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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **August 27, 2015**. 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.**

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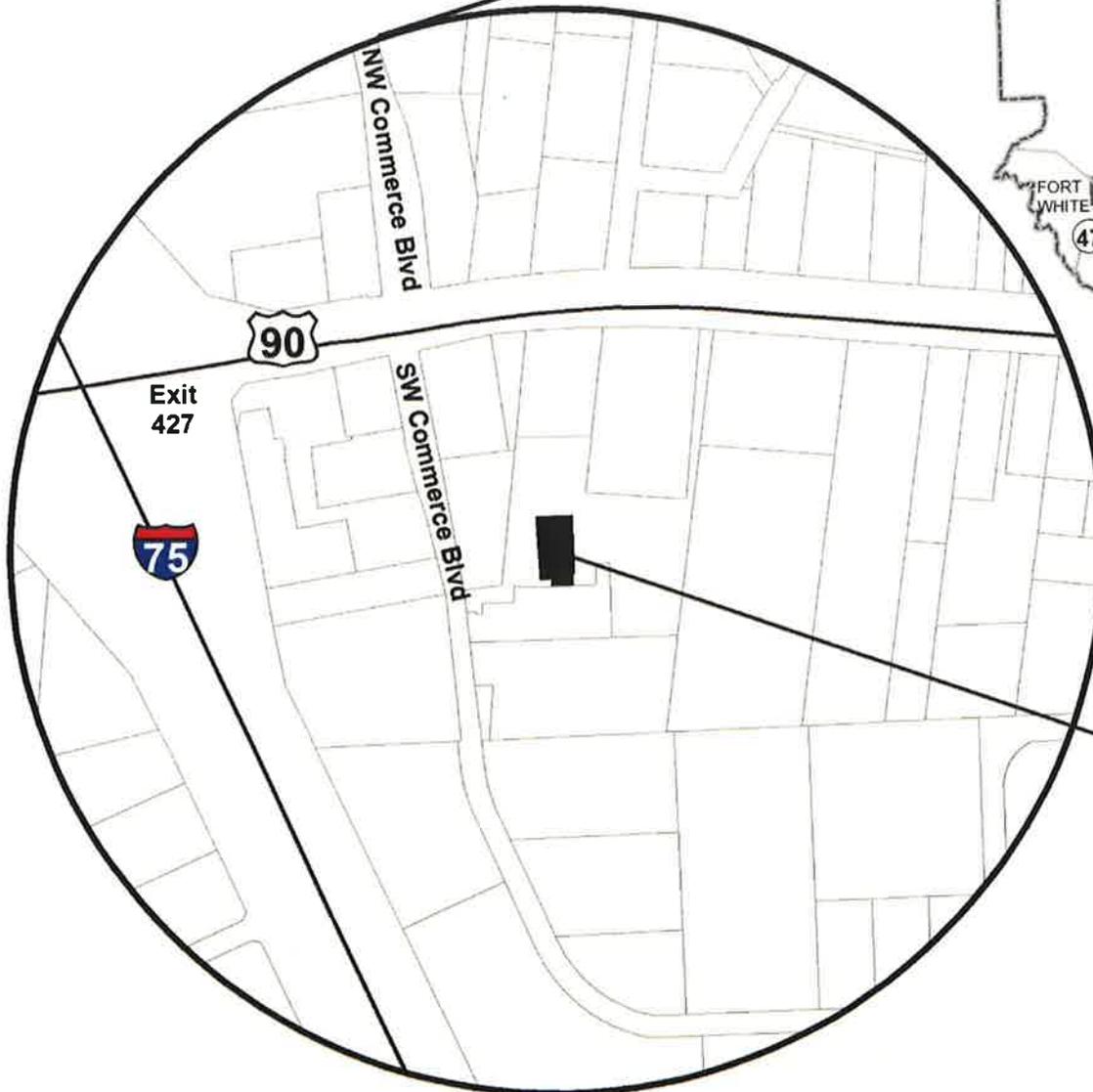
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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
 Lake City, Florida

