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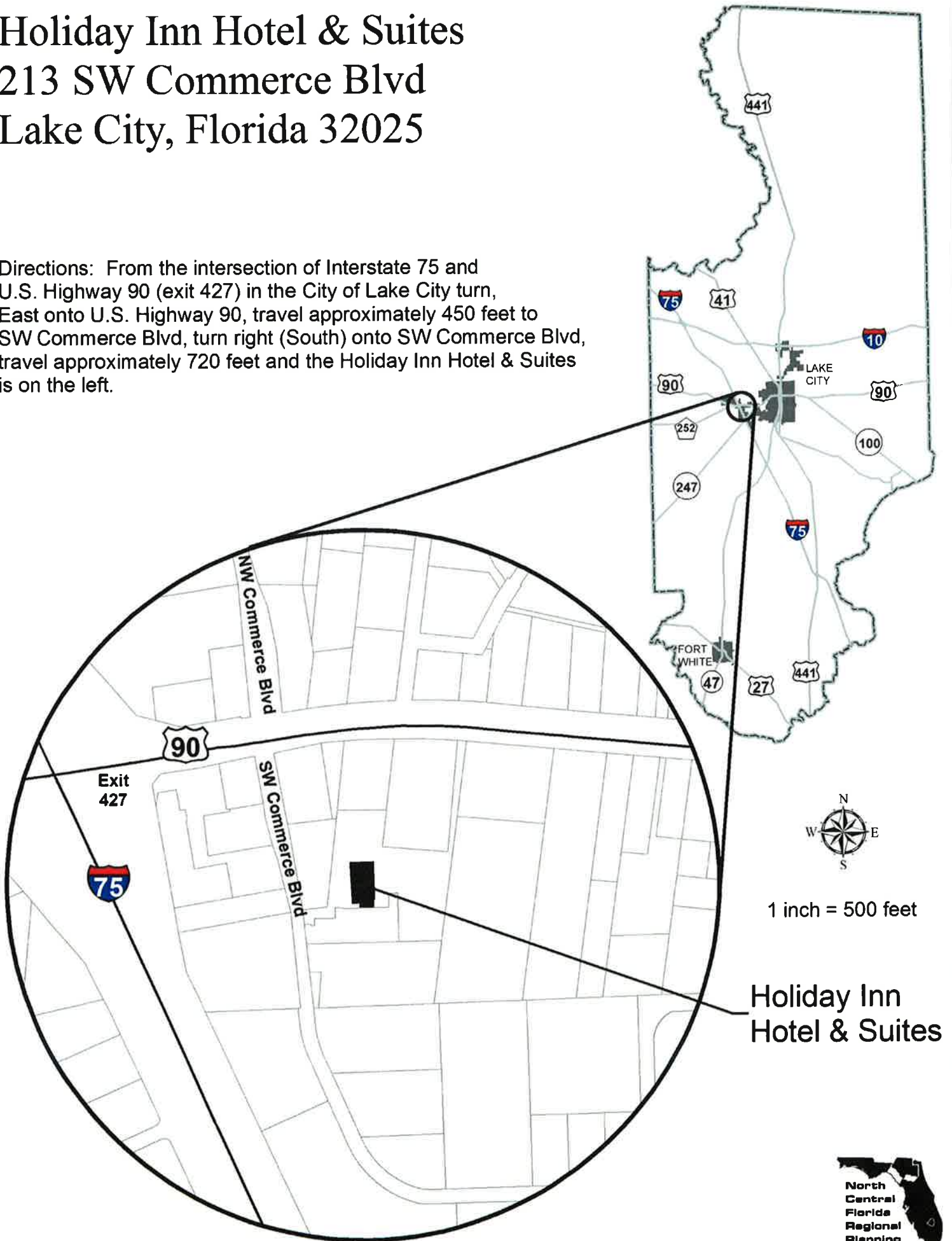
There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on December 13, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida at 6:00 p.m.

