

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

March 22, 2001
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
James Montgomery, Columbia County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Joe Riddick, Bradford County
Tom Robinson, Alachua County

GUESTS PRESENT

Stephen Blakewood, Alachua County
Diana Davis
E.W. Hodges, Bradford County
Dale McPherson, Alachua County
Ruth Riddick
Jon Wershow

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Reynolds, FDEP
Dave Byrd, FDOT

Board Members Names Bolded

STAFF PRESENT

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

Dorcas Ramseur

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
John Driggers, Dixie County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Pegeen Hanrahan, City of Gainesville
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Judy McGhee, City of Madison
William Naulls, Alachua County
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

NEWLY APPOINTED GUBERNATORIAL
MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

John Carlson
Aminta Crevasse
David Dodge
Alan Hammock
James King
Charles Maultsby
Lorene Thomas

Noting that there was not a quorum of the Council or the Board of Directors, Chairman Kirkland stated that in accordance with the Organization Rule, the Executive Committee would take action for the Council. He then called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 22, 2001

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

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2001, meeting, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kirkland asked that Item IV.A.3., Designation of Officers to Provide Public Depositor Annual Report to the State, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Montgomery, to approve amending the agenda to add Item IV.A.3. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Community Development Block Grant Assistance Agreement with Suwannee County - \$58,500
- B. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreement with Taylor County - \$2,000
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Coordinating Board Membership

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Mayor Kirkland reported that the Governor had made some new appointments to the Planning Council. He noted an additional item had been handed out that gave the names of all the new appointees, and the people they replaced. Mayor Kirkland expressed the Council's gratitude towards those who had been serving as gubernatorial appointees.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Consider Old Florida Heritage Highway Corridor Management Council Agreement

Mr. Justice reported that the Planning Council had been asked to join a number of local governments in creating the Old Florida Heritage Highway Corridor Management Council. Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends approving the joining of this Management Council, and authorizing the Executive Director, who is designated as the Planning Council's representative on the Management Council, to designate an alternative representative if it was appropriate.

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

2. Consider Resolution Supporting Creation of Southeast (U.S.) Crescent Authority

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends adopting a resolution supporting the creation of the Southeast Crescent Authority, and agreeing to join other regional planning councils located within the area proposed to be served by the authority in an effort to convince Congress to create this multi-state organization. He noted that the Executive Committee also recommends authorizing the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to support the activities of the association of regional planning councils.

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

3. Designation of Officers to Provide Public Depositor Annual Report to the State (Added to Agenda)

Mr. Justice reported that the Office of the Treasurer of Florida has asked that the Council take specific action to designate officers to file an annual report which certifies that the funds of the Council are deposited only in qualified public depositories. He noted that the Executive Committee recommends authorizing both the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Director to file this annual report.

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

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#80 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 01-1ER)

Steve Dopp reported that the Clearinghouse Committee had met without a quorum, and reviewed draft comprehensive plan amendments from the City of Starke. Mr. Dopp noted that the Committee found the draft amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent local governments, and the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Starke and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

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

C. Regional Planning Committee - Chairman's Report

Mr. Dopp reported that the Regional Planning Committee had met and reviewed proposed amendments to the regional plan's Economic Development Element. He noted that the most significant change considered by the Committee is the deletion of Regional Goal 2.7 and its associated policies which call for the establishment of local dial-up access to the Internet. Mr. Dopp reported that the Committee concluded that the goal has been met and can therefore be deleted.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the report by the Regional Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that the Governor had issued a 50-page bill to be considered by the Legislature in response to the report issued by the Growth Management Study Commission. He noted that the bill essentially addresses the issue of schools and true cost accounting.

No action was taken on this item.

B. Economic Development Programs - Miscellaneous Information

Mr. Justice reported that the clam nursery in Dixie County was doing well. He noted that there was a need for a hatchery to be built, because there were concerns that building a processing plant, as originally planned, would interfere with private enterprise, Levy County was being looked at as a possible location for the hatchery.

Mr. Justice reported that a tourist guide for north central Florida, produced by the Tourism Task Force, was in the process of being printed. He also noted that the Alachua West DRI was having some problems with the transportation analysis.

Mr. Justice reported that there were some drainage problems on the Council property, due to runoff from a neighboring business. He noted that he was in discussion with the property owner, and he would update the Council as needed during future meetings.

Mayor Kirkland announced that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake City on April 26, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.


Chairman


Date