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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 June 26, 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](mailto:laine@ncfrpc.org) by June 23rd 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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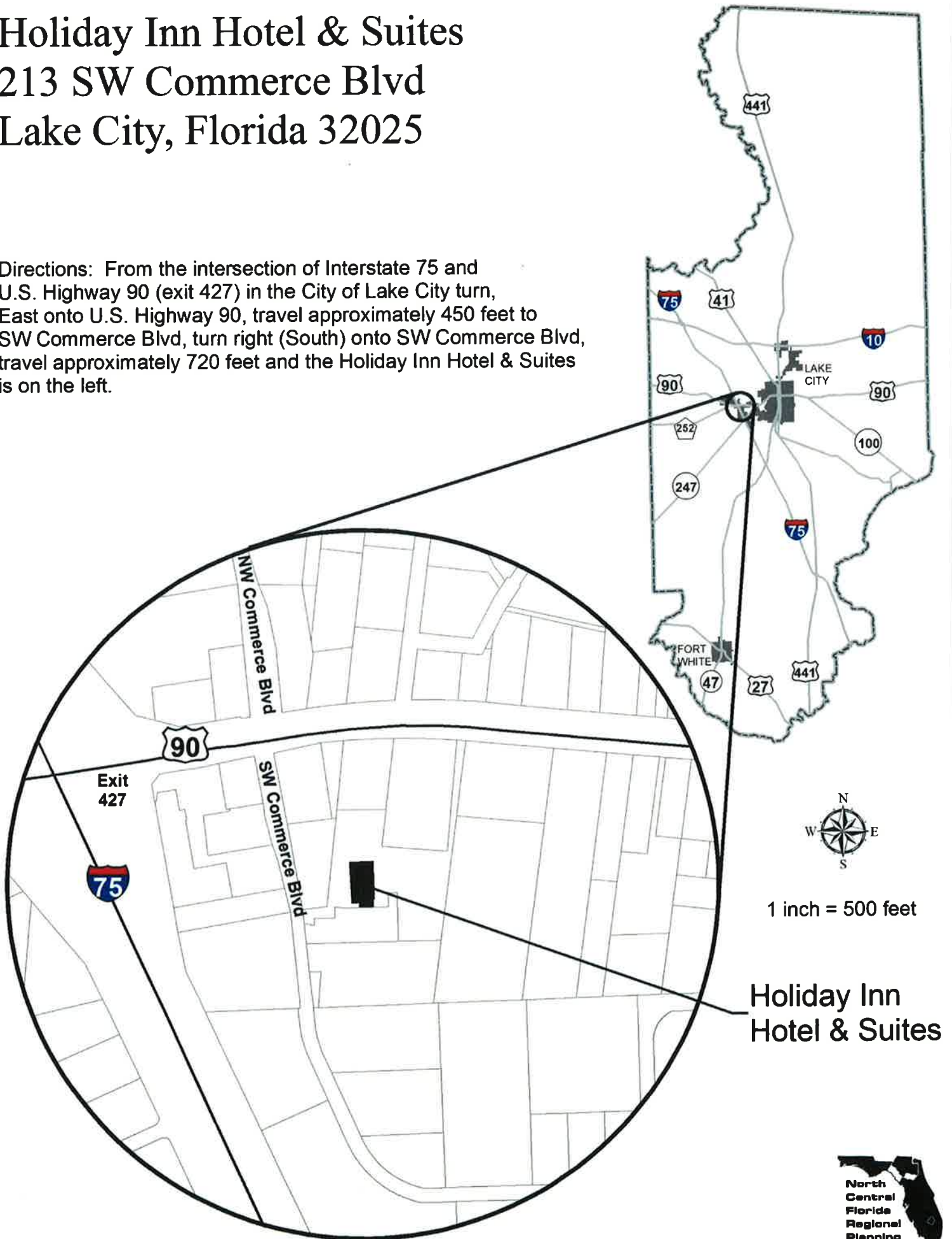
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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,  
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Lake City, Florida 32025

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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