(Location Map on Back)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
Lake City, Florida 32025

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





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

December 13, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 25, 2012
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair
Carolyn Spooner, Executive Committee Member
Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer
Lorene Thomas, Chair

MEMBER ABSENT

Roy Ellis, Immediate Past Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Scott R. Koons

Chair Lorene Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -September 27, 2012

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes for the September 27, 2012 Executive Committee meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 27, 2012 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS - None

III. PROGRAM REPORT

A. Resolution Recognizing Service of Matthew Chase as Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations

Mr. Koons stated that under the leadership of Matthew Chase, the National Association of Development Organizations grew to become a prominent advocate for the nation's regional development organizations and for the critical role they play in providing regional approaches and solutions to local challenges.

ACTION: Commissioner Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to recommend that the Council approve a resolution recognizing the service of Matthew Chase as Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. Members

Mr. Koons reported that the Articles of Incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., require that the Council make appointments of its members. These appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms.

ACTION: Commissioner Thomas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles, to recommend that the Council appoint the following individuals Stephen Bailey, Columbia County, LaBarfield Bryant, Hamilton County, Thomas Collett, Alachua County, Louie Davis, Alachua County, Rusty DePratter, Columbia County, Alphonso Dowdell, Taylor County, Sandra Haas, Suwannee County, Curtis Hamlin, Lafayette County, Thomas Hawkins, Alachua County, James Montgomery, Columbia County, Garth Nobles, Jr., Suwannee County, Frank Ogborn, Alachua County, David Pieklik, Levy County, Lauren Poe, Alachua County, Eleanor Randall, Alachua County, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Kevin Sheilley, Marion County, Carolyn Spooner, Bradford County, James Tallman, Union County, Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County, Lorene Thomas, Dixie County, Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County, Charles Williams, Hamilton County, Mike Williams, Madison County, and Stephen Witt, Columbia County to two-year terms to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Proclamation Declaring November 2012 as Florida Jobs Month

Mr. Koons reported the month of November 2012 is being designated by Governor Scott as Florida Jobs Month.

ACTION: Commissioner Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to recommend that the Council adopt a proclamation proclaiming November 2012 as Florida Jobs Month in north central Florida. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Employee Holiday Lunch

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nobles, to authorize that the Council pay the estimated cost of \$500 to sponsor a holiday luncheon for staff. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

12/13/12

Date



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December 6, 2012

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
 Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

Attachments

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BRADFORD COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER'S NAME	TERM OF APPOINTMENT
Chairperson	Commissioner Danny Riddick	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	2 Years
Disabled	Mary Lou Black	1 Year
Citizen Advocate	Jean Rosebrock	3 Years
Citizen Advocate/User	Patricia Fountain	2 Years
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	No Term
Community Action	E.W. Hodges	No Term
Public Education	Richard Sapp	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeffery Aboumrad	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Cindy Roberts	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Kyle Bonesteel	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Linda Tatum	No Term
Local Medical Community	Vacant	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Steve Futch	3 Years

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COLUMBIA COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

<u>REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>TERM OF APPOINTMENT</u>
Chairperson	Commissioner Rusty DePratter	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	1 Year
Disabled	Ralph Kitchens	1 Year
Citizen Advocate	Jeannie Carr	2 Years
Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant	2 Years
Veteran Services	Vacant	No Term
Community Action	Matthew Peareson	No Term
Public Education	Keith Couey	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Rayford Riels	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Deborah Freeman	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Michelle Giannosa	No Term
Medical Community	Michelle Barrs	3 Years
Private Transit Industry	Chris Samson	3 Years

DIXIE COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

<u>REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM OF APPOINTMENT</u>
Chairperson	Commissioner Marvin Hunt	No Term
Elderly	Betty Touma	2 Years
Disabled	Vacant	1 Year
Citizen Advocate	William Dowdy	3 Years
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	1 Year
Veteran Services	Jerry Prater	No Term
Community Action	Vacant	No Term
Public Education	Tim Alexander	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Rayford Riels	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Cindy Roberts	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Elizabeth Jane Davis	No Term
Local Medical Community	Patrick Allen	2 Years
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	3 Years

