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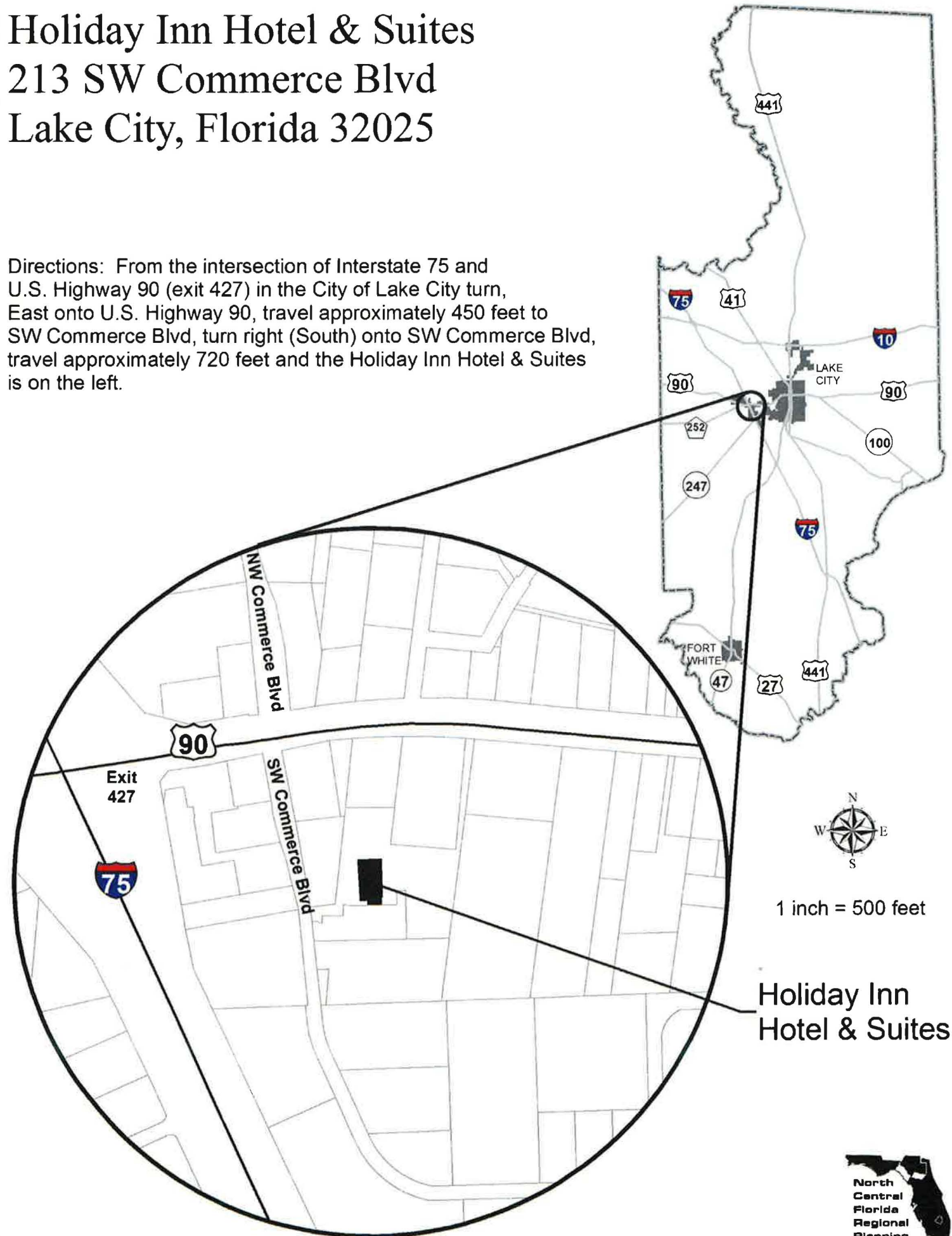
There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on December 12, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida at 6:00 p.m.

(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 12, 2013
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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 24, 2013
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Scott R. Koons

Chair Garth Nobles, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 26, 2013

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

ACTION: Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 26, 2013 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Technical Assistance Planning Grant Agreement -
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

ACTION: Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Riddick, to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to prepare economic profile studies for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette and Union Counties for a fixed fee amount of \$25,000. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Community Redevelopment Area Planning Assistance Agreement -
City of Madison

ACTION: Commissioner Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Riddick, to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with the City of Madison to provide Community Redevelopment planning assistance services for a fixed fee amount of \$7,500. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT - Appointment of Florida Regional Councils Association
Policy Board Retreat Delegation

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Spooner, to recommend that the Council ratify the appointment of Rick Davis, Garth Nobles, Jr., Carolyn Spooner, Daniel Riddick and Lorene Thomas to the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Retreat Delegation as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

B. Employee Holiday Lunch

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis, 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 6:17 p.m.

Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Chair

12/12/13

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

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

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

Attachments

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

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
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), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

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

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Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Garth Nobles, Jr., Chair

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



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December 5, 2013

TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: North Florida Economic Development Partnership
Experience North Florida Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

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

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

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Wells Fargo Lawsuit
Legal Fees

December 5, 2013

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