August 27, 2015
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

July 23, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
David Sullivan, City of Perry
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Bill Henderson, Florida Department
of Transportation
Ronnie Jordan, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Jason Evans, High Springs
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Everett Phillips, Columbia County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
James Tallman, Union County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Allen Cherry
Glenn Hunter
Kathy Kavanagh
Ralph Kitchens
Elizabeth Porter
Joe Riddick
Sheryl Rehberg

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Montgomery and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Sheryl Rehberg, Executive Director, Career Source North Florida; Allen Cherry, County Coordinator, Madison County; Glenn Hunter, Director, Columbia County Economic Development; Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County; Ralph Kitchens, member of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; and Kathy Cavanah from Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

II. LEGISLATIVE GUEST SPEAKER - Honorable Elizabeth Porter,
Florida House of Representatives, District 10

Mr. Koons introduced Elizabeth Porter, representing District 10, of the Florida House of Representatives, including Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Counties and a portion of Alachua, County. Representative Porter reviewed the past legislative session. She also spoke about issues of importance to north central Florida local governments in the future. Chair Riddick thanked Representative Porter for her presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 25, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - June 2015
- B. Local Government Geographic Information Systems Mapping Service Agreement
Fiscal Year 2014-15 City of Newberry

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

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

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation -
Andrew Singer

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Singer. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons stated that United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with an increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2015. He also stated that the total increase in cost to the Council for the coming year would be \$1,677 per month, or an increase of 21.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$9,668.

Mr. Koons also stated that United Healthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. United Healthcare is proposing to increase the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year by \$21 per month or an increase of 10.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to employees would be \$236.

Mr. Koons stated that staff secured alternative proposals for health insurance from United Healthcare for consideration by the Executive Committee. He stated that the alternative proposals include reductions in benefits for employees. He also reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council select Option 2, Plan JQ-H/RXPV with UnitedHealthcare for the year beginning September 1, 2015.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Carter, to approve the proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan JQ-H/RXPV for health insurance, Plan F5430 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

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

#67, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments
#70, City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#71, City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#72, Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

She noted that the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impact to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. Ms. Haas also stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #67, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, Item #70, City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #71, City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #72, Madison County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Haas stated that with regards to Item #69 Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that County items CPA 15-07, CPA 15-09 and CPA 15-10 are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to the regional facilities, natural resources of regional significance or adjoining local governments, with regards to county item CPA-08 the Committee finds that the item is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities or adjoining local governments.

Ms. Haas further stated that the subject property of County item CPA 15-08 is located within a portion of and adjacent to the North Central Florida Regional Ecological Greenway. The property is also near the Suwannee River Corridor. Both of these natural resources are identified and mapped as natural resources of regional significance in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She stated that adverse impacts may occur to these natural resources of regional significance should the subject property be developed to its maximum allowed intensity. Therefore the Committee recommends that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements, to protect these natural resources of regional significance.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements to protect natural resources of regional significance concerning Item #69, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee -Evaluation and Appraisal Report of North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Commissioner Wells, Regional Planning Committee Chair, reported that, every five years the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is required by State law to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report of its regional plan. He also stated that the Report is due by the end of 2015.

Commissioner Wells reported that the purpose of an Evaluation and Appraisal Report is to evaluate the successes and failures of the regional plan and to identify possible future amendments, revisions or updates to the plan. He also stated that the report serves as a basis for future amendments to the regional plan.

Commissioner Wells stated that the Regional Planning Committee met tonight and continued its review of the regional plan focusing on Regional Significant Facilities and Resources chapter of the regional plan.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2 stated that Jordan Green has been promoted to Director of Transportation Support. Mr. Henderson also mentioned that local governments should submit Small County Outreach Program applications to the Department at this time.

