

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant  
Lake City, Florida

January 27, 2000  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County  
Ralph Bowers, City of Jasper  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Billy Ray Foister, Union County  
**Lorata Franklin, Madison County**  
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
Judy McGhee, City of Madison  
**Dale McPherson, Alachua County**  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Donald Odom, Suwannee County  
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County  
Kathy Pults, High Springs  
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County  
**M.N. Sullivan, Lafayette County**  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**  
**Jane Walker, Alachua County**

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Lowell Garrett  
Charles Justice  
Chuck Kiester  
Scott Koons  
Candy Ramseur  
Marcy Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
**Charles Chestnut, Alachua County**  
William Copeland, City of Archer  
Bruce Delaney, City of Gainesville  
Mike Deming, Taylor County  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Oscar Harris, Alachua County  
John Hill, High Springs  
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
**Bill Howard, Suwannee County**  
Ricky Jenkins, Union County  
**Ed Jennings, Sr., City of Gainesville**  
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County  
Patrick Murphy, City of Alachua  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Joe Riddick, Bradford County**  
Edd Sadler, Taylor County  
**Tom Sawyer, Columbia County**  
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County  
Mike Woods, Madison County

GUESTS PRESENT

Commissioner Robert Banks  
Senator Robert Mitchell  
Charles Morris  
Dean Papapetrou  
James Sewell  
Representative Dwight Stansel

**Board Members Names Bolded**

Chairman McPherson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and noted that a quorum of the full Council was not present. Consequently, he called the Board of Directors into session to act on behalf of the Council. He reminded members that only Board members, identified by blue name tags, would be able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 2, 1999

**ACTION: Mr. Sullivan made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA - Transportation Disadvantaged Program

- A. Competitive Procurement Process - Lafayette County
- B. Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator Selection
- C. Union County Community Transportation Coordinator Selection

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve all the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Chairman McPherson introduced Commissioner Rob Banks, and City Manager Jim Sewell from Newberry, and City Manager Charlie Morris from Alachua.

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Resolutions of Appreciation

Mr. McPherson reported that Commissioner Donald Odom had resigned as Chairman of the Suwannee County TD Coordinating Board, and Mr. Miller had resigned as the Private Transit Representative for Dixie and Gilchrist County TD Coordinating Boards.

**ACTION: Mr. Sullivan made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Donald Odom and Anthony Miller. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Recognition of New Members - no new members were present.

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY SENATOR RICHARD MITCHELL AND REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT STANSEL

Chairman McPherson welcomed Senator Richard Mitchell and Representative Dwight Stansel, and thanked them for coming to our meeting. Senator Mitchell then gave a short presentation, and finished by asking everybody to contact him with any problems they had, or information they thought he should know about. Representative Stansel then gave a presentation telling about his background and also asked members to contact him with any information they thought he should have. Chairman McPherson then presented each legislator with a print of a Florida Panther family, and thanked them again for their support of regional planning councils, and their attendance at our meeting.

A. Executive Committee

1. Proposal to Amend Overall Economic Development Program 1988 Annual Report

Mr. Justice reported that the City of Madison had requested an amendment to the 1998 OEDP to include four additional projects for the City of Madison. He noted that the City was preparing to submit a grant application to the EDA for job retention.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mrs. Walker, to approve amending the 1998 OEDP to include four additional projects for the City of Madison. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. EDA Performance Evaluation and Recommendation Report

Mr. Justice reported that as a result of a federal law change, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) must prepare a periodic review of each Economic Development District to determine whether it is functioning effectively. He noted that an EDA representative had visited the Council office on November 30, 1999, and had made no criticisms or recommendations for changes. He asked that the Council accept the report written by EDA regarding their review of our Council.

