

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn  
Lake City, Florida

May 25, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville  
Ralph Bowers, City of Jasper  
**Charles Chestnut, Alachua County**  
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
William Copeland, City of Archer  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Mike Deming, Taylor County  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Billy Ray Foister, Union County  
**Lorata Franklin, Madison County**  
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
Judy McGhee, City of Madison  
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County  
**Dale McPherson, Alachua County**  
Donald Odom, Suwannee County  
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County  
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs  
Edd Sadler, Taylor County  
**Tom Sawyer, Columbia County**  
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County  
**M.N. Sullivan, Lafayette County**  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Aage Schroeder, FDOT

**Board Members Names Bolded**

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Oscar Harris, Alachua County  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County  
**Bill Howard, Suwannee County**  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Ricky Jenkins, Union County  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
Patrick Murphy, City of Alachua  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
**Joe Riddick, Bradford County**  
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County  
**Jane Walker, Alachua County**  
Mike Woods, Madison County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis  
Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes  
Mrs. Copeland  
Steve Dopp  
Jim Emerson  
Charles Justice  
Charles Kiester  
Scott Koons  
Marcy Wilson

Chairman McPherson called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. Since it was early, he addressed items that did not require Council action.

Chairman McPherson introduced and welcomed Commissioner John Barrow and Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, both representing the City of Gainesville, as new members on the Council.

He then noted that Ms. Kathryn McInnis had an announcement to make. Ms. McInnis invited everybody over to Dixie County for Red Belly Day, the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### B. State of the Region

Chairman McPherson reported on the progress and accomplishments of the Council over the past year. He thanked staff and members for their efforts.

No action was required on this item.

Chairman McPherson asked that Clearinghouse Item #120, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments be added to the agenda.

**ACTION: Mr. Bowers made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hanrahan, to amend the agenda to add Item #120, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments. The motion carried unanimously.**

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 27, 2000

Chairman McPherson asked that the minutes of the April 27, 2000, meeting be approved as written and circulated.

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

### II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Contract with Department of Community Affairs for Growth Management Funds, FY July 2000-2001
- B. Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluations for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties
- C. Competitive Procurement Process for Dixie and Gilchrist Counties

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

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

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

**ACTION:** Commissioner Charles Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve sending a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Carl Drake, who served as the Public Education Representative for Union County since 1994. The motion carried unanimously.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Transportation Disadvantaged Program

a.. Rescind Board Member Appointment

**ACTION:** Mr. Sullivan made the motion, with a second by Mr. Bowers, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to rescind the appointment of Sarah Aikens, Citizen Advocate/User, Hamilton County; Robert Bell, Elderly Representative, Suwannee County; Russell Lee, Citizen Advocate, Lafayette County, and Lynda Cauley, Early Childhood Services, Columbia and Suwannee Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Year 2000-2001 Meeting Schedule

Chairman McPherson reported that the Executive Committee recommended accepting the meeting schedule as presented, but to look into have the February meeting someplace other than the Holiday Inn West. The Best Western and Doubletree were recommended, and staff was directed to look into reserving a meeting room at one of these two places.

**ACTION:** Mr. Sawyer made the motion, with a second by Mr. Bowers, to approve the Year 2000-2001 Meeting Schedule, with the Alachua County meeting to be set at a place not yet determined. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

#### Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #113 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS)
- #114 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS)
- #115 - Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS)
- #116 - City of Lawtey Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-PS)
- #117 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS)
- #118 - Town of Lacrosse Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS)
- #119 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-PS1)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee had reviewed six adopted amendments and two draft 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.

He noted that the Committee concluded that the draft amendments will not adversely impact regional facilities, adjacent local governments, or natural resources of regional significance. The committee further 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: Mr. Bowers made the motion, with a second by Mayor Copeland, to approve the recommendations of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

- #112 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-1)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee also reviewed item #112, Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments. He noted that the Committee finds the Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan.