Roni Jordan, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the activities listed in the June 2015 activities report in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Meeting Report

Mr. Koons stated that Immediate Past Chair Carolyn Spooner and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Altamonte Springs on July 10, 2015. He also stated that the Policy Board adopted a mission statement and strategic operating plan. The plan was the culmination of the strategic retreat process conducted by the Policy Board during the past year.

Mr. Koons stated that the Policy Board also reviewed a financial report, and approved the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Assembled Financial Statements, a Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget amendment and Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget. He further stated that the Policy Board elected officers for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Mr. Koons reported that Commissioner Carolyn Spooner was elected Second Vice-President of the Policy Board. He congratulated Commissioner Spooner.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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

Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the July 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

D. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that the Committee met on June 29, 2015. He further stated that the Committee heard presentations from water management district staff on the status of alternative water supply projects

E. 2014-15 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons reported that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings, and a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings. He also reported that a Certificate of Outstanding Attendance is being awarded to three members in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2014-15. Mr. Koons then presented attendance awards to LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper; Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak; and Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke.

F. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year. For Program Year 2014-15, he awarded the Executive Director's Cup to the city members.

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 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 a letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow reported that an agreement has been reached with Wells Fargo concerning a mutually acceptable arbitrator, Robert Cowles from Jacksonville, FL. He further reported that a preliminary arbitration conference was held on February 2, 2015 and that the parties have agreed to schedule the arbitration hearing for May 11, 2015 in Gainesville.

Mr. Koons reported that a press release was sent to state and regional news media on March 3, 2015 concerning the fraudulent check matter. He also stated that the arbitration hearing that was scheduled for May 11, 2015 was rescheduled and held on June 22, 2015

Mr. Wershow stated that a decision by the arbitrator is anticipated within the next few weeks.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on August 27, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

8/27/15

Date



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August 20, 2015

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - July 2015

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for July 2015. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of ten months is 67 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of ten months is 74 percent of budget.

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)
July 31, 2015

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	650,129
Accounts Receivable	399,395
Other Current Assets	84,976
Total Current Assets	<u>1,134,500</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,134,500</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,068
Other Current Liabilities	60,661
Total Liabilities	<u>62,729</u>
Equity	<u>1,071,771</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,134,500</u></u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
July 31, 2015

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	July 2015	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,688,600	665	1,126,810	67%
Expenses	1,688,600	101,740	1,257,827	74%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
July 31, 2015

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	July 2015	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	24,800	665	24,955	101%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	40,000	0	40,017	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	23,700	0	0	0%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	42,400	0	7,593	18%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,500	0	70,125	75%
Hazards Analyses	9,100	0	11,552	127%
Hurricane Evacuation Study	0	0	10,500	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	502,000	0	273,480	54%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,300	0	157,553	74%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	0	17,656	73%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,700	0	125,408	72%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	0	92,270	85%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	0	23,570	67%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	0	38,000	97%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Original Florida Tourism Task Force - Trade Shows	0	0	5,650	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	0	10,004	100%
City & County Planning Services	291,700	0	209,956	72%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	59,200	0	6,021	10%
Total Revenue	1,688,600	665	1,126,810	67%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
July 31, 2015

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15	July 2015	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	31,000	2,318	32,556	105%
Contractual Services	20,000	4,693	56,386	282%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	50,000	1,328	61,967	124%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	4,077	27%
Insurance and Bonding	18,000	0	12,373	69%
Legal Costs	14,000	6,347	43,981	314%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	0	4,145	83%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	0	14,469	76%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	21,000	419	20,619	98%
Personnel Costs	1,270,700	81,220	932,488	73%
Postage	8,000	38	3,017	38%
Printing	2,000	0	2,132	107%
Recruiting	2,000	0	76	4%
Reproduction	13,000	0	9,281	71%
Telephone	7,000	475	6,107	87%
Travel	98,000	4,902	54,153	55%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	38,900	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,688,600	101,740	1,257,827	74%



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for
 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for an amount of \$76,827 in training and planning funds, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the United States Department of Transportation for hazardous materials planning and training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees.

