

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

August 30, 2001
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Carlson, Alachua County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
John Cooper, Bradford County
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
William Naulls, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Joye Brown, FDOT
Jodi Hopkins, FDEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Buddy Crevasse
Frank Garrard
Joe Riddick
Ruth Riddick
Jon Wershow

Board Members Names Bolded

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
John Barrow, City of Gainesville
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Alan Hammock, Union County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James King, Madison County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Warren Nielsen, City of Gainesville
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Charles Kiester
Scott Koons
Candy Ramseur
Marcy Wilson

Noting that it was not quite time to start the meeting, Mr. Justice gave his Legislative Report, which did not require Council action.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that the DCA had included \$1,950,000 in their budget for Regional Planning Councils for Fiscal Year starting July 2002. He noted that this was less than was allocated for planning Councils in the current year's budget.

Mr. Justice reported that the FRCA would like our Council to invite Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. to our December meeting to present him with an acknowledgment of appreciation for his support of Regional Planning Councils.

Mr. Justice reported that the Tourism Task Force had a new publication, "North Florida Visitor's Guide." He noted that a couple of other counties were asking to join "The Original Florida," so that they could obtain copies of this guide, as well as be part of future tourism campaigns in the region.

Mr. Justice reported that the Ford Foundation programs were not progressing as quickly as hoped. He noted that a clam processing plant they had hoped to build with Ford Foundation grants had not generated interest locally. Mr. Justice noted that now the Partnership was looking into building a hatchery in the coastal area.

Mr. Justice reported that ADCO was doing well, and would be expanding the number of counties it served by adding Citrus, Lake, Levy, Jefferson and Sumter Counties.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and reported that the Council was one person short of a quorum. He asked that only the Board of Directors take action at the meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 26, 2001

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the July 26, 2001, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Saddler made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2001, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Community Development Block Grant - Technical Assistance for Administrative Services for City of Lake City
- B. Comprehensive Planning Technical Assistance Services
 - 1. Annual Agreements with 22 Local Governments
 - 2. Special Assistance for Taylor County
 - 3. Assistance in Reviewing a DRI - City of Alachua
 - 4. Assistance in Reviewing Annexed Land - City of Alachua

Chairman Montgomery asked if there were questions regarding the items listed on the Consent Agenda, and requested that these items be approved.

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- B. Resolution of Appreciation for past member Joe Riddick

Chairman Montgomery reported that Commissioner Riddick from Bradford County, had resigned from the Council. Commissioner Riddick was present, and he was presented with his resolution of appreciation, and many thanks for his long participation on the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve a resolution of appreciation for Joe Riddick. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Introduction of New Member

Commissioner Riddick then introduced the new member from Bradford County who would be replacing him, John Cooper. Chairman Montgomery welcomed him to the Council.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Selection of Auditor for FY 2000-2001

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee had met to select an auditor to complete the audit for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. He noted that the selection of an auditor was done for a three-year period, unless something was found to be drastically unsatisfactory with the auditor selected. Mr. Justice stated that the three audit firms selected were all qualified to do the Council audit. The Executive Committee had decided to select an audit firm the Council had not previously used, and recommended that the Council engage the auditing firm of Powell and Jones of Lake City to conduct the FY 2000-2001 audit of the Council's accounts for a lump sum fee for this service of \$12,000, with the understanding that this engagement includes the auditor reviewing the Council's Employee Pension Plan for the same fiscal year.

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

2. Contract with DCA for County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Updates

Mr. Justice reminded members that counties are required to update their emergency response plans dealing with the accidental release of hazardous materials every two years. He noted that the DCA wanted to enter into one agreement with the Planning Council to complete those counties which intend to utilize the Council services. Mr. Justice stated that the amount of money the Department is offering for completing the updates of the 7 counties is \$14,243. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommends authorizing the Chairman to execute the DCA contract to complete the update to emergency response plans for the counties of Columbia, Dixie, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union.

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

3. Contract Amendment with DEP to Conduct Hazardous Waste Monitoring and Verification Activities for Seven Counties and Approve Separate Agreements with Columbia and Suwannee Counties

Mr. Justice reported that the council had entered into a multi-year agreement with the DEP and 9 of the region's counties in August 1996 to assist the counties in meeting the requirements of Florida law regarding generators of hazardous waste using state money. He noted that this contract needs to be approved on an annual basis. Mr. Justice further

noted that based on the allocation of funds by county, Columbia and Suwannee counties have already received all of the monies for which they are eligible. Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the fifth-year work program and budget be approved, and the Chairman be authorized to execute an amendment to the Council Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Hazardous Waste Monitoring, Verification and Notification Activities within the Region. The Executive Committee also recommends authorizing staff to forward individual contracts for service to Columbia and Suwannee counties to complete this same work at cost, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contracts upon their being signed by the two counties.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #147 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 01-1)
- #150 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 01-1)
- #152 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 01-1)

Mayor Hartzog reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had reviewed adopted comprehensive plan amendments from the City of Newberry (#147), the Town of Lee (#150), and the City of Madison (#152), and had concluded that the comprehensive plans of Newberry and Madison, as amended, are consistent with the regional plan. Mayor Hartzog further reported that the Committee had found that the Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan, as amended, will be consistent with the regional plan provided the town adopts Town of Lee amendment CPA 00-1, which provides policy direction for the protection of areas of high recharge potential to the Floridan Aquifer, as mapped by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Mayor Hartzog noted that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the recommendations of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Review Items

Turkey Creek Development of Regional Impact - Notice of Proposed Change

Mayor Hartzog reported that the Committee also reviewed a Notice of Proposed Change for the Turkey Creek Development of Regional Impact, and they recommend forwarding a comment to the City of Alachua and the Florida Department of Community Affairs stating that the proposed change will not create a Substantial Deviation. He noted that the Committee further recommends forwarding two additional comments suggesting that the Turkey Creek local government development order be amended to increase the maximum number of allowable residential dwelling units by 9, from 5,300 to 5,309, and to require Plantation Oaks, as a new developer of residential units, to submit annual monitoring reports on their portion of the project as per subchapter 380.06(18), Florida Statutes.

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

C. Regional Planning Committee - Chairman's Report

Steve Dopp reported that there was only one member of the Regional Planning Committee present at their meeting. They reviewed the Natural Resources of Regional Significance Element and would review the Transportation Element next month. No action was needed on this item.

D. Finance Committee

1. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2000-2001 Budget

Mr. Justice reported that the Finance Committee had met and recommended changes in the FY 2000-2001 budget. He reviewed the proposed budget amendments and noted that the bottom line was a decrease of total expenditures by \$28,350. Mr. Justice asked that the proposed amendment to the budget be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the amendment to the FY 2000-2001 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2001

Mr. Justice went over the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2001, in some detail. He answered questions and noted that the financial condition of the Council is sound. No action was required on this item.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on September 27, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Chairman

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Date