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Sullivan, to accept the EDA Performance Evaluation and Recommendation Report for our Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Annual Grant Application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration

Mr. Justice asked that the Council approve the submission by the Chairman of an application to the US Economic Development Administration for a \$52,000 grant. He noted that this approval should

include authorization for the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the submission by the Chairman of an application to the US EDA for a \$52,000 grant, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Justice reported that the City of Gainesville had received a large grant to start an incubator project on the east side of Gainesville.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#42 City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-1)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had met earlier in the evening, without a quorum, and reviewed nine Committee-level items which require Council action.

Mr. Bowers noted that the Committee reviewed item #42, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, and found them inconsistent with regional goals 4.2 and 4.3, which are designed to protect the Floridan aquifer. He noted that the Committee agreed to add language stating that the Council recognizes Newberry's intent to comply with the needed changes as soon as possible.

There was much discussion following this report. Representatives from the City of Newberry were present, and they vocalized their intent to make whatever changes were necessary to make their plan consistent with the regional plan. They noted some of the difficulties they had come up against with the Department of Community Affairs and Alachua County in trying to comply. Mr. Jim Sewell, Land Use Administrator of Newberry, asked the Council not to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. More discussion followed this request, with Council members noting that they had no choice but to find the plan inconsistent, but to stress in their report their faith in Newberry's making it consistent in the near future.

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Mrs. Walker to accept the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee.**

- #43 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-2ER)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee also reviewed item #43, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments. He noted that the Committee found that the amendments were inconsistent with Regional Goal 5.1 and Regional Policy 5.1.8, which seek to maintain a regional road network which operates at or above the minimum level of service standard contained in local government comprehensive plans. He then noted that Chapter 163.3177(1)(a), Florida Statutes, prevents the Council from finding the Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, as amended, inconsistent with the regional plan based upon a single regional plan goal and policy. Therefore, the Committee concludes that the Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan, and the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Vaughn, to accept the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee.**

- #38 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-2)

Mr. Bowers reported that the Committee reviewed item #38, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments. He noted that the Committee concluded that the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan, and recommends forwarding this finding to Alachua County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Mrs. Walker, to accept the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee.**

- #25 Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS1)
- #26 Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS1)
- #32 Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 99-PS1)
- #35 City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-PS1)

#36 City of Trenton Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-PS1)

#37 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 99-PS1)

Mr. Bowers reported that the six adopted amendments reviewed by the Clearinghouse Committee were designed to bring local government comprehensive plans into conformance with state requirements to identify land use categories where public schools are an allowable use. He noted that the Committee concluded that the comprehensive plans of these local governments, as amended, 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 Vaughn made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to accept the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee.**

C. Finance Committee - Review of FY 1998-1999 Audit

Commissioner Montgomery reported that the Finance Committee met with the auditor on January 18 to review the findings of the audit for the past fiscal year. He noted that the auditor issued an “unqualified” report, and there were few issues of concern discussed. Commissioner Montgomery went over some of the findings in the document, then noted that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the audit and payment of the audit fee.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.**

D. Regional Planning Committee - Evaluation and Appraisal Update

Mrs. Walker reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met earlier in the evening and reviewed the regional plan’s Economic Development Element. She noted that substantial progress has been made in implementing the goals of this element. Mrs. Walker reported that in light of its successful implementation, the Committee is considering recommending only slight changes to this element. She then reminded members that the Committee intends to submit a draft EAR for review at the October, 2000, Council meeting, along with monthly reports on the Committee’s progress.

No action was needed on this report.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Springhill DRI Fee Challenge Update

Mr. Justice reported that Springhills had been told they were required to pay the disputed sum of \$8,300 that had been incurred by the Council in the DRI review. However, they have not paid the expenses incurred in preparing a response in the dispute resolution process.

B. Growth Management Workshop with DCA

Mr. Justice reported that a growth management workshop with Secretary Siebert, of DCA would be held on January 31, 2000. He noted there would be two meetings held: one in Lake City at the Holiday Inn from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and the other in Gainesville at the Holiday Inn West from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Justice reported that the OPD would come before the Council for consideration in March.

Chairman McPherson announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in West in Gainesville on February 24, 2000.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

  
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Chairman

Date 2/24/00