This training includes basic awareness level through more advanced technician level training. The Council will receive an anticipated \$25,000 to conduct a planning project and an anticipated \$51,827 to offer free training classes.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee selects the planning project for the year. The project last year consisted of a commodity flow study to identify the most common hazardous materials transported through the north central Florida region.

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Council enters into technical assistance services agreements to assist local governments with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services are, as follows.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.
- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinance, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.
- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

The names of the counties and cities and the fixed fee amount of each associated agreement are as listed on the attached list.

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

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FISCAL YEAR 2016

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

AGREEMENTS

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council proposes to enter into technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services and amount of each agreement are as listed below.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
N/A	N/A

- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Bradford County	\$ 23,500
2. Dixie County	\$ 13,000
4. Lafayette County	\$ 13,000
5. Suwannee County	\$ 23,500
6. Taylor County	\$ 12,500
7. Union County	\$ 3,500
8. Archer	\$ 7,000
9. Chiefland	\$ 7,000
10. Fanning Springs	\$ 5,250
11. Lake Butler	\$ 7,000
12. Madison, City	\$ 17,000
13. Perry	\$ 9,000
14. Starke	\$ 10,000
15. Williston	\$ 7,000

- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Columbia County	\$ 85,000
2. High Springs	\$ 10,000



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements -
Fiscal Year 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute agreements with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties for hazardous waste monitoring for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

BACKGROUND:

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

During these site visits, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems with management techniques. A one-page summary of how to avoid the most common mistakes will also be provided to the facility operators.

These services will be provided on a fixed fee basis to the counties in the amounts as listed below.

Bradford	\$7,882	Lafayette	\$ 1,409
Columbia	\$9,731	Levy	\$16,500
Gilchrist	\$2,697	Suwannee	\$ 7,421
Hamilton	\$2,899	Union	\$ 2,778

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Mitigation Strategy Facilitation Services Agreement
 Fiscal Year 2015-16 - Levy County

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Levy County to provide Local Mitigation Strategy Facilitation Services for an amount of \$ 10,500.

BACKGROUND:

This item concerns an annual contract which the Council proposes to enter into with Levy County. The Council will provide staff facilitation support to the Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group. These services will include identifying mitigation issues, preparing an annual update of Local Mitigation Strategy, and preparing and transmitting the Local Mitigation Strategy annual report.

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: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Deweece Ogden as the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint Paul Champion, Sr. as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Commissioner Bucky Nash as the Local Elected Official representing Columbia County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

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 above recommended individuals have received nominations from their respective agencies for appointment to the Boards.

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Jason Bashaw Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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 the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board to the Council. At its August 12, 2015 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Jason Bashaw as Chair of the Board. Commissioner Bashaw is currently serving as the Local Elected Official representing Suwannee County on the Board. Commissioner Bucky Nash, representing Columbia County has served as Chair of the Board since June 2013.

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: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Bucky Nash.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Bucky Nash served as Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July 2013.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucky Nash has served as Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucky Nash ably discharged his duties as the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;

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

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

Daniel Riddick, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

August 27, 2015

Date



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Proclaim the week of September 13-20, 2015 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical releases. Public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has designated the week of September 13-20, 2015 as *Hazardous Materials Awareness Week*. It is recommended that the Council join in this public outreach effort by designating the week of September 13-20, 2015 as *Hazardous Materials Awareness Week* (see attached Proclamation).

