

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant  
Lake City, Florida

April 26, 2001  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County  
John Carlson, Alachua County  
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua  
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County  
David Dodge, Bradford County  
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
Alan Hammock, Union County  
James King, Madison County  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
William Naulls, Alachua County  
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer  
**Emory Philman, Gilchrist County**  
**Edd Sadler, Taylor County**  
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
John Barrow, City of Gainesville  
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Roy Ellis, Madison County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Ricky Jenkins, Union County  
**Judy McGhee, City of Madison**  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs  
**Joe Riddick, Bradford County**  
Tom Robinson, Alachua County  
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County  
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds, FDEP  
Dave Byrd, FDOT

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Strauser  
Jon Wershow

**Board Members Names Bolded**

Noting that there was not a quorum of the Council, Chairman Kirkland stated that in accordance with the Organization Rule, the Board of Directors would take action for the Council. He then called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 22, 2001

Mayor Kirkland asked that the minutes of the March 22, 2001, meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2001, meeting, as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Coordinating Board Membership Certification
- B. Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Performance Evaluations

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Members

Mayor Kirkland introduced and welcomed all the new members: John Carlson and Minnie Crevasse - Alachua County, David Dodge - Bradford County, Lorene Thomas - Dixie County, Jimmy King - Madison, Charles Maultsby - Taylor County, and Bo Hammock - Union County. He then asked all the other members to introduce themselves.

- B. Resolutions of Appreciation of Past Members

Mayor Kirkland asked that Resolutions of Appreciation be approved for the following past members: Dale McPherson and Steve Blakewood - Alachua County, E.W. Hodges - Bradford County, Kathryn McInnis - Dixie County, Lorata Franklin - Madison County, Mike Deming - Taylor County, and Billy Ray Foister - Union County.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for past members . The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Appointment to Nominating Committee

Mayor Kirkland reported that because Dale McPherson had been replaced as a gubernatorial appointee, the Nominating Committee had a vacancy. Mayor Kirkland asked that he be appointed to fill this vacancy.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the appointment of Ray Kirkland to the Nominating Committee . The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Resolution Approving Restated Cafeteria Plan

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council approve a resolution which adopts an amended Cafeteria Plan to authorize employees to pay health insurance premiums with "before" taxed earnings.

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

2. Authorization to Establish Savings Account for the Benefit of the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends authorizing the Council to establish a savings account for the benefit of the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team; and further, that approval be given to use a facsimile signature for this account as is done for all other Council accounts. Mr. Justice relayed that this process is used not only to earn interest on funds not currently being used, but it also establishes a record of all expenditures that can be included in the Council audit; thereby eliminating the need, at least in the initial years, of the organizations having to have their own audit performed.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to approve the recommendation of the Executive**

**Committee to establish a savings account for the benefit of the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Employee Health Insurance Program

Mr. Justice reported that each year the insurance provider for Council employees advises us as to the level of the premium of the coming year, which begins on June 1. He noted that a preliminary discussion with Blue Cross/Blue Shield had advised us that the premium will increase from 15 to 18 percent, which is in line with increases with other organizations in the area. Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends approving the continuation of Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance, with the noted increase of 15-18% in premiums.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Vaughn, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to continue employees health insurance coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Grant

Mr. Justice reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area (MTPO) has requested that the Council submit an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Transportation and Air Quality for a "Clean Air Transportation Communities: Innovative Projects to Improve Air Quality and Reduce Greenhouse Gases" project grant. Mr. Justice noted that this grant is to develop an innovative pilot program to document significant mobile-source emission reductions as a result of ongoing, proactive transportation and land-use initiatives. He further noted that because this program will be designed for easy replication throughout Florida and southeast United States, they are asking the Council to be the grant recipient.

Mr. Justice reported that the grant application needed to be submitted prior to this meeting held April 26, , and therefore, it is requested you authorize staff submission of the application, and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract grant and any subcontracts necessary to complete the work if the grant application is successful.

**ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Councilman Martin, to ratify the submission of the application by staff and to authorize the Chairman to execute the “Clean Air Transportation Communities: Innovative Projects to Improve Air Quality and Reduce Greenhouse Gases” project grant and any subcontracts necessary to complete the work if the grant application is successful. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Regional Planning Committee - Chairman’s Report

Steve Dopp of the Council staff reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met earlier and reviewed proposed amendments to the regional plan’s Emergency Preparedness Element. Mr. Dopp noted that the most significant change considered by the Committee is the addition of Regional Policy 3.1.6, which calls for the completion of public shelter surveys based on American Red Cross guidelines.

No action was necessary on this item.

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that bills concerning growth management he was watching were Senate Bill 310, and House Bills 1487, 1617 and 1929.

Mr. Justice reported that the Alachua West DRI is still underway and staff has been working on various aspects of it.

Mayor Kirkland asked members to look into a bill that the Legislature was aiming to pass that called not only for two firemen to go into any fire, but the two backup firemen be in reserve on the outside, a bill coined, Two In, Two Out.

Mayor Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on May 24, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date