

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn
Lake City, Florida

July 27, 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
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Dale McPherson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia 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
Bill Shaw, Lafayette County
M.N. Sullivan, Lafayette County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds, FDEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Oscar Harris
Tom Sawyer
Susan Sawyer
Jane Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut, Alachua County
William Copeland, City of Archer
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Mike Deming, Taylor County
Billy Ray Foister, Union County
Lorata Franklin, Madison County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
Kathryn McInnis, Dixie County
Patrick Murphy, City of Alachua
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Sue B. Suggs, Gilchrist County
Mike Woods, Madison County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

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

Board Members Names Bolded

Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Chairman Kirkland introduced and welcomed the following new gubernatorial appointees: Sandra Haas, representing Suwannee County, William Naulls, representing Alachua County, Jim Tompkins, representing Hamilton County, and Dixie Donovan, representing Columbia County. He then asked everybody else to introduce themselves to the new members.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 25, 2000

Chairman Kirkland asked that the minutes of the May 25, 2000, meeting be amended to show that Lorata Franklin was present.

ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2000, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Coordinating Board Membership Certifications
- B. Dixie and Gilchrist Counties Community Transportation Coordinator Selection

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

ACTION: Commissioner Barrow 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

- A. Introduction of New Members
- B. Resolutions of Appreciation for Past Members

Chairman Kirkland noted that resolutions of appreciation were prepared, and needed to be approved, to be sent out to the following gubernatorial appointees whose terms had ended:

Ralph Bowers, Hamilton County
Bruce Delaney, City of Gainesville
Oscar Harris, Alachua County
Bill Howard, Suwannee County
Ed Jennings, Sr., City of Gainesville
Tom Sawyer, Columbia County
Pete Sullivan, Lafayette County
Jane Walker, Alachua County

ACTION: Mr. Hodges made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve sending out resolutions of appreciation to past members. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Resolution of Appreciation for Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Past member

Mayor Kirkland noted that Ms. Janet Kreisher had resigned as the voting and alternate Department of Elder Affairs representative on the Hamilton and Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards respectively.

ACTION: Councilman Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve a resolution of appreciation for Janet Kreisher. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Committee Appointments

Chairman Kirkland asked that the list of nominees selected to serve on various committees be approved as recommended.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to approve the slate of nominations presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee

1. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - 2000-2001 Planning Grant Resolution

Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee recommended approving a resolution authorizing the filing of the 2000-2001 planning grant applications for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties.

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

2. City of High Springs Request to Alter Council Voting Policies

Mr. Justice reported that the City of High Springs had requested the Council review its voting policies to allow non-voting members to vote and to consider allowing alternates to vote. Mr. Justice noted that the Executive Committee had discussed this request and recommends talking to the Council's attorney about amending the interlocal agreement creating

the Council, to allow any member government who has a regular meeting on the council date to allow for a proxy.

No action was required on this item. Mr. Justice stated that he would consult with Mr. Wershow and return in August or September with a recommendation for the Council.

3. Consultant Proposal to Review Council Utility Bills

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed a proposal from Commercial Utility Econometrics to review the Council's utility bills for past overpayment, and to come up with a plan to save the Council money in the future. He noted that the Executive Committee recommended signing a contract with Commercial Utility Econometrics for use of their services.

Mr. Justice reported that the Council was itself in the process of talking with GRU regarding changing the way the Council paid utility bills, and noted that any savings the Council came up with on their own would not be included in the consultant's percentage of the savings.

ACTION: Mr. McPherson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Council Fees and Charges

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends setting a price of \$50 for "All Other Maps and Documents" as a catch-all electronic subcategory to cover those items not specifically identified elsewhere on the Council's "Summary of Fees and Charges" list. He noted that this recommendation includes updating the list to include this category.