One goal of *Hazardous Materials Awareness Week* is to let the public know that facilities, first responders and emergency management are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials. A second goal is to encourage local governments to take advantage of free hazardous materials training classes offered by the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2015 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 September 13-20, 2015 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of August 2015.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Lorene Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

Daniel Riddick, Chair



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing Service of
 Terry Joseph, Executive Director
 West Florida Regional Planning Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recognizing the service of Terry Joseph, Executive Director of the West Florida Regional Planning Council.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the service of Terry Joseph, Executive Director of the West Florida Regional Planning Council, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

Ms. Joseph has served as the Executive Director of the West Florida Regional Planning Council since 2005 and has had a career at the Council spanning 31 years. She has been involved in most major programs of the Council during her tenure. She has served and contributed to the West Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, serving as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05

**RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF
MS. TERRY JOSEPH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the West Florida Regional Planning Council was the third regional planning council established in the State of Florida in 1964; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the West Florida Regional Planning Council is to provide professional planning, coordinating and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies and the public in order to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph has served as Executive Director since 2005, capping off a 31-year career at the Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph has been involved in most major programs of the Council during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph has served and contributed to the West Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, having served as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph is a two-time graduate of the University of West Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph has announced her retirement from the West Florida Regional Planning Council effective September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby congratulates Ms. Joseph upon the occasion of her retirement, thanks her for her many contributions on behalf of the West Florida Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association and wishes her well in her retirement and future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of August 2015.

Attest:

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing Service of
Manny Pumariega, Executive Director
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recognizing the service of Manny Pumariega, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the service of Manny Pumariega, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

Mr. Pumariega has served as the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council since 1998 and has had a career at the Council spanning 35 years. He has been involved in most major programs of the Council during his tenure. He has served and contributed to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, serving as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

**RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF
MR. MANNY PUMARIEGA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was the first regional planning council established in the State of Florida in 1962; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is to serve citizens and member local governments by providing a forum of communication, coordination, and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumariega has served as Executive Director since 1998, capping off a 35-year career at the Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumariega has been involved in most major programs of the Council during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumariega has served and contributed to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, having served as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumariega is a graduate of the University of South Florida and the University of Tampa and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pumariega has announced his retirement from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council effective September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby congratulates Mr. Pumariega upon the occasion of his retirement, thanks him for his many contributions on behalf of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association and wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of August 2015.

Attest:

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TO: Council Members
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SK*
 SUBJECT: Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

As you know, Senate Bill 1216 (Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida) recently enacted by the Legislature eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred Levy County and Marion County to the north central Florida region. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, entered into by counties and municipalities located in the north central Florida region. In order to add Levy County and Marion County to the membership of the Council, the existing member local governments will need to amend the interlocal agreement. The current population-based representation formula would increase the total number of representatives on the Council from 48 to 66.

At its June 25, 2015 meeting, the Council, on a 7 ayes and 5 nays vote, recommended amendments to the interlocal agreement to the member local governments. The amendments addressed the following provisions.

1. Geographic area;
2. Governance structure;
3. Additional representatives; and
4. Dues credit.

Subsequent to the June 25, 2015 meeting, representatives of a member local government have suggested some alternative options to address the governance structure of the Council as it relates to local government representatives. The Executive Committee is currently reviewing these alternative options.

Option 1 would eliminate the population-based system resulting in 39 representatives on the Council, but would change the per capita population-based dues assessment from the current 30 cents per capita to each member local government paying an equal share of \$8,425 of the total dues assessment amount of \$219,050. (See attached dues table from adopted Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget.)

Option 2 would retain a modified population-based representation formula with any member local government with a population of 100,000 or more having three representatives, resulting in a total of 48 representatives on the Council as well as retaining the proportional dues assessment on a per capita population basis.

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Option 3 would also retain a modified proportional population-based representation formula with any member local government with a population of 100,000 or more having three representatives, a population of 250,000 having four representatives and a population of 500,000 or more having five representatives resulting in a total of 51 representatives on the Council.

