

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

August 22, 2002
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Tony Domenech, City of Gainesville
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
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
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Carol Laine
Scott Koons
Marcy Wilson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

James Dees, Representing Dave Byrd, DOT
Marvin Miller, DEP

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
John Carlson, Alachua County
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
John Cooper, Bradford County
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
John Driggers, Dixie County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Alan Hammock, Union County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James King, Madison County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Paul L. Remzey Samarra, Town of Micanopy
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

GUESTS PRESENT

Donovan Brown
Ken Duce
Consuelo Dodge
Louise Nelson
Tim Strauser
Jon Wershow

Board Members Names Bolded

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and noted that a quorum of the Council was not present. He announced that only Board members were able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 25, 2002

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the July 25, 2002, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2002, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - Competitive Procurement Process

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

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - James Montgomery

Chairman Montgomery acknowledged Mayor Sonny Nobles who introduced Ken Duce, the new Councilman for the City of Live Oak.

Chairman Montgomery asked that, due to the retirement of Chuck Kiester from the Planning Council staff, Scott Koons be approved to replace Mr. Kiester on the Retirement Board of Trustees.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the appointment of Scott Koons to the Retirement Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Clearinghouse Committee

Steve Dopp, Senior Planner for the Planning Council, reported that a quorum of the Clearinghouse Committee was not present, so the recommendations being put forth were staff recommendations.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#124- City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 02-1)

Mr. Dopp reported that the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan and staff recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Alachua and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to forward a finding to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and to the City of Alachua that the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. The motion carried unanimously.

#126- City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 02-2)

Mr. Dopp reported that the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments would not adversely impact adjacent local governments, regional facilities, or natural resources of regional significance and staff recommends forwarding this finding to the City of Alachua and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

Therefore, Mr. Dopp reported that the Council should not request the Florida Department of Community Affairs to prepare an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to forward a finding to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and to the City of Alachua as regional comment that the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 02-2) will not adversely impact adjacent local governments, regional facilities, or natural resources of regional significance. Furthermore, the Council does not request that the Florida Department of Community Affairs prepare an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Regional Planning Committee - Chairman's Report

Chairman Montgomery noted that since there was no quorum of the Council, the state and local review of proposed amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan and the final committee recommendation to the Full Council on the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan - Evaluation and Appraisal Report Proposed Amendments would be considered at the September meeting.

Chairman Montgomery then welcomed and introduced Donovan Brown, the Governor's Special Assistant for North Central Florida.

C. Finance Committee

1. Proposed Amendments to the FY 2001-2002 Budget

Mr. Justice reported that the Finance Committee had met and recommended changes in the FY 2001-2002 budget. He reviewed the proposed budget amendments and noted that there was an overall increase of total expenditures in the amount of \$213,750. Mr. Justice asked that the proposed amendments to the budget be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the amendment to the FY 2001-2002 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Financial Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2002

Mr. Justice went over the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2002, in some detail. He answered questions and noted that the financial condition of the Council is sound. Mr. Justice asked that the Council accept the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2002.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to accept the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2002, as reported. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Officers
2. Election of Board of Directors

Chairman Montgomery noted that since there was no quorum of the Council, the election of officers and the Board of Directors would be conducted during the September meeting.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Status of Process to Resolve DRI Fee Challenge.

Mr. Justice reported that staff and the Council Attorney participated in a dispute mediation session that the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) requested be held for its review of the DRI fee challenge by the Alachua West applicant. Mr. Justice stated that after a four-hour session, an agreement could not be reached by the parties involved and that the next step in the process would be to participate in an administrative hearing that FDCA has been asked to hold in its review of this issue.

Mr. Wershow reviewed the appeals process and answered several questions. Mr. Justice stated that a report would be given at the next meeting concerning the status of the administrative hearing process.

B. Announcement of Staff Appointments

Mr. Justice reported that Scott Koons will be replacing Chuck Kiester as Assistant Executive Director and will also be assuming responsibility for regional programs as Director of Regional and Local Government Programs. He further reported that Carol Laine will be replacing Marcy Wilson as Administrative Secretary.

Mr. Justice stated that the Rural Economic Development Initiative is requesting that entry forms for the Annual Florida Rural Community of the Year Award be submitted by September 6, 2002. Mr. Justice also stated that a detailed project report must also be submitted by September 20, 2002.

Mr. Justice discussed the Strategic Intermodal System being prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He suggested that a representative from FDOT attend a future Council meeting to discuss the impact the system will have on rural areas.

Mr. Justice reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) met and discussed possible shifts in planning districts boundaries.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn, Lake City, on September 26, 2002, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman

Date