June 26, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

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This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Council on any matter not included on the agenda. The comment period is limited to three minutes for each individual. Speaker forms are available at the sign-in table.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

May 22, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County  
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County  
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
Wayne Smith, Union County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua  
*Charles Williams, Hamilton County*  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water  
Management District  
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County  
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
Don Cook, City of Perry  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County  
*Sandra Haas, Suwannee County*  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry  
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer  
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett  
David Cobb  
Diana Davis  
Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Steven 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 7:30 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 Tim Bennett, City Manager from the City of Madison, David Cobb, from Florida Power and Light, Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer, and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Mayor Louie Davis.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 24, 2014

Chair Nobles asked that the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - April 2014
- B. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2014-15
- C. Amendment to Research Agreement - University of Florida
- D. Amended Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Additional Training Funds for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2013-14
- E. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2014-15
- F. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2014-15

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

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

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT Resolutions of Appreciation  
Susan Bottcher  
Thomas Hawkins

Chair Nobles asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Susan Bottcher, who served as a Council member since August 2013 and Thomas Hawkins, who served as a Council member since July 2008.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Poe made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Susan Bottcher and Thomas Hawkins. The motion carried unanimously.

V. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION  
YEAR 2013 REVIEW

Scott Koons, Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed Council activities during the past year in the Regional Planning, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance, Economic Development, Local Government Assistance and Transportation Programs of the Council. He also reviewed the services that the Council provides which benefit its local governments, including community planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities. Chair Nobles thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Executive Director Employment Contract Extension

Chair Nobles reported that Scott Koons, our current Executive Director, was selected by the Council as executive director effective October 1, 2006. To formalize that decision, an employment contract was negotiated and executed with Mr. Koons, which terminated on September 30, 2010.

Chair Nobles stated that the existing employment contract includes a provision that the parties may mutually agree to additional four-year extensions of the contract. He also stated that the existing contract was extended for an additional four-year term beginning on October 1, 2010 and terminating on September 30, 2014, with all other terms and conditions of the employment remaining in full force and effect.

Chair Nobles reported that all of the annual evaluations of the performance of Mr. Koons conducted by the Executive Committee during his current term of employment have resulted in either "above average performance" or "exceeds job requirements" levels for all evaluation criteria. Chair Nobles stated that based upon these performance evaluations, the Executive Committee recommended to the Council that the employment contract with Mr. Koons be amended by extending the term of the employment contract for an additional four-year term beginning October 1, 2014 and terminating September 30, 2018, with all other terms and conditions of employment remaining in full force and effect.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve and authorize the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to execute an amendment to the employment contract with Scott R. Koons as executive director, extending the term of the employment contract for an additional four-year term, beginning October 1, 2014 and terminating on September 30, 2018, with all other terms and conditions of employment remaining in full force and effect. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Due to the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, James Montgomery, Clearinghouse Committee member, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed two local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#61, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment  
#62, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. Mr. Montgomery 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: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #61, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item #62, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Program Committee - Fiscal Year 2014-15 Overall Program Design

Mayor Carolyn Spooner, Program Committee Chair, stated that the Program Committee met on March 27, 2014, to develop an Overall Program Design for the Council's consideration for Program Year 2014-15. She stated that except for editorial revisions, the document is the same as the current year edition.

Mayor Spooner reported that the Program Committee recommended approval of the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2014-15.

**ACTION: Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells, to approve the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2014-15 as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget

Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Finance Committee Chair, stated that the Finance Committee met on May 8, 2014, to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. He stated that the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,688,600 which is (\$280,700) less than the current year budget. It was reported that members pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$.30 per capita for the 33rd year as recommended by the Finance Committee, producing \$118,800, or approximately the same amount as last year.

Commissioner Riddick reviewed the most significant policy decisions to be made with respect to the budget which were personnel items. He stated that in the line item descriptions in the budget, there is a provision for a total of 14 full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is two full-time staff positions less than



budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a recurring increase across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to two percent of the salary for each employee, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Riddick stated that this budget provides for significant services to be rendered to member cities and counties. This is to be done by effectively using all available resources, and at the same time, ensuring that the Council remains in a sound financial condition.

**ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Poe, to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2014-15  
Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Due to the absence of Nominating Committee Chair Lorene Thomas, Vice-Chair Mayor Louie Davis gave the Nominating Committee report. He stated that the Nominating Committee met on May 8, 2014 to make, for the Council's consideration, recommendations regarding all officer positions, including the additional Executive Committee member, and other members of the Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2014-15.

The Nominating Committee recommendations for the officer positions are, as follows.

Chair - Carolyn Spooner.  
Vice-Chair - Daniel Riddick  
Secretary-Treasurer - Rick Davis  
Member - Charles Williams  
Immediate Past Chair - Garth Nobles, Jr.

The Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors are, as follows.

City Representatives  
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

County Representatives  
Charles Chestnut, IV, Alachua County  
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

Gubernatorial Representatives  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
James Montgomery, Columbia County  
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County  
Mike Williams, Madison County

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells, to elect the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2014-15 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that the minimum flow and levels for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee administrative hearing will be held May 28, 2014 thru May 30, 2014 in Tallahassee.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Northeast District staff will be conducting a Wastewater Treatment Plant operator training course on June 19, 2014 in Lake City at the Price Creek Water Treatment Plant.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker asked where the Klausner Sawmill, located in Suwannee County, obtained the timber used at the plant and where the lumber is shipped after being processed. Suwannee County Commissioner Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County, gave a brief explanation of the timber supply and lumber distribution process at the sawmill.

IX. 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 April 2014 monthly activity report included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2014 regular Legislature session convened on March 4, 2014 and adjourned on May 2, 2014. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2014-15 submitted to Governor Scott did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. However, the House passed a budget that included \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils. He further reported that earlier in the week during Budget Conference Committee negotiations, the Senate agreed to include \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils in their budget. He also reported that the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14. However, Governor Scott vetoed the appropriation for regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been approximately \$179,000. Mr. Koons then reviewed the status of several bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments.

D. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated the financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

E. Annual City-County Managers Meeting - May 30, 2014

Mr. Koons reported that each year, Council staff meets with city and county managers and their staffs from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs. The annual meeting for city and county managers this year will be held on May 30, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City, Florida.

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. A hearing originally 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 was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. Mr. Koons reported that at the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

Mr. Koons reported that Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing.

Mayor Carolyn Spooner presented outgoing Chair Nobles with a framed photograph of a Florida panther and her cubs and thanked him for his leadership during the past year. Chair Nobles thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as Chair for the past year.

Chair Nobles informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on June 26, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

6/26/14  
Date



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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - May 2014

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for May 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 eight months was 44 percent of budget.

#### **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of eight months are 58 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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#### **Attachment**

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

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,119,706
Accounts Receivable	359,386
Other Current Assets	32,328
Total Current Assets	<u>1,511,420</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>1,511,420</b></u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,570
Other Current Liabilities	126,870
Total Liabilities	<u>129,440</u>
Equity	<u>1,381,980</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>1,511,420</b></u>

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

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,969,300		52,355	875,019	44%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,969,300		202,642	1,141,144	58%



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

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	23,900		0	15,986	67%
Regional Planning					
State Planning & Review	50,000		0	50,000	100%
Developments of Regional Impact Review	15,000		0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance					
Homeland Security Activities	57,000		0	8,700	15%
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	37,884	41%
Hazards Analyses	9,700		0	0	0%
Transportation					
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	621,000		0	149,794	24%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	170,000		0	105,056	62%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200		0	15,643	65%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,600		0	110,015	63%
Economic Development					
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000		15,750	76,500	71%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000		3,787	7,699	22%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000		15,000	54,000	126%
Vision North Central Florida			5,318	7,818	
Local Government Assistance					
General Technical Services	10,000		0	10,000	100%
FDEO Economic Profile			12,500	25,000	
City & County Planning Services	307,000		0	136,242	44%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	176,000		0	61,209	35%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,969,300</b>		<b>52,355</b>	<b>875,019</b>	<b>44%</b>