**ACTION: Mr. Bowers made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Charles Chestnut, to approve the recommendations of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

- #120 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee reviewed one draft amendment to the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the Committee concluded that the draft amendment will not adversely impact adjacent local governments, regional facilities, or natural resources of regional significance, and the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Mr. Bowers made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hanrahan, to approve the recommendations of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### Proposed Council Policy to Guide the Review of Local Plan Amendments

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee reviewed a proposed policy to guide the Council review of local government comprehensive plan amendments in situations where Council comments are due to DCA before the next regularly-scheduled meeting. He noted that in these situations, the Committee recommends delegating to staff the responsibility to comment with the Clearinghouse Committee serving in an oversight capacity.

There was some discussion as to whether this would require a change in the Council rules. It was agreed that staff would look into the matter, and if it was determined that a rule change was needed, staff would commence the rulemaking procedures to get the process started.

**ACTION: Mr. Bowers made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to authorize staff to commence rulemaking procedures, if necessary, so that staff, with the oversight of the Clearinghouse Committee, could comment to DCA in a timely manner on local comprehensive plan reviews. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### C. Program Committee

Mayor Kirkland reported that the Program Committee recommended approving the FY 2000-01 Overall Program Design. He noted that the only significant change from last year is to add an existing program, the I-75 Corridor Council, and to alter the emphasis on the Internet access activities of the Council.

**ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Program Committee to adopt the OPD as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### D. Finance Committee

##### 1. Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Justice reviewed the quarterly financial report, concluding that the financial condition of the Council is sound.

No action was taken on this item.

##### 2. Proposed FY-2000 through FY-2001 Budget

Mr. Martin reported that the Finance Committee had met on April 27 to prepare the proposed budget for the coming year. He noted that the budget, as presented and approved by the Finance Committee, required approval of the

Council. He also reported that the Finance Committee recommended that, in addition to a three percent cost-of-living increase provided to all staff members, that one percent of salaries be used for merit increases for all employees except the Executive Director.

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the budget as presented by the Finance Committee, and the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Nominating Committee Report

1. Election of Officers

Mr. Sawyer reported that the Nominating Committee had met and recommended the following slate of officers for approval by the Council:

Chairman, Ray Kirkland  
Vice-Chairman, James Montgomery  
Secretary/Treasurer, Louie Davis  
Executive Committee Member, Tom Sawyer  
Immediate Past Chairman, Dale McPherson

2. Election of Board of Directors

Mr. Sawyer asked that the Council approve the nominations put together by the Nominating Committee for Board of Director members. He noted that nominations may be made from the floor for any of these positions; however, in making such nominations it is necessary for the individual nominated to be qualified to replace the individual they are challenging.

City Representatives

Louie Davis	- City of Waldo
Ray Kirkland	- City of Lake City
Eddie Martin	- City of Hawthorne
Judy McGhee	- City of Madison
Sonny Nobles	- City of Live Oak

County Representatives

Charles Chestnut	- Alachua County
James Montgomery	- Columbia County
Joe Riddick	- Bradford County
Lewis Vaughn	- Hamilton County
Edd Saddler	- Taylor County

Gubernatorial Appointees

Jane Walker	- Alachua County
Dale McPherson	- Alachua County
Lorata Franklin	- Madison County
Tom Sawyer	- Columbia County
Pete Sullivan	- Lafayette County

**ACTION: Commissioner Vaughn made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

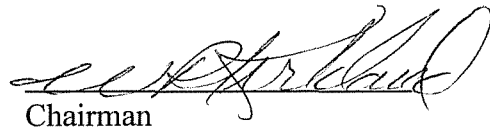
Mr. Justice gave a brief overview of the DRIs currently before the Council staff for review.

Mr. Justice reported that there was no significant growth management legislation currently before the Legislature. He noted that a committee would be forming to review how growth management works in the state. Mr. Justice also reported that the tobacco bill that had been before the Legislature to help tobacco farmers had died.

Mayor Kirkland presented Chairman McPherson with a print of a manatee. He thanked him for his leadership over the past year.

Chairman McPherson announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn Restaurant in Lake City on July 27, 2000.

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

  
Chairman

7-27-00  
Date