

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Suwannee River Cove Restaurant  
Branford, Florida

August 24, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
John Barrow, City of Gainesville  
Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County  
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
**Lorata Franklin, Madison County**  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
Judy McGhee, City of Madison  
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County  
**Dale McPherson, Alachua County**  
William Naulls, Alachua County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Donald Odom, Suwannee County  
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County  
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs  
Tom Robinson, Alachua County  
Edd Sadler, Taylor County  
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

None

**Board Members Names Bolded**

MEMBERS ABSENT

**Charles Chestnut, Alachua County**  
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua  
William Copeland, City of Archer  
Mike Deming, Taylor County  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Billy Ray Foister, Union County  
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Ricky Jenkins, Union County  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Joe Riddick, Bradford County**  
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County  
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County  
Mike Woods, Madison County  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Bames  
Steve Dopp  
Charles Justice  
Charles Kiester  
Scott Koons  
Marcy Wilson

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis  
Emmanuel McGhee  
Diane Nobles  
Jon Wershow

Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Chairman Kirkland noted that Ed Jennings was present as the Council's guest, and introduced and welcomed a new gubernatorial appointee from Alachua County, Tom Robinson.

Chairman Kirkland asked that Item II.C. Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2001 Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Service Agreement with Taylor County, be added to the Consent Agenda.

**ACTION: Ms. McInnis made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve adding Item II.C. to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 27, 2000

Chairman Kirkland asked that the minutes of the July 27, 2000, meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2000, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Service Agreements
- B. Contract with the City of Alachua for Assistance in Reviewing DRIs.
- C. Planning Assistance Service Agreement with Taylor County for Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Added to Agenda

Chairman Kirkland asked that all items on the consent agenda be approved.

**ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

Chairman Kirkland noted that a resolution of appreciation was prepared for outgoing Department of Transportation representative Shirley Conroy. He asked that the Council approve sending this resolution to Ms. Conroy.

**ACTION: Mr. McPherson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to approve sending a resolution of appreciation to Shirley Conroy. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Executive Committee

###### 1. Amendments to Agreements with the Ford Foundation

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council approve amendments to Contract Numbers 970-1614 and 970-1614-1 with the Ford Foundation so that the budget for both of these grants are amended to allow the Council to spend all of the “local project support” funds (\$100,000) under Grant No. 970-1614-1, and to allow the \$50,000 originally allocated for this purpose in Grant No. 970-1614 to be spent for “salaries and benefits” and “administrative expenses.”

Mr. Justice reported that as part of our program to assist those who are unable to continue their occupation as a result of a constitutional ban on net fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, an effort is being made to establish a seafood processing plant on a waterfront lot in the city of Horseshoe Beach. He relayed that the site chosen is a former gasoline filling station site which has been contaminated. He noted that the intention is to ask the current owners to contribute the land to the county, then encourage the county to accept the land and apply for a grant which would be used to do an environmental cleanup of the site. Mr. Justice noted that after the site cleanup, there were likely sources of funds to develop the processing plant. (If this site cannot be secured, other sites that are acceptable are available, but they would not be as desirable in terms of location, nor would they result in correcting an environmental problem).

**ACTION: Councilman Elder made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

###### 2. Contract with the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Material Response Team

Mr. Justice reported that a regional group of 5 counties and 3 cities in those counties have pooled their resources for use in responding to incidents involving the release of hazardous materials. He noted that to avoid having to hire its own staff to handle day-to-day administrative and financial bookkeeping matters which will not amount to much work, the Hazmat Team would be considering a contract with the Council to meet those needs. Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommended approving this contract to provide administrative services to the Hazmat Team.

**ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. DRI Review Process

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends the Council authorize the Executive Director to retain the services of transportation consultants when necessary to assist the staff in review of Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), with the understanding that the amount paid for such consultants shall not exceed the limit imposed by state law.

