

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

July 24, 2003
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Carlson, Alachua County
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
John Hersey, Bradford County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Scott Koons

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Alachua County
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County
Alan Hammock, Union County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
James King, Madison County
Craig Lowe, City of Gainesville
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua
Paul L. Remzey Samarra, Town of Micanopy
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green representing Dave Byrd, DOT
Marvin Miller, DEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Ben Chumley, Gilchrist County Planner
Buddy Crevasse
Kimberly J. Davis, Blue Springs Park, Inc.
Consuelo Dodge
Robert A. Williams,
Fowler White Boggs Banker

Board Members names are bolded

Vice-Chair Sadler called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Vice-Chair Sadler asked that Item II.C, County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Updates, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to add Item II.C, County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Update, to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 22, 2003

Vice-Chair Sadler asked that the minutes of the May 22, 2003, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2003, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - Transportation Disadvantaged Program

- A. Community Transportation Coordinator Annual Performance Evaluation
- B. Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator Selection
- C. County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan Updates

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Resolutions of Appreciation

Vice-Chair Sadler asked that Resolutions of Appreciation be approved for Marcelle Bedenbaugh, Veterans Service Representative on the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Honorable Tony Domenech and Honorable Charles Chestnut IV, representing Gainesville City Commission on the Council.

ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Marcelle Bedenbaugh, Honorable Tony Domenech and Honorable Charles Chestnut IV. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Introduction of New Members - None

C. Committee Appointments - Appointments to be made at next meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Contracts with DEP and Individual Counties Re: Hazardous Waste Monitoring, Verification and Notification Activities.

Mr. Justice discussed the individual contracts for service to Bradford, Columbia, Madison, and Suwannee counties to complete this same work at cost and that a three-year work program and budget with DEP for Taylor County and an agreement between Taylor County and the Council to conduct the program in Taylor County.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the seven-year work program and budget with DEP, and forward individual contracts for service to Bradford, Columbia, Madison, and Suwannee counties to complete this same work at cost and that a three-year work program and budget with DEP for Taylor County and an agreement between Taylor County and the Council to conduct the program in Taylor County. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Determination as to Allowing Sponsoring Advertisements on Web Site Hosted by the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to approve the use of advertisements in web sites that are hosted by the Council, with the understanding that the Council reserves the right to terminate hosting privileges should it be determined that the advertisements included are inappropriate. It is also understood that any technical expenditures necessary to incorporate the advertisements into the web site would be paid for by the sponsoring agency. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval to Hire a Consultant to Prepare County Continuity of Operations and Government Plans.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Mayor Hawkins, to authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals for consultants to prepare Continuity of Operations and Government Plans for those counties that contract with the Council to prepare these documents for them. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

#102 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 03-R1)

Commissioner Wheat, Acting Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, summarized the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding to DCA a finding stating DCA No. 03-R1 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the Regional Plan provided the City implements the recommendations contained in this report as well as the recommendations contained in the City Evaluation and Appraisal Report. Commissioner Wheat reported that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the following two recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That the City include a map of high aquifer recharge areas in the City Plan based on the Areas of High Recharge Potential to the Floridan Aquifer map prepared by the Suwannee River Water Management District. This will assure consistency between the Regional Plan and City Plan recharge area maps; and

Recommendation #2: That the City amend its comprehensive plan to add goals and policies to protect the water quality of groundwater within stream-to-sink watersheds. Additionally, it is recommended that the City Plan include a map of stream-to-sink watersheds consistent with the stream-to-sink watershed Natural Resource of Regional Significance map contained in the Regional Plan.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Wheat and seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#105 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 03-1)

Commissioner Wheat summarized the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding a finding requesting the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments report to address the following objections and recommendation:

Objection #1: The subject property is located within two miles of a number of Natural Resources of Regional Significance, including the Santa Fe River Corridor, Ginnie Springs, Blue Springs, and Poe Springs. River Rise State Preserve, another Natural Resource of Regional Significance, is located approximately 2.5 miles from the project site. Given the broad range of uses allowed within the Industrial Land Use category, reclassification of the subject property to Industrial has the potential to have increased significant adverse impacts to these nearby Natural Resources of Regional Significance;

Objection #2: Additional fire suppression assistance may be needed from nearby jurisdictions to suppress major industrial fires on the subject property; and

Recommendation #1: It is recommended that the County address in its response to the ORC Report the ability of the County fire suppression services to adequately service the subject property and all of the attendant industrial uses which could locate there.

Recommendation #2: It is recommended that the County Future Land Use Element Policies addressing the maximum allowable floor area ratio for lands classified as Industrial on the Future Land Use Map be reduced from 1.0 to 0.25 concurrent with this amendment.

Recommendation #3: It is recommended that the County Future Land Use Element Policy I.2.2 to be amended to allow water storage and transfer facilities as a special exception in Agricultural Land Use Classifications when such activities are ancillary and subordinate to water bottling.

Recommendation #4: It is recommended that the staff report include the word “only” in the first sentence of the second paragraph so as to read, “The County staff report, based only on a floor area ratio of 0.25, estimates maximum daily trips at 2,353.”

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Wheat and seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Review

Mr. Justice stated that there was nothing to report concerning legislative matters.

B. Status of Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.

Mr. Justice reported that the Governor has designated the ten rural counties in the North Central Florida region and four additional counties as the third Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. He further reported that a Staffing Grant Application by the North Central Florida Economic Development Partnership to support this program had been denied by the Governor's Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development (OTTED).

C. Status of ADCO

Mr. Justice stated that starting on August 1, 2003, Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC) would assume responsibility for ADCO's loan portfolio.

Mr. Justice discussed affordable housing in the North Central Florida area and suggested having a representative from the Florida Housing Coalition give a presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Justice discussed the changes in Council personnel and relative impact on the budget. He discussed the state energy plan. He reported on the finalization of refinancing the Council office building.

A question was asked about the status of the WACO DRI. Mr. Justice stated that the administrative hearing has been postponed to October 20-24, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Chairman

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