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

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2013 - 14</b>	<b>May 2014</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	15,000	0	14,500	97%
Building Debt Service	11,200	0	10,563	94%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,112	19,666	49%
Contractual Services	72,000	15,934	67,956	94%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	47,000	889	35,141	75%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	8,674	58%
Insurance and Bonding	17,000	0	9,766	57%
Legal Costs	12,000	4,419	18,920	158%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	69	3,562	71%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,705	12,101	61%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	30,000	3,911	14,178	47%
Personnel Costs	1,397,200	131,564	795,354	57%
Postage	8,000	651	4,815	60%
Printing	3,000	0	2,173	72%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	12,000	534	7,475	62%
Telephone	7,000	514	3,850	55%
Travel	97,000	6,475	49,645	51%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	43,000	33,865	62,805	146%
Contingency	113,900	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,969,300</b>	<b>202,642</b>	<b>1,141,144</b>	<b>58%</b>



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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with  
Updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Council to provide services pursuant to a purchase order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with updating the Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study for a fixed fee amount of \$2,600.**

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management contracted with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to coordinate the state-wide update of Regional Evacuation Studies. The scope of work will consist of developing directional storm surge atlases to assist in hurricane evacuation decisions. Each of the 11 regional planning councils will be responsible for the update of the Regional Evacuation Study for their respective region. The initial task will focus on determining which hurricane directional clusters should be modeled for the region.

The Council will be paid a fixed fee amount of \$2,600 for the initial task by the Northeast Florida Regional Council to assist with the update of the Study.

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

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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint Alicia Fowler, Janet Kreischer, Cara Ladnyk and Casey Ladd to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

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. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs nominated the following individuals to serve as their representatives on the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards, as follows:

- Bradford County - Cara Ladnyk, voting representative; Casey Ladd, alternate representative
- Dixie County - Casey Ladd, voting representative; Alicia M. Fowler, alternate representative
- Gilchrist County - Janet Kreischer, voting representative; Cara Ladnyk, alternate representative
- Union County - Cara Ladnyk, voting representative; Casey Ladd, alternate representative

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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Reappoint members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

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. The following Board members' terms of appointment expire June 30, 2014. These Board members are willing to serve an additional three year term of appointment:

- Bradford County - Barbara Fischer, voting Veterans Representative
- Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee - Sandra Buck-Camp, alternate Elderly Representative; Reverend Charles Burke, voting Elderly Representative; Ellis A Gray, III, alternate Veterans Representative; Clay Lambert, voting Veterans Representative; Matthew Pearson, voting Florida Association for Community Action representative
- Dixie County - Jerry Prater, voting Veterans Representative; Betty Touma, voting Elderly Representative
- Gilchrist County - Richard Esseck, voting Elderly Representative; Jim Mash, voting Veterans Representative
- Lafayette County - Carlton Black, voting Veterans Representative; Martha Humphries, Elderly Representative; Ricky Lyons, voting Florida Association for Community Action Representative
- Madison County - Oliver Bradley, voting Veterans Representative; Matthew Pearson, voting Florida Association for Community Action Representative
- Union County - Barbara Fischer, voting Veterans Representative; Matthew Pearson, voting Florida Association for Community Action Representative; Donald Petit, voting Elderly Representative

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

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.

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

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Danny Riddick	Tommy Chastain	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Sherry Ruskowski	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Patricia Bonesteel	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Patricia Fountain	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Alberta Hampton	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Richard Sapp	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Cara Ladnyk	Casey Ladd	No Term
Department of Education	Jeffrey Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Linda Tatum	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Steve Futch	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016



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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Bucky Nash	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official	Beth Burnam	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official	Jason Bashaw	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	Reverend Charles Burke	Sandra Buck Camp	6/30/2017
Disabled	Ralph Kitchens	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Jeanne d'Eauede	Louie Goodin	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	LJ Johnson	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Colleen Cody	Audre J. Washington	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Keith Hatcher	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Dwight Law	No Term
Department of Education	Rayford Riels	Allison Gill	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Jeannie Carr	No Term
Veteran Services	Clay Lambert	Ellis A. Gray, III	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Kathy Barrs	Vacant	6/30/2016