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

5. Amend Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Justice noted that staff was unable to find a suitable meeting place in Gainesville for the February 22 meeting, and was therefore requesting that the meeting schedule be amended to have the Gainesville meeting in March at the Best Western Grand, and the February meeting in Branford at the Suwannee River Cove Restaurant.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chuck Chestnut, to amend the Council meeting schedule as indicated. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Emory Philman, representing the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that a quorum of the Committee was not present, but recommendations were made by those who were in attendance. He noted that the Committee had reviewed seven Committee-level items which require action.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#141 - Town of Jennings Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

#146 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments

#152 - Town of Worthington Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

#165 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee reviewed three adopted amendments and one draft amendment designed to bring local government comprehensive plans into conformance with legislative requirements to identify land use categories where public schools are an allowable use.

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee found 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 recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

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

#143 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 00-1)

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee concluded the proposed amendment may adversely affect the Floridan Aquifer, a Natural Resource of Regional Significance. He noted that the Committee recommends that references to “prime” aquifer recharge areas be replaced with references to “high aquifer recharge areas as designated by the Suwannee River Water Management District,” in Objective V.2 and Policy IV.5.5 of the Newberry Comprehensive Plan. The Committee further recommends the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments report for the proposed amendments.

There was much discussion following this recommendation. Details were heard from both Grady Hartzog, Mayor of the City of Newberry, and Steve Dopp of the Council

staff. It was finally decided to vote on the issue so that a different motion could be made.

ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Barrow, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion failed.

ACTION: Mr. McPherson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Hartzog, to send a letter to the City of Newberry asking them to synchronize the language in their plan with the language of the Suwannee River Water Management District, so that it would refer to “high” rather than “prime” aquifer recharge areas. The motion carried.

#145 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 00-1)

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee reviewed item #145, Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, and concluded that the draft amendment will not adversely impact adjacent local governments, regional facilities, or natural resources of regional significance. He noted that the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to Gilchrist County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

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

Other Items

#121 - Gainesville Regional Utilities Ten-Year Site Plan

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee reviewed item #121, Gainesville Regional Utilities Ten-Year Site and recommends forwarding a comment stating the Gainesville Regional Utilities 10-year site plan is consistent with the regional plan.

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

C. Regional Planning Committee - Steve Blakewood

Mr. Blakewood reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met, without a quorum, to review the transportation element of the SRPP. He noted that no action was needed on this item.

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Proposed Changes to Council Organization Rule

Mr. Kiester reported that the Council was proposing to change its Organizational Rule to allow staff the responsibility to comment on all items submitted for review, and under certain circumstances, proposed and adopted local plans and plan amendments submitted for regional review. He noted that this request was being made in order to limit the need to hold emergency meetings to deal with routine review items.

There was much discussion on this issue. The fact that the Council loses its right to review when there is not time to hold a meeting was the reason this issue had come up. Most members agreed that they did not want to delegate their power to staff to make review comments. Holding emergency meetings was preferable to handing over all power to staff.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Blakewood, to approve amending the Council rule as indicated. Motion failed.

ACTION: Mr. McPherson made the motion, with a second by Councilman Elder, to authorize the Clearinghouse Committee chairman to call emergency meetings of the Clearinghouse to make final review decisions. The motion carried unanimously.

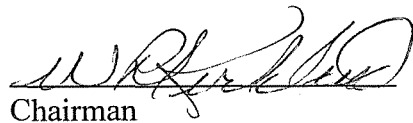
B. Governor's Growth Management Study Commission

Mr. Justice reported that there was information in the Council packets regarding the Governor's Growth Management Study Commission. He noted that 23 members have been appointed and they would have their first meeting on August 9, and then most likely 11 more times after which they would make their recommendations to the House and Senate. He noted that he would keep members informed about activity of this Commission.

Mr. Justice announced that there would be a Nominating Committee meeting prior to our next meeting to nominate some Board members and an Executive Committee member. Mr. Justice then expressed his appreciation to all the members who were leaving.

Chairman McPherson announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Suwannee River Cove Restaurant in Branford on August 24, 2000.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.


Chairman

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Date