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

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
August 20, 2015

OPTION 1: New Governance Structure
(Eliminate population-based representation)

10 Local Government- County
12 Local Government - Municipal
11 Gubernatorial

1 Local Government - Alachua County
1 Local Government - Columbia County
1 Local Government - Marion County
1 Local Government - Gainesville
2 Gubernatorial
39 Total

OPTION 2: New Government Structure
(3 representatives for local governments 100,000 or more)

10 Local Government- County
12 Local Government - Municipal
11 Gubernatorial

3 Local Government - Alachua County
1 Local Government - Columbia County
3 Local Government - Marion County
3 Local Government - Gainesville
5 Gubernatorial
48 Total

Note: Option 1 would reduce Gainesville representatives from five to one, Alachua County representatives from four to one and Columbia County representatives from two to one. Option 1 would also reduce Gubernatorial appointees from 16 to 13.

Option 2 would also reduce Gainesville representatives from five to one, Alachua County representatives from four to one and Columbia County representatives from two to one.

OPTION 3: Existing Government Structure
(Proportional representation for local governments over 100,000, 250,000 and 500,000)

10 Local Government- County
12 Local Government - Municipal
11 Gubernatorial

3 Local Government - Alachua County
1 Local Government - Columbia County
4 Local Government - Marion County
3 Local Government - Gainesville
1 Local Government - Additional Representative
6 Gubernatorial
51 Total

Note: Option 3 would reduce Gainesville representatives from five to three, Alachua County representatives from four to three and Columbia County representatives from two to one.

Option 3 would increase Gubernatorial appointees from 16 to 17.

**North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Governance Structure
August 20, 2015**

	Alachua Co.	Columbia Co.	Marion Co.	Gainesville	Total Local Government	Total Gubernatorial	TOTAL
Option 1	1	1	1	1	26	13	39
Option 2	3	1	3	3	32	16	48
Option 3	3	1	4	3	34	17	51

Notes: Option 1 would reduce Gainesville representatives from five to one, Alachua County representatives from four to one and Columbia County representatives from two to one.

Option 1 would also reduce Gubernatorial appointees from 16 to 13.

Option 2 would reduce Gainesville representatives from five to three, Alachua County representatives from four to three and reduce Columbia County representatives from two to one.

Option 3 would reduce Gainesville representatives from five to three and Alachua County representatives from four to three. and reduce Columbia County representatives from two to one.

Option 3 would also increase Gubernatorial appointees from 16 to 17.

TABLE IV
 NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
 MEMBER LOCAL GOVERNMENT DUES - Adopted May 28, 2015
 FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	POPULATION*		DUES @ .30** PER CAPITA
	JURISDICTION	TOTAL COUNTY	
Alachua County		249,414	
County Government	100,896	(\$27,309)	\$20,000
Alachua	9,479		\$2,844
Archer	1,137		\$750
Gainesville	124,796	(\$15,735)	\$21,704
Hawthorne	1,356		\$750
High Springs	5,533		\$1,660
Newberry	5,264		\$1,579
Waldo	953		\$750
Bradford County		24,487	
County Government	18,964		\$5,689
Starke	5,523		\$1,657
Columbia County		63,720	
County Government	52,124		\$15,637
Lake City	11,596		\$3,479
Dixie County		15,066	
County Government	15,066		\$4,520
Gilchrist County		16,007	
County Government	16,007		\$4,802
Hamilton County		12,064	
County Government	10,398		\$3,119
Jasper	1,666		\$750
Lafayette County		6,972	
County Government	6,972		\$2,092
Levy County		40,473	
County Government	40,473		\$12,142
Madison County		17,663	
County Government	14,558		\$4,367
Madison	3,105		\$932
Marion County		337,455	
County Government	337,455	(\$12,953)	\$88,284
Suwannee County		41,219	
County Government	34,369		\$10,311
Live Oak	6,850		\$2,055
Taylor County		19,760	
County Government	12,691		\$3,807
Perry	7,069		\$2,121
Union County		10,831	
County Government	10,831		\$3,249
TOTAL	855,131	855,131	\$219,050

*Official State estimates used for Revenue Sharing purposes: April 1, 2014.