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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Jason Holifield	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Betty Touma	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	Brooke Ward	6/30/2016
Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Tim Alexander	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Casey Ladd	Alicia M. Fowler	No Term
Department of Education	Rayford Riels	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Jerry Prater	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016





# GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	John Rance Thomas	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Richard Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Jim McCrone	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	William Cummings	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	Brooke Ward	6/30/2016
Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Cloud Haley	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Janet Kreischer	Cara Ladnyk	No Term
Department of Education	Rayford Riels	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Jaqueline Loubet	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Jim Mash	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016



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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Curtis Hamlin	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Martha Humphries	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Cindy Morgan	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Ricky Lyons	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Ritchie Page	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Carlton Black	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Ginger Calhoun	Vacant	6/30/2016



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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Ronnie Moore	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Donna Hagan	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Linda Jones	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Gladney Cherry	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Karen Page	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Rosa Richardson	Vacant	No Term
Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Faye Basiri	Harold Walker	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Oliver Bradley	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Leila Rykard	Vacant	6/30/2016



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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Chairperson	Wayne Smith	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Donald Petit	Vacant	6/30/2017
Disabled	Bill McGill	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate	Doyle Archer	Vacant	6/30/2015
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2015
Children at Risk	Alberta Hampton	Vacant	6/30/2016
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2017
Public Education	Mike Pittman	Vacant	No Term
Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Janell Damato	No Term
Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	Vacant	No Term
Department of Elder Affairs	Cara Ladnyk	Casey Ladd	No Term
Department of Education	Rayford Riels	Vacant	No Term
Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	Andrew Singer	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2017
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2016







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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Carolyn B. Spooner, Chair  
SUBJECT: 2014-15 Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Ratify 2014-15 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair.**

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Organization Policies of the Council, each year the Chair makes appointments to the various committees of the Council. These nominations provide for a broad geographic representation throughout the region and an equal division by city, county, and gubernatorial representatives serving on the committees. Emphasis was also placed on the attendance record of each appointee. Therefore, I am recommending appointments to committees as per the attached list.

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Scott Frederick, Taylor County Development Authority  
Charles Hall, Florida Gateway College  
Jeff Hendry, North Florida Economic Development Partnership  
Glenn Hunter, Columbia County Economic Development  
Alvin Jackson, Suwannee County Economic Development  
Dug Jones, Santa Fe College  
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June 19, 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., June 26, 2014 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

- #64 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 13-1ER)
- #65 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 14-1ESR)
- #66 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 14-1ESR)
- #67 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 14-1ESR)
- #68 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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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June 19, 2014

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 May 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: May 2014

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### OUTREACH

- Along with Mario Taylor (Northeast Florida Regional Council), met with Linda McWhorter (Florida Division of Emergency Management) to discuss several priority projects and funding opportunities.
- Began developing FRCA's first electronic quarterly newsletter, which will be issued in June as the "Summer 2014" issue.
- Met with Sal Nuzzo (Florida Chamber Foundation) to provide input and offer assistance pertaining to a Military and Veterans Summit being hosted by the Florida Chamber Foundation in August.
- Thanked Gray Swoope and Al Latimer for identifying the Florida Regional Councils Association as a Partner Entity on the Enterprise Florida website, which has been a work in progress.
- Provided assistance to the U.S. Census Bureau, which is planning a Local Update of Census Addresses Workshop for the 2020 Census in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference.