GILCHRIST COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

<u>REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM OF APPOINTMENT</u>
Chairperson	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Betty Ramey	1 Year
Disabled	Vacant	No Term
Citizen Advocate	William R. Cummings	1 Year
Citizen Advocate-User	Vacant	2 Years
Veteran Services	Jim Mash	No Term
Community Action	Vacant	No Term
Public Education	Cloud Haley	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Brad Seeling	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Rayford Riels	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Cindy Roberts	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Tonya Hiers	2 Years
Regional Workforce Development Board	Mark Hilliard	No Term
Local Medical Community	Vacant	3 Years
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	No Term

HAMILTON COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
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Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

REPRESENTATION	VOTING MEMBER	TERM OF APPOINTMENT
Chairperson	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Isaac Chandler	1 Year
Persons with Disabilities	Danny Johnson	2 Years
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	1 Year
Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant	3 Years
Veteran Services	Bo Beauchemin	No Term
Community Action	Frances Terry	No Term
Public Education	Ward Daniels	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Vacant	No Term
Private Transit Industry	Vacant	2 Years
Local Medical Community	Vacant	3 Years
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	No Term

LAFAYETTE COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER'S NAME	TERM OF APPOINTMENT
Chairperson	Commissioner Donnie Hamlin	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	1 Year
Persons with Disabilities	Vacant	3 Years
Citizen Advocate	Cindy Morgan	1 Year
Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant	2 Years
Veterans Services	Carlton Black	No Term
Community Action	Ricky Lyons	No Term
Public Education	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Vacant	No Term
Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	No Term
Local Medical Community	Ginger Calhoun	3 Years
Private Transit Industry	Vacant	2 Years

MADISON COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

REPRESENTATION	VOTING MEMBER	TERM OF APPOINTMENT
Chairperson	Vacant	No Term
Elderly Representative	Vacant	1 Year
Persons with Disabilities	Vacant	2 Years
Citizen Advocate	Shanetha Mitchell	1 Year
Citizen Advocate - User	Donna Hagan	3 Years
Veteran Services	Oliver Bradley	No Term
Community Action	Frances Terry	No Term
Public Education	Gladney Cherry	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Karen Page	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Rosa Richardson	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Harold Walker	No Term
Children at Risk	Linda Jones	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	No Term
Medical Community	David Abercrombie	2 Years
Private Transit Industry	Vacant	3 Years

SUWANNEE COUNTY 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: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER'S NAME	TERM OF APPOINTMENT
Chairperson	Vacant	No Term
Elderly	Charles Burke	3 Years
Disabled	Vacant	2 Years
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	3 Years
Citizen Advocate - User	Vacant	2 Years
Veteran Services	Ellis A. Gray, III	No Term
Community Action	Matthew Pearson	No Term
Public Education	Scott Pfender	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Colleen Cody	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Sheryl Rehberg	No Term
Private Transit Industry	Robin Lumpkin	No Term
Local Medical Community	Vacant	1 Year

UNION COUNTY COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
Lorene Thomas, Chair

<u>REPRESENTATION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Chairperson	Commissioner M. Wayne Smith	No Term
Elderly	Donald Pettit	1 Year
Disabled	Vacant	2 Years
Citizen Advocate	Doyle Archer	3 Years
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	1 Year
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	No Term
Community Action	Frances Terry	No Term
Public Education	Mike Pittman	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Jaime Sanchez-Bianchi	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Rayford Riels	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Cindy Roberts	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Alana McKay	No Term
Children at Risk	Kyle Bonesteel	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Michelle Gianossa	No Term
Local Medical Community	Vacant	2 Years
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	3 Years




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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
 Community Transportation Coordinator Selections

RECOMMENDATION:

- Request approval from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged to issue a competitive request for proposals for the selection of the Bradford, Lafayette and Union County Community Transportation Coordinators.
- Authorize the use of a competitive request for proposals process to select the designated Community Transportation Coordinators for Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties.
- Authorize the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee of at least three Council employees who have experience and knowledge of Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program.
- Authorize the Technical Review Committee to establish selection criteria, review proposals and make recommendations to the Council concerning the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinators for Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies use a competitive request for proposals process to select Community Transportation Coordinators at the end of each contract period.

