Economic Affairs Committee.**

SPRINGS

House Bill 49 by Representative Stewart relates to Springs Revival Act. Requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans and submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders. By October 1 of each year, requires each water management district, with appropriate technical support, to identify first and second magnitude springs that are in decline based upon historic average water quality and flow levels, and which are not identified in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's rule for impaired water bodies. By July 1, 2015, each water management district must develop a five-year plan to restore historic average water quality flow levels to the springs that are identified as described above and in the rule for impaired water bodies. Also beginning July 1, 2015, quarterly progress reports are required. **Referred to Agriculture and Natural**

Resources Subcommittee; Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee.

Senate Bill 76 by Senator Soto relates to Springs Revival Act. 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. By October 1 of each year, requires each water management district, with appropriate technical support, to identify first and second magnitude springs that are in decline based upon historic average water quality and flow levels, and which are not identified in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's rule for impaired water bodies. By July 1, 2015, each water management district must develop a five-year plan to restore historic average water quality flow levels to the springs that are identified as described above and in the rule for impaired water bodies. Also beginning July 1, 2015, quarterly progress reports are required. **Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.**

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

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

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

Please find attached the January 2014 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven. This 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 ACTIVITY REPORT: January 2014

OUTREACH

- Along with Scott Koons (NCFRPC), met with representatives from the Florida Chamber Foundation and their web development consultants to tackle the next steps in the creation of on-line regional scorecards for each council, including identification of the specific website segments and site map features for this metric-driven economic development tool.
- Began developing a Policy Board new member orientation packet that will include a one-page overview of FRCA, the FRCA Bylaws, and the most recent FRCA Annual Report.
- Provided support to the Florida Association of Counties by generating responses to its State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) survey.
- Met with Bill Killingsworth, Director of the Division of Community Development at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, to provide him with a slate of candidates from each region who would be willing to serve as the agency's non-voting representatives on the regional planning councils, subject to appointment by the Governor.
- Began to explore the potential for a statewide regional planning council community resiliency project with appropriate state agency representatives.
- At the request of staff from the Florida Defense Support Task Force, facilitated a teleconference between them and the Florida Association of Counties to take the first steps toward establishing a training program for local government elected officials that specifically addresses the impacts of encroachment on military bases.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance the partnership and strengthen the relationship between Regional Planning Councils and their state and federal partners, attended meetings of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; Florida Defense Support Task Force; Gulf Coast Consortium; and, Sadowski Coalition, and participated in Enterprise Florida's monthly conference call for its economic development partners.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- Issued a Legislative Highlights report for the month of January and a mid-month bill tracking report.
- Reviewed newly filed bills for the 2014 Legislative Session and monitored legislative committee meetings during the weeks of January 6 and 13, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Attended and provided staff support for the FRCA Strategic Assessment Retreat.
- Prepared the required meeting documents and identified and confirmed presenters for the February FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee meeting.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. Please find attached the February 2014 Scorecard.

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

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The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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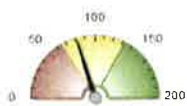
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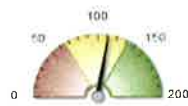
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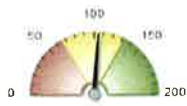
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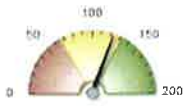
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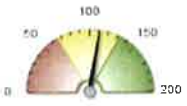
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Tourism Indicators

Analyzing Florida's Role in Air Cargo

According to the Federal Aviation Authority, more than **132 billion pounds of domestic and international cargo** arrived at U.S. airports in 2012. The airport with the largest volume of air cargo was Memphis International, which serves as the major hub for all Federal Express (FedEx) shipments. Following Memphis, the top four airports are Anchorage International, Louisville International and Florida's own Miami International. Collectively, these top four airports bring in more than **\$55 billion pounds of air cargo** – comprising more than 40 percent of the total market.

Florida's air cargo share is fourth in the United States, with more than **11 percent of the total U.S. tonnage** – representing **2.5 million tons of cargo** – each year. With approximately **4,700 tons in average daily capacity**, Miami International Airport takes in more than 80 percent of Florida's air cargo. This has a significant and direct economic impact on Florida's economy and job market across all industries and sectors.

Air cargo means more than just growth for airlines. Florida is home to **60,000 businesses involved in exporting** – one in five of all U.S. businesses that export, which collectively export more than **\$66 billion in Florida-origin goods every year**. This business activity supports more than **500,000 jobs in transportation, trade and logistics**. Export-oriented companies typically grow 15 percent faster, pay 15 percent higher wages and are 12 percent more profitable than firms operating solely in the U.S. market. An effective and expanding air cargo system will mean more opportunities for companies in Florida to get goods to and from places like Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and fast-developing economies in Asia.



Trade Activity

Florida Net 12-Month Job Creation



192.9K



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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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February 13, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Economic Development District
Grantee Performance Report
for the Period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

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

Please find attached the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. As indicated on the attached report, an estimated 1,095 jobs were either created or retained, an estimated \$276,000,000 in private investment and an estimated \$13,700,000 in public investment occurred on nine projects that implement the Strategy for the reporting period.

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

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Economic Development Administration
GPRA Data Collection Form

Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

PART I

Date December 1, 2013
Recipient Name North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Authorized Contact Scott R. Koons
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Email (not optional) koons@ncfrpc.org
EDA Investment Planning Partnership Investments
Investment Number 04-83-06491 Award Period 01-Jan-2013 to 31-Dec-2013
Description of Investment: Economic Development District ☒ Indian Tribe ☐

PART II

Recipients Provide the Following Information

1. Economic Development Districts (EDD) only

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

2. Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

- a. Number of economic development initiatives from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process implemented during the investment award period that led to private investment and jobs. 9
- b. Categorize type of project(s):
- | | Qty. | | Qty. |
|---|----------|----------------|----------|
| Facility Construction / Rehab. | <u>3</u> | Infrastructure | <u>1</u> |
| Technical Assistance | <u>0</u> | Planning | <u>0</u> |
| (total of these five must be equal to 2a) | | Other | <u>5</u> |
- c. How many (if any) of the above were: Technology Brownfields (should be subset of projects identified in 2b)
- d. Number of Investments Funded by Any Source: (Total must equal 2a. If EDA-funded investment, include only those awarded by EDA, during this reporting period and have an EDA investment number. Do not count this planning investment.)
- EDA Funded (Qty) 0 Funded by Other Source (Qty) 9
- e. Attach a list of economic development initiatives reported in 2a. Identify the sources of funding for each initiative, specify EDA, state, local or other federal agency(s).
- f. Estimated number of jobs created or retained as a result of projects in 2a 1,095
- g. Estimated amount of private sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$276,000,000
- h. Estimated amount of public sector investment generated by projects in 2a \$13,700,000



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February 13, 2014

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 January 27, 2014 and identified and forwarded comments and recommendations to both the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Lower Santa Fe River Basin Draft Recovery Strategy Rule.

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

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February 13, 2014

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 was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

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.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

February 13, 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$7,261