**Minimum dues paid by any member local government is \$750.

Membership dues are reduced by one percent of the funds expended by a member local government for in-house planning activities provided such reduction shall not reduce the total dues to an amount less than \$20,000.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., August 27, 2015 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.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #73 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)
- #77 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)

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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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report

In a manner similar to the process required by local governments, every five years each regional planning council is required to perform an evaluation and appraisal of its Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The evaluation and appraisal process is a two-step process. The first step involves the preparation and adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The second step involves the preparation and adoption of amendments to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The purpose of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report is to evaluate the progress of the regional plan at achieving the goals and at implementing the policies contained in the plan. The Evaluation and Appraisal Report should identify those areas of the plan in need of revision based on new information, changes to Florida Statutes, or changing regional trends and conditions. Subsequent to the adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report, amendments may need to be prepared and considered by the Council for adoption based upon the recommendations contained in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

The Regional Planning Committee met on July 23, 2015 to continue its review of the plan focusing on the Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources. The Committee will meet on August 27, 2015 to discuss Coordination Outline, Dispute Resolution Rule, Glossary of Terms and Maps of Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Report

The Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District since 1978. As such, the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies by attracting private investment that creates jobs. The strategy must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee representing both the public and private sector, and must set forth the goals and objectives necessary to solve the economic development problems of the region.

A majority of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council are private sector representatives and also includes representatives of public officials, community leaders, workforce development boards, higher education, and minority and labor groups. The Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption.

Based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2012. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met on August 19, 2015 to review activities conducted during the past six months to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

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: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten 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 July 2015 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord.

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

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Intergovernmental Affairs Activity Report

July 1 – 31, 2015

Following is an overview of activities and work performed during the month of July 2015.

OUTREACH

Drafted Summer issue of FRCA newsletter and edited contributions from Executive Directors for targeted August publication. Ongoing, some RPC contributions pending.

Participated as Policy Committee Member in FDOT Safe Mobility for Life Coalition meeting on 7/27.

Registered and prepared for APA Florida Chapter Annual Conference/Exhibition in September.

Attempted to secure exhibit space in sold-out Florida League of Cities Marketplace (conference expo).

Attended ARPC Directors meeting on 7/30.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING

Monitored/Distributed notices and news of interest to Executive Directors.

Preliminary coordination with 1st Vice President of Policy Board re: "Path Forward"
Brainstorming Committee next steps.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

n/a

OPERATIONS

Drafted Summaries of June EDAC and Partners meetings for Chair review.

Managed all tasks associated with planning and organizing July 9 EDAC Business Meeting and July 10 Policy Board Meeting.

Prepared new layout for 2014-15 Annual Report publication. Gathered new content from Directors, updated content, and edited new content and graphics for targeted August publication. Drafted President's letter.

Florida Regional Councils Association
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs Activity Report
July 2015

Reserved meeting spaces and made preliminary plans for September EDAC and Partners Meetings.

Produced mementos for retiring FRCA Directors.

Updated FRCA website.

Updated FRCA Meeting calendar.



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August 20, 2015

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 August 2015 Scorecard.

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

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Florida Chamber of Commerce » Foundation » The Florida Scorecard

THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Florida Scorecard™ provides Florida leaders the metrics they need to secure Florida's future and gives local stakeholders the power to measure progress within their own communities. These are key metrics that are important to Florida's economy now, and Florida's future economy. As we develop our updated Scorecard, we will continue to update these items regularly.