The Memorandums of Agreement for the Bradford, Lafayette and Union County Community Transportation Coordinators will expire June 30, 2013. Therefore, the Council must use a competitive request for proposals process to select a Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties.

The Council will accept proposals from qualified agencies or firms for the award of contracts to coordinate transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged in Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties. The selected contractor(s) will be the designated Community Transportation Coordinator under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

A Technical Review Committee will be appointed by the Executive Director. The Technical Review Committee will be comprised of at least three Council employees who have experience and knowledge of Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The Technical Review Committee will establish selection criteria. Each Technical Review Committee member will assign points to the technical and rate proposals. A numerical ranking will be established for all proposals sent to the Council.

The proposals and rankings by the Technical Review Committee will be provided to the Bradford, Lafayette and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Boards for review. The Boards may provide non-binding comments concerning proposals to the Council.

The Council will review the recommendations of the Technical Review Committee, and any comments provided by the Boards, and forward recommendations for the selection of Community Transportation Coordinator(s) to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged including any terms of designation. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will make the final designation.

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 *SPK*

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of
 Ronald L. Book, P.A.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Ronald L. Book, P.A.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the 25th Anniversary of R. L. Book, P.A. the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

Under Ronald L. Book's leadership, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is considered one of the premier lobbying firms in the state, with unparalleled experience in the legislative and appropriations process. Also under his leadership, Ronald L. Book, P.A. works exclusively in the government affairs arena, specializing in legislative and executive advocacy, and is involved in the legislative process 365 days a year. Ronald L. Book has served as the Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association representing the interests of regional planning councils in Florida for the past 20 years,

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

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07

***RECOGNIZING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
RONALD L. BOOK, P.A.***

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is a law firm specializing in government affairs and consulting that was incorporated in the State of Florida in 1987 by the President and Chief Executive Officer, Ronald L. Book;

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is considered one of the premier lobbying firms in the state, with unparalleled experience in the legislative and appropriations process;

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. works exclusively in the government affairs arena, specializing in legislative and executive advocacy, and is involved in the legislative process 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Ronald L. Book, P.A. has served as the Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association representing the interests of regional planning councils in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates Ronald L. Book, P.A. on its 25th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 13th day of December 2012.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Kenrick Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer

Lorene J. Thomas
Chair



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation
Board of Trustees

The Florida Chamber Foundation, founded in 1968, is a business-led, problem-solver and research organization, working in partnership with state business leaders to promote a vibrant Florida economy. A major initiative of the Foundation is to develop a statewide, 20-year strategic plan to promote prosperity and high paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness. The framework to accomplish such a task is known as the Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy.

The Six Pillars is a product of years of collaboration and research by the Florida Chamber Foundation, along with business, civic and government partners, which identifies the critical factors determining Florida's future: Talent, Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places.

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

The Six Pillars incorporates the work of a diverse range of stakeholders and their strategic thinking, including the Century Commission for a Sustainable Future, Florida Council of 100, Enterprise Florida, Inc., Florida University System, Workforce Florida, Inc., and 1000 Friends of Florida among others. The framework serves as an organizing force for strategic planning at the local, regional and state level. Its real power is in the efficiency of harnessing fragmented viewpoints into a common and consistent conversation. More information about the Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy can be found at flchamber.com/six-pillars.

As you know, our executive director was appointed to the Foundation's Six Pillar Caucus System in 2011 and currently participates as a member of the Innovation and Economic Development Pillar. In addition, he was recently appointed to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to Scott!

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