

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
FULL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant  
Lake City, Florida

October 24, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville  
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County  
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Dixie Donovan, Columbia County**  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
**Gail Garrard, Lafayette County**  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
**Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City**  
**Eddie Martin, Hawthorne**  
**James Montgomery, Columbia County**  
**William Naulls, Alachua County**  
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer  
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua  
**Edd Sadler, Taylor County**  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Charles Justice  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine  
Dorcas Ramseur

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Joye Brown, Representing Dave Byrd, DOT

**Board Members Names Bolded**

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry  
John Carlson, Alachua County  
**Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville**  
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County  
John Cooper, Bradford County  
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs  
David Dodge, Bradford County  
Tony Domenech, City of Gainesville  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
Steve Futch, City of Starke  
Alan Hammock, Union County  
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
James King, Madison County  
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County  
Dave Newport, Alachua County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
**Emory Philman, Gilchrist 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**  
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

GUESTS PRESENT

Lloyd Adams  
Ralph Bowers  
Clarence Cannon  
Gib Coerper  
Thomas Coward  
Buddy Crevasse  
Diana Davis  
E. W. Hodges  
Donald Odom, Sr.  
Dale McPherson  
Jim Poole  
Jim Stevenson  
J. Doyle Thomas  
Jon Wershow

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 - September 26, 2002

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the September 26, 2002 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2002, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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 Mayor Kirkland, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - James Montgomery

Chairman Montgomery noted that he had nothing to report.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRESENTATION

Chairman Montgomery introduced Jim Stevenson, Chairman of the Florida Springs Task Force, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Stevenson gave a presentation on the problems facing the springs in the north central Florida area and ways the springs can be protected for future generations. He informed the Planning Council that there will be a Florida Springs Conference presented by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on February 5-7, 2003 at the Sheraton Hotel in Gainesville, Florida. The conference will focus on the natural, historic and recreational values of the springs, research and monitoring that describe their current health, the human activities that threaten them and solutions for their protection. Chairman Montgomery thanked Mr. Stevenson for his presentation.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Appointment of Members to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO)

Chairman Montgomery reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the following individuals be appointed to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO) for a two year term: Lloyd Adams, Ed Braddy, Leveda Brown, Wilbur Bush, Clarence Cannon, Byron Cawthon, Chuck Chestnut, Tom Coward, Minnie Crevasse, Louie Davis, Dixie Donovan, Roy Ellis, Billy Ray Foister, Gail Garrard, Frank Grace, Sandra Haas, E. W. Hodges, Ray Kirkland, Jim Langenmayr, Gil Levy, Eddie Martin, Charles Maultsby, Dale McPherson, Carl Miller, James Montgomery, Jeff Montgomery, Marsha Montgomery, William Naulls, L. B. Nelson, Sonny Nobles, Susan Parker, Luther Pickels, Gary Platt, Jim Poole, Emory Philman, Edd Sadler, Lorene Thomas, Myra Valentine and Louis Vaughn.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to appoint the individuals to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. (ADCO) as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. 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

#6- Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 02-1ER).

Mr. Dopp reported that the Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan EAR, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. However, staff recommended that a reference in the Future Land Use Element which identifies the Strategic Regional Policy Plan as identifying urban development areas be deleted from the County's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dopp requested that the staff recommendation be forwarded to Suwannee County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

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

#7- Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Draft Amendments (DCA No. 02-1ER)

Mr. Dopp reported that the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan EAR Draft Amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. However, staff recommended forwarding a recommendation deleting a reference in the Future Land Use Element which identifies the Strategic Regional Policy Plan as identifying urban development areas and a recommendation that the County's Comprehensive Plan include an updated map from the Suwannee River Water Management District identifying the stream to sink water sheds to Columbia County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

**ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to forward the staff recommendations to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and to Columbia County that the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments do not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. 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 December meeting.

## VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Status of Process to Resolve DRI Fee Challenge

Mr. Wershow stated that since no agreement has been reached through the mediation process concerning the Developments of Regional Impact fee challenge by WACO, the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has turned the fee challenge over to an administrative law judge. Mr. Wershow added that a hearing date will be set by the administrative law judge in the near future.

B. Report on Meeting of Local Government and School Board Officials,  
RE: Comprehensive Plan Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Justice reported that during its last session, the Legislature enacted requirements that counties and cities enter into interlocal agreements with school boards coordinating land use and school planning. He stated that such agreements were previously required, but with the new legislation, significant monetary sanctions would be imposed for failure to comply. He reported that on October 22, 2002, the Council joined the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Department of Education in sponsoring a workshop for local officials to review the requirements of the law. He stated that every county in the region, with the exception of Alachua County, asked that the Regional Planning Council serve as the "lead agency" for developing the interlocal agreements. Mr. Justice requested that the Council accept the responsibility as the "lead agency" for the purpose of coordinating activities to develop interlocal agreements between local governments and school boards as required by Florida Statute 2002-296 and to authorize the Chairman to enter into contracts with DCA to receive funding for work in all counties that approve the Regional Planning Council as "lead agency."

**ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler that the Regional Planning Council accept the responsibility as the "lead agency" for the purpose of coordinating activities to develop interlocal agreements between local governments and school boards and to authorize the Chairman to enter into contracts with DCA to receive funding for work in all counties that approve the Regional Planning Council as "lead agency." The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Justice reported that he and Mr. Wershow have been working on revisions to the contract entered into with applicants for Developments of Regional Impact. He stated that a final version of the contract will be brought before the Council for approval at the December meeting.

Mr. Justice stated that staff conducted an economic development analysis of the proposed Walmart distribution facility in the City of Alachua at the request of the Council for Economic Outreach.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn, Lake City, on December 5, 2002, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date