

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

April 22, 2004
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
John Carlson, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
John Hersey, Bradford County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Craig Lowe, City of Gainesville
Eddie Martin, City of Hawthorne
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes
Steve Dopp
Charles Justice
Scott Koons
Carol Laine

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Ricky Jenkins, Union County
James King, Madison County
Rodney Long, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Tamara Robbins, City of Alachua
Paul L. Remzey Samarra, Town of Micanopy
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, DOT
Russell Simpson, DEP

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Edith Roberson

Board Members names are bolded

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m., noting that there was a quorum of the Council and that all Council members were able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 25, 2004

Chairman Davis asked that the minutes of the March 25, 2004, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nelson, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2004, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - None

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Davis reported that Aminta Crevasse and Emory Philman were not reappointed by the Governor's office for Alachua County and Gilchrist County, respectively, and Commissioner Tamara Robbins did not run for re-election as City Commissioner for the City of Alachua. He asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services as members of the Planning Council be approved for Ms. Crevasse, Ms. Robbins and Mr. Philman. He also reported that Mr. David Dodge, Ms. Sandra Haas and Mr. Charles Maulsby were reappointed by the Governor's office and will continue to be members of the Planning Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Aminta Crevasse, Emory Philman and Tamara Robbins. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Hometown Democracy Constitutional Amendment Petition

Mr. Justice reported that at the March 25, 2004 meeting, staff was instructed to develop a resolution for consideration which would express the Council's opposition to an amendment to the Florida Constitution which would require a referendum of the voters before any land use plan or land use plan amendment could be finally approved within a local government jurisdiction. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt the resolution in opposition to the proposed amendment and that this action be reported to appropriate individuals and agencies who are interested in this matter.

ACTION: Commissioner Pinkoson made the motion, with a second by

Mayor Kirkland, to adopt the resolution in opposition to the proposed Hometown Democracy Amendment to the Florida Constitution and that this action be reported to appropriate individuals and agencies who are interested in this matter. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - FY 2004-2005 Planning Grant Resolution

Mr. Justice reported that the Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. He added that designated official planning agency's responsibilities include providing Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards with sufficient staff support and resources to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council approve the resolution authorizing the filing of the 2004-2005 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant application in the amount of \$146,000 for the above nine counties in the region.

ACTION: Mr. Philman made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nelson, to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of the 2004-2005 Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant application in the amount of \$146,000 for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Health Insurance Renewal Proposal

Mr. Justice reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) has proposed a significant increase in premiums for the employee insurance package for the coming year. He stated that the total increase in cost to the Council would be approximately \$1,108 per month, or an increase of about 16.3%. Mr. Justice stated that BC/BS has brought forward a number of other options to be considered. He stated that in order to renew or change the health insurance package by the June 1, 2004 deadline, a decision has to be made prior to the May 27th Council meeting. Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Council and to meet prior to the May 27th Council meeting to review the options presented by BC/BS and either renew or revise the health insurance package. He added that a meeting will be held with staff prior to the Executive Committee meeting to advise them of the options available from BC/BS.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Mayor Nelson, to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Council and to meet prior to the May 27th Council meeting to review the options presented by BC/BS and either renew or revise the health insurance package. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Chairman Philman reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met without a quorum and reviewed three Committee-level items which require Council action. He stated that the recommendations being put forth are unofficial Committee recommendations.

#58 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 03-1)

#59 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 04-1)

Chairman Philman stated that, concerning the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and the Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Clearinghouse Committee concluded that the comprehensive plans, as amended, remain consistent with the regional plan. Chairman Philman recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chairman Philman made the motion, with a second by Mayor Kirkland, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

#60 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 04-1)

Chairman Philman stated that, concerning the Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments, the Clearinghouse Committee noted potential adverse impacts to segments of the regional road network as a result of the amendments and potential adverse impacts to the fire departments and hazardous materials emergency response teams of nearby local governments. Chairman Philman added that the Committee also recommended the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report to address:

1. The adequacy of County Comprehensive Plan policies, as well as the County Concurrency Management System, to protect U.S. Highway 301 within the City of Starke from declines in the level of service to levels below the minimum service standard for both County items;

2. The adequacy of County fire services, as well as impacts to fire and hazardous waste emergency response teams of adjacent and nearby local governments which may result from any inadequacies in County fire and hazardous waste emergency response services for County item R 040211 A; and
3. The adequacy of scheduled capital improvements contained in the County 5-year schedule of capital improvements to provide fire and hazardous materials emergency response services to the subject property in a manner which prevents or otherwise minimizes potential adverse impacts to nearby local governments for County item R 040211 A.

Chairman Philman recommended forwarding these objections to Bradford County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chairman Philman made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that the Florida House budget for regional planning councils is \$2.2 million and the Senate budget is also \$2.2 million. The legislative liaison for the Council is working with Senators Webster and Pruitt and Representatives Kyle and Waters to increase the budget to \$2.6 - \$2.8 million.

Mr. Justice stated that there will not be any Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) legislation during this year. He added that the Florida Department of Community Affairs will be required to create a study commission to come up with a recommendation for DRI legislation for next year.

B. Status of I-75 Corridor Council Program

Mr. Justice stated that he met with Commissioner Wheat, the chairperson of the I-75 Corridor Council, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Secretary to review the progress made on I-75 interchanges and the improvements from the Florida/Georgia border to the Welcome Center. He added that the Tourism Task Force was invited to become involved with the program and be included in a possible ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Justice reported that Commissioner Wheat asked if staff could prepare a report concerning the accomplishments of the I-75 Corridor Council and FDOT

along the I-75 corridor from the Georgia border to Wildwood. Mr. Justice stated that a member of staff would be preparing a report to be published this summer and added that FDOT might provide funds for publication.

Mr. Justice stated that the Small Business Survivor Kits developed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council were being distributed to small businesses in the region.

Mr. Justice reported that the Regional Domestic Security Task Force exercise would take place at Goldkist Poultry in Suwannee County on April 27, 2004 and would involve fire departments from Lake City, Live Oak and Perry.

Mr. Justice stated that the Town of White Springs has been sent a letter by the Council attorney, Jon Wershow, requesting payment of the outstanding funds owed to the Council. He added that the Town has responded via telephone and that he would report on the status of the payment request at the next Council meeting.

Chairman Davis stated that the next meeting of the Council will be held on May 27, 2004. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman

Date