EMPLOYMENT

<p>Currently NonFarm Employed:</p> <p>8.078 Million</p> <p><small>Jobs Created in Florida Since Dec. 2010</small></p> <p>870,500</p>	<p>2015 2014</p> <p>5.5% 6.1%</p> <p>Florida Unemployment Rate</p> <p>Florida GDP Per Capita</p> <p>\$42,222</p>	<p>Average Hourly Earnings</p> <p>FL - \$22.52</p> <p>Average Hourly Earnings</p> <p>U.S. - \$24.96</p>
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WORKFORCE

Net New Jobs Needed in Florida By:

2020	2030
800,000	2,000,000

POPULATION: 19.893 Million
U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Estimate

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

2013-2014	76.1%
2003-2004	59.2%

TECHNOLOGY

Florida Ranking on

RECENT NEWS

- AUG 03** Important Updates
Did You Know Florida is the #1 State for Aviation/Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness?
- JUL 14** Important Updates
Did You Know the Agriculture Industry Employs 2 Million Floridians?
- JUL 09** Important Updates
Veterans Florida Executive Director Calls on Business Community to Unite Efforts to Hire Vets

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TESTIMONIALS
What People Are Saying...
The Scorecard shows a downward trend of adult heart disease since 2000, which suggests that community based outreach programs might be effective in addressing this preventable disease.

- Skip Cramer, Executive Director
Jacksonville Community Council, Inc.

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Milken State Technology and Science Index
37th



Employment:

Currently NonFarm Employed – 8.078 Million – up 3.4% over last year.

Florida Unemployment Rate – June 2015 (seasonally adjusted) 5.5% Year ago: 6.1%

<http://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/library/press/release.pdf>

Florida GDP Per Capita: \$42,222

Jobs Created in Florida since December 2010 – 870,500

www.bls.gov (M)

Population

19.893 Million – 2014 Estimate from U.S. Census Bureau

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12000.html>

Workforce

By 2020 Net New Jobs Needed in Florida: 800,000

By 2030 Net New Jobs Needed in Florida: 2,000,000

Online Labor Demand from Conference Board Help Wanted Index – 273,100 jobs listed June 2015

<https://www.conference-board.org/data/helpwantedonline.cfm>

Education

Florida 2013-14 High School Graduation Rate – 76.1%

<https://edstats.fldoe.org/SASWebReportStudio/gotoReportSection.do?sectionNumber=1>

Versus 10 years ago – 59.2%

Technology

Florida Ranking on Milken State Tech and Science Index – 37th

<http://statetechandscience.org/>

Home Sales

Florida Median Home Sale Price – \$203,500 June 2015. Year ago \$185,000. 10% increase.

<http://www.floridarealtors.org/ResearchAndStatistics/Florida-Market-Reports/Index.cfm>

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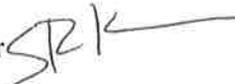


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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Regional Directory

Pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. The 2015 Regional Directory was mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies the week of August 17, 2015. Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

A downloadable version of the 2015 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at www.ncfrpc.org.

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

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August 20, 2015

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.

June 17, 2015

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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.

A letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman have coordinated with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and on January 8, 2015 mutually agreed to American Arbitration Association Arbitrator Robert Cowles of Jacksonville, FL. On February 2, 2015 a preliminary arbitration conference was held via teleconference. The arbitrator and parties agreed to schedule the arbitration hearing for May 11, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. However the arbitrator and parties agreed to reschedule the arbitration hearing for June 22, 2015 in Gainesville, FL.

On March 3, 2015 a press release concerning the check fraud incident was issued to regional and state news media. An arbitration hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2015 and was rescheduled for June 22, 2015 due to a conflict interest by the expert witness from Wells Fargo.

An arbitration hearing was held on June 22, 2015 in Gainesville. The arbitrator issued his order on August 4, 2015 and ruled in favor of Wells Fargo.

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

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

August 20, 2015

<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	\$2,669
May 2014	\$2,970
June 2014	\$6,515
July 2014	\$330
August 2014	\$420
September 2014	\$810
October 2014	\$3,429
November 2014	\$0
December 2014	\$2,295
January 2015	\$454
February 2015	\$2,978
March 2015	\$765
April 2015	\$7,000
May 2015	\$10,010
June 2015	<u>\$7,064</u>
TOTAL	\$61,642