**ACTION: Councilman Elder made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### B. Clearinghouse Committee

#182 - Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

#187 - City of Lawtey Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee reviewed two adopted amendments designed to bring local government comprehensive plans into conformance with legislative requirements to identify land use categories where public schools are an allowable use. These are items #182, from the Town of Brooker, and #187, from the City of Lawtey. Commissioner Hutchinson noted that the Committee concluded that the comprehensive plans, as amended by the adopted amendments, remain consistent with the regional plan, and the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#188 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#189 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA Nos. 00-1ER & 00-D1)

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee reviewed adopted amendment items #188, from Gilchrist County, and #189, from the City of Gainesville, and the Committee concluded that the comprehensive plans, as amended by the adopted amendments, remain consistent with the regional plan. He noted that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#180 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

#181 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

#190 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee reviewed three draft amendments: #180, from the City of Hawthorne; #181, from the Town of White Springs; and #190, from the Town of Micanopy. He noted that the Committee concluded the proposed amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent local governments. Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments as well as the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee

Mr. Blakewood reported that the Regional Planning Committee met, without a quorum, and reviewed the regional plan's Regional Facilities and Coordination Outline chapters. He noted that the Committee recommends adding pre-historic and historic sites to the regional plan's list of regional facilities and also recommends that the Coordination Outline chapter be updated to reflect current Council activities and programs. Mr. Blakewood reported that the Committee intends to submit a complete draft of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report for review at the Council's September 2000 meeting.

D. Finance Committee

1. Proposed Amendment to FY 1999-2000 Budget

Mr. Justice reported that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the staff proposed FY 1999-2000 budget amendment, which decreases total expenditures by \$24,730. He then reviewed the Council's budget over the past year noting increases and decreases in various programs.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Justice went over the Quarterly Financial Report noting that overall, the financial condition of the Council is sound.

No action was required on this item.

E. Nominating Committee

1. Election to Fill Positions on the Board of Directors

Mr. McPherson reported that the Nominating Committee recommends the following people to fill the vacant Board of Director positions: Steve Blakewood, Alachua County; Billy Ray Foister, Union County; Judy McGhee, Madison County; and Emory Philman, Gilchrist County. Mr. McPherson noted that nominations could be made from the floor, but those chosen would need to meet certain criteria, according to the Council by-laws.

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Election to Fill a Position on the Executive Committee

Mr. McPherson reported that the Nominating Committee recommends Edd Sadler to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Committee.

**ACTION: Commissioner Odom made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Update on I-75 Corridor Council Program

Mr. Chuck Kiester, of the Council staff, updated members on what was happening with the I-75 Corridor Council Program. He noted that the Council was holding three workshops in the region to get input from citizens regarding priorities the Council should take in their beautification effort. Mr. Justice added that DOT was backing this program also, so things were starting to move along.

B. Growth Management Study Commission

Mr. Justice reported that this commission was just getting geared up. He noted that they had a list of meeting dates, but no locations yet. He also noted that they had concerns about whether they should have a technical advisory committee. Mr. Justice promised to pass on meeting dates and locations when he had them.

C. Recognition of Legislators

Mr. Justice reported that the Florida Regional Council's Association (FRCA) recognized Senator Mitchell and Representative Stansel for their

support of regional planning councils during the past session. Mr. Justice noted that a token of appreciation would be given to each of them for their support of regional planning councils at a time that is convenient for them.

Mr. Justice reported that our sister region in Germany, the Uecker Region, had asked for our help in locating a call center, and he was able to put them in contact with Jim Poole from Lake City Chamber, who was dealing with a call center in Lake City. He noted that a facility was now being built in the Uecker Region.

Mr. Justice announced that the Council's Finance Director, Thomas Olmsted, was retiring after 24 years of service. He noted that the Executive Committee had authorized purchasing a gift for Thomas on his retirement.

Chairman Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City September 28, 2000.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
Chairman

9/28/00  
Date