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, participated in Enterprise Florida's monthly conference call for its economic development partners, and attended the 2014 State Hurricane Exercise as FRCA's representative to Emergency Support Function 18 – Business, Industry, and Economic Stabilization.
- Served as a panelist at a national Executive Directors Training Workshop, which was hosted by the National Association of Development Organization, Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI), and others, and also served as a panelist at SERDI's Annual Training Conference, which were held in conjunction with one another.
- Distributed funding announcements from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity pertaining to its Regional Rural Development Grants and from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Labor, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

### **LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT**

- Contacted Florida's Congressional members asking them to oppose the Pompeo amendment that would have eliminated the U.S. Economic Development Administration's entire budget (the amendment failed).
- Provided support on several fronts to help prevent a veto of regional planning council funding (still awaiting action by the Governor).
- Issued a post-session legislative update that included several variations of FRCA's bill tracking reports.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Developed a FRCA Membership Benefits and Services document that will be provided to all regional planning council board members.
- Developed an Orientation Packet that will be delivered via email to all new FRCA Policy Board members.
- Continued to prepare for the June FRCA meetings, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference; August FRCA meetings, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference; and, October FRCA meetings, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Annual Conference.



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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 June 2014 Scorecard.

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

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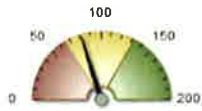
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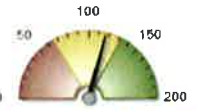
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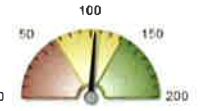
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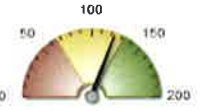
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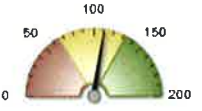
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## We're Talking About JOBS...

This week, we're talking about JOBS. The stock market reacts to job reports every month. We use jobs data to track all kinds of metrics and measures of progress. Florida needs them – more of them, higher paying ones, more diverse ones and more 21st century ones. It's against that backdrop we take a quick look at some specific jobs numbers in this week's Scorecard Did You Know.

The 2008 recession saw the loss of one million Florida jobs, bottoming out by the end of 2009. Since December 2010 however, job creators in Florida have added more than 600,000 new jobs. Florida's non-agricultural employment peaked at 8 million in early 2007, but we are still recovering from total job loss – the most recent figure puts non-agricultural employment at 7.8 million. More importantly, Florida will need to create two million new jobs by 2030 to attain a six percent unemployment rate.

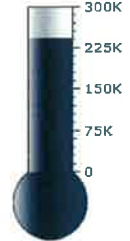
According to data from the [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity](#) and the [Florida Office of Economic and Data Research](#), Florida's population of 19.5 million is expected to increase to approximately 24-26 million residents by 2030. As of April 2014, 9.5 million Floridians were in the labor force – roughly 49 percent of the state's population. Total employment (including agricultural employment) in Florida for April was 9.0 million, leading to an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent for the Sunshine State. In fact:

Compared to the 10 most populous states, Florida tied with North Carolina with the third lowest unemployment rate. Compared to the 10 most populous states, Florida ranked number three in over-the-year job gains with 246,800, and Florida had the fastest over-the-year job growth rate among the 10 largest states (+3.3 percent).



Employment - Monthly

### Florida Net 12-Month Job Creation



246.8K



FLORIDA JOBS



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## Ranking Florida

### Key Indicators



#### Home Foreclosures

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



#### Consumer Confidence

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



#### Population

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



#### Unemployment Rate

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





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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2014 regular Legislature session convened on March 4, 2014 and adjourned on schedule on May 2, 2014. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2014-15 submitted to Governor Scott did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. However, the House Fiscal Year 2014-15 adopted budget included \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils and the final version of the Senate Fiscal Year 2014-15 adopted budget also included \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils.

On June 2, 2014, Governor Scott vetoed \$68.8 million appropriated by the Legislature, including the \$2.5 million appropriated for all 11 regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been approximately \$187,000.

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







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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Disclosure Report Filing

All members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year.

The financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

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

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June 19, 2014

TO: Council Members

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

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.

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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.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman are continuing to coordinate with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and scheduling of the arbitration hearing.

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

June 19, 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	\$0
January 2014	\$2,760
February 2014	\$1,410
March 2014	\$2,502
April 2014	<u>\$2,669</u>
 Total	 \$16,602

