

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

July 26, 2001
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville
John Carlson, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Alan Hammock, Union 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
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Joye Brown, FDOT
Jodie Hopkins, FDEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Buddy Crevasse
Pat Ellis
Jon Wershow

Board Members Names Bolded

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James King, Madison County
Warren Nielsen, City of Gainesville
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Bames
Steve Dopp
Jim Emerson
Charles Justice
Charles Kiester
Scott Koons
Candy Ramseur

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 legislation restricting the use of billboards was passed but the Governor vetoed it. He noted that this veto also included DRI legislation which would have removed storage facilities and airport expansions from the DRI process.

Mr. Justice reported that the budget which included an additional \$400,000 for RPCs, was approved, but that a \$250,000 item was vetoed, resulting in only an additional \$150,000 being added to the budget for RPCs, which meant an additional \$11,000 for our RPC. He noted that no growth management legislation passed.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Evaluation

Mr. Justice noted that the Annual Evaluation for the Hamilton County Community Transportation Coordinator was included in the packet for information purposes only. No action was required on that item.

Mr. Justice reported that he and Chuck Kiester had met with developers of the Alachua West DRI, who explained that they would be reducing the size of their development, and would submit the amended proposal by the end of August.

Mr. Justice noted that the I-75 Program would begin a work program in concert with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council to enhance the I-75 corridor. He noted that both RPCs would be working with citizens, businesses and DOT on this project.

Mr. Justice noted that the Council had a new rental prospect. He also noted that the auditor selection process was moving forward.

Mr. Justice recognized Jim Emerson, who is in charge of the Council's loan program. He noted that ADCO had received two awards at a recent SBA banquet. Mr. Justice reported that the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) and Enterprise Florida sponsors the Rural Community of the Year Award. Applications, which express an interest in the program, would be accepted until September 3 and September 14 was the deadline to submit all the information. He noted that more information was available at the Council office.

Mr. Justice reported that staff had met with the city and county managers in Lake City as they did annually, and had an informative meeting. Finally, Mr. Justice noted that we still hadn't decided on a location for the February meeting.

Chairman Montgomery asked that Item IV.D. Committee Nominations, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to approve adding Item IV.D. Committee Nominations, to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 24, 2001

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the May 24, 2001, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2001, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

II. RATIFY ACTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Montgomery noted that two corrections needed to be made on the list of Board nominees that had been passed out at the meeting. He noted that Roy Ellis was a representative of Madison County, and Gail Garrard was a representative of Lafayette County.

Mr. Justice reported that at the May meeting, the election of officers and Board of Directors was voted on by the Board of Directors only, since a quorum of the full Council was not present. He noted that according to Council Rules, the act of electing the Board of Directors was required to be made by the full Council. Mr. Justice asked, therefore, that the action taken by the Board of Directors in May to elect the Board and Executive Committee, be ratified.

ACTION: Commissioner Barrow made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors in electing the Board and Executive Committee, with the corrections noted above. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Contract with City of Perry for CDBG Administration Assistance
- B. Amendment to DCA FY July 2001 - 2002 Agreement

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

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

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Member

Chairman Montgomery introduced and welcomed a returning member from Union County, Commissioner Red Clyatt.

B. Resolution of Appreciation for past member Pegeen Hanrahan

Chairman Montgomery reported that Commissioner Hanrahan from the City of Gainesville, had been replaced on the Council by Warren Nielsen. He asked that a resolution of appreciation be approved to send to Commissioner Hanrahan.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve a resolution of appreciation for Pegeen Hanrahan. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

Chairman Montgomery asked that resolutions of appreciation be approved for Tom Long, who represented the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security on the Bradford and Union County TD Boards; Ida Sue Schmitt, who served as the alternate Private Transit representative on the Bradford County TD Board; and Donny Land who was the Veteran Representative on the Lafayette County TD Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Tom Long, Ida Sue Schmitt and Donny Land. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Nominations - Added to Agenda

Chairman Montgomery stated that Council members had been provided with a list of committee nominees for the coming year. He asked that anybody who did not want to serve where appointed, or who would like to serve on a Committee, to let him know. He then asked for approval of the slate of committee nominees.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman to approve the committee appointments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Subcontract with Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council for I-75 Corridor work under EDA Program Grant

Mr. Justice reported that the North Central Florida (grant administrator) and Withlacoochee Regional Planning Councils had received a grant from EDA in the amount of \$50,000 to do work on the I-75 Corridor. He asked that the chairman be authorized to execute a subcontract with Withlacoochee RPC to subcontract task completion for the seven interchanges located within the Withlacoochee region to that Council, and in turn, the North Central Florida RPC would pass on \$15,000 of the grant money to the Withlacoochee RPC. Mr. Justice noted that both councils would provide matching contributions or in-kind for their respective grants to meet the grant requirements.

ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to authorize the chairman to execute a subcontract with Withlacoochee RPC to do work associated with EDA I-75 Corridor Program Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Transportation Disadvantaged Program 2001-2002 Planning Grant Resolution

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends approving a resolution authorizing the filing of the 2001-2002 planning grant applications for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties.

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

3. Purchase of Digital Copier

Mr. Justice reported that the leases on the Council's two large-capacity copiers had recently expired. One of the leases was extended for one year. He noted that the Executive Committee recommends purchasing a replacement copier for the second machine from B & B Office Supply. It

was further recommended that \$13,234 be appropriated from the Council's unreserved funds to pay for this machine.

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

4. Employee Expense Reimbursement for Travel of less than 24 Hours

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that approval be given to reimburse staff for expenses incurred during travel of less than 24 hours and that such reimbursement be paid from Council unencumbered funds in those instances involving programs funded under contracts with the State.

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

5. Removal of Outdated Computers from Property List

Mr. Justice noted that the Council had six computers that were of outdated technology, that had parts removed from them to repair other computers. He reported that the Executive Committee recommends that staff dispose of this equipment and remove it from the Council's property list.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

#128 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 01-1.
For your information)

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee had met on June 20th and reviewed item #128, City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. He noted that the Committee found the Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. Mr. Philman noted that this report was for information only, as the Committee had already acted on behalf of the Council.

#142 - Ten Year Site Plan: Gainesville Regional Utilities, 2001 - 2010

Mr. Philman reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had met earlier in the evening and reviewed one Committee-level item which required Council action: #142, Ten Year Site Plan: Gainesville Regional Utilities, 2001-2010. He noted that Council staff solicited comments on 10-year site plans from affected local governments for consideration in the preparation of its report to the Committee. He noted, however, in this case, the July 17th receipt of the item by the Council, combined with the Florida Public Service Commission's August 13th comment deadline and the Council's July 26th meeting date, required the Council to comment before receiving local government comments.

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee, therefore, recommends attaching any comments received by August 9th from affected local governments to the Council's findings. The Committee further recommends forwarding a finding to the Florida Public Service Commission 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 Mayor Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on August 30, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Chairman

8/30/01
Date