

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
FULL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant  
Lake City, Florida

February 28, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County  
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua  
John Cooper, Bradford County  
David Dodge, Bradford County  
**Dixie Donovan, Columbia County**  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
**Gail Garrard, Lafayette County**  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
James King, Madison County  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
**William Naulls, Alachua County**  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
**Emory Philman, Gilchrist County**  
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs  
**Edd Sadler, Taylor County**  
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville  
John Carlson, Alachua County  
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County  
**Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville**  
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Steve Elder, Town of Micanopy  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
Alan Hammock, Union County  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County  
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
Warren Nielsen, City of Gainesville  
Tom Robinson, Alachua County  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
**Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County**  
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**  
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

GUESTS PRESENT

Consuela Dodge  
Buford Davis  
Joe Montalto, Jr.  
Jon Wershow

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

James Dees, DOT

**Board Members Names Bolded**

V. I-75 CORRIDOR COUNCIL PRESENTATION - Joe Montalto, Consultant

Chairman Montgomery announced that, (in anticipation of a quorum for items to be voted on), Item V. I-75 Corridor Council Presentation - Joe Montalto of Lochrane Engineering and Buford Davis of Buford Davis Landscape Architects, would be introduced by Commissioner Gib Coerper.

Mr. Davis presented different variations of landscaping available for exits along the I-75 Corridor between the Georgia and Wildwood borders. Mr. Montalto elaborated further on the presentation showing graphics of famous events that could be depicted relative to various I-75 exits.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m., noting that there was still not a quorum of the Council, therefore, the Board would be called into session to act on behalf of the Council. He asked that Item IV.A.3. Agreement with North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO) be deleted from the agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to delete Item IV.A.3. Agreement with North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO) from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 24, 2002

Chairman Montgomery asked that the January 24, 2002, minutes be amended showing that Scott Koons was not present.

**ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2002, meeting with the amendment that Mr. Koons was not present. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA - Charge for Providing Data on Compact Disks

Mr. Justice and Chuck Kiester discussed the background for the following charge:

Available, Digitized Information Provided on Compact Disks - \$20 per disk

Chairman Montgomery asked that the Council authorize establishing charges for information and services provided by the Council.

**ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by**

**Ms. Donovan, to approve charging a fee for digitized information provided on compact disc, as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Resolution of Appreciation

**ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Ms. Barbara Grondzki, Florida Department of Education Representative for Lafayette County. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Amendment to Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP)

Mr. Justice discussed the background on the SRPP.

Chairman Montgomery asked that the Council authorize staff to initiate rule-making procedure to amend SRPP to include recommendations of the 5-year Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

**ACTION: Commissioner Sadler made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve staff initiating rule-making procedures to amend the SRPP to include recommendations of the 5-year Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Repeal of Florida Administrative Rule 29C-5.002, Employer Contribution

Mr. Justice discussed the background of the Repeal of Florida Administrative Rule 29C-5.002, Employer Contribution.

Chairman Montgomery noted that the Executive Committee recommends authorizing staff to initiate repeal of the aforementioned portion of the rule which was once part of the rule adopting the Council's retirement program.

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

4. Annual Grant Application to U.S. Economic Development Administration

Mr. Justice discussed the background on the Annual Grant Application to U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Chairman Montgomery asked that the Council approve submission of the application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a \$52,000 grant. He noted that this approval should also include authorization for the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received.

**ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Garrard, to authorize submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a \$52,000 grant, as well as authorizing the Chairman to execute the contract when the grant is received. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mr. Philman stated that the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed three Committee-level items which require action.

A fourth, Item, #66, City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, was tabled by the Committee based on a letter from DCA which found the City's plan amendment submittal package to be incomplete. The Committee, therefore recommended that the item be tabled until such time as DCA finds the City's submittal package to be complete.

The Committee reviewed two adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Item #56, from Hamilton County, and Item #64, from the City of Newberry.

The Committee concluded that the Comprehensive Plans of both local governments, as amended, will remain consistent with the regional plan. The Committee recommended forwarding the findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

Mr. Philman reported that the Committee also reviewed Item #58, Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment.

He noted that the Committee found the Bradford County Draft Amendment did not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent

local governments. The Committee recommends forwarding this finding to Bradford County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

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

#### IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Justice thanked the Council for their support in the I-75 beautification efforts. He stated in 1996 this issue was brought up and then was not pursued by the Legislature, therefore, it survived only as a result of actions taken by the Council.

In a legislature report, Mr. Justice then brought the Council up-to-date on issues relating to appropriation, a regional transportation bill, and proposed amendments to the DRI process.

Mr. Justice stated that the Planning Council staff will be notifying everyone by e-mail of all meetings for which the Planning Council provides support. He asked that staff be notified of any changes to e-mail addresses.

Mr. Justice noted that the Program Committee will be meeting at 6:30, prior to the next Council meeting.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel at Exit 77 off I-75 in Gainesville, on March 28, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date