

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
FULL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Quality Inn and Conference Center  
Lake City, Florida

July 28, 2005  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Butler, Hamilton County  
**John Carlson, Alachua County**  
**David Dodge, Bradford County**  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
**Steve Futch, City of Starke**  
John Glanzer, City of Newberry  
**Randy Hatch, Suwannee County**  
**John Hersey, Bradford County**  
**Charles Maulsby, Taylor County**  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Gerald O'Neil, Alachua County  
Tracy Reeves, Madison County  
Andrew Smith, Union County  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
**Myra Valentine, City of Madison**  
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville  
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County  
Gordon Dasher, Gilchrist County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County  
**Dixie Donovan, Columbia County**  
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs  
**Gail Garrard, Lafayette County**  
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
Emily Weed Ketring  
Rodney Long, Alachua County  
Roselyn Mattingly, Alachua County  
Heather Neill, Lafayette County  
Malcolm Page, Taylor County  
James Painter, Alachua County  
**Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County**

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes  
Charles Justice  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, representing James Bennett,  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida

GUESTS PRESENT

Cindy Futch  
Bill Henderson, Florida Department of  
Transportation  
Fred Lawson, Lake City Chamber  
Barbara Lemley, Lake City  
Eddie Martin  
Larry Parks, Florida Department of  
Transportation  
Jon Wershow

**Board Members names are bolded**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville

Due to a vacancy in the Chairman position, Vice-Chairman Maultsby, acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., noting that there was not a quorum of the Council. He stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors and he announced that, due to the changes made to the organization policy, all Council members were able to vote.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 26, 2005

Chairman Maultsby asked that the minutes of the May 26, 2005, meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Dr. Gerald O'Neal, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2005, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements
- B. Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Assistance Agreement with the City of Waldo
- C. Contracts with Counties to Update Hazards Analyses
- D. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Funds
- E. Agreements with Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Counties to Conduct Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Activities
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Lafayette County Coordinating Board Membership Certification

Chairman Maultsby asked if there were questions regarding the items listed on the Consent Agenda, and requested that these items be approved.

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

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maultsby introduced guests Cindy Futch, the wife of Commissioner Steve Futch, Fred Lawson with the Lake City Chamber of Commerce and Barbara Lemley from Lake City.

A. Resolution of Appreciation - Eddie L. Martin

Chairman Maultsby presented Mr. Martin with a plaque from the Council in appreciation for 24 years of service to the Council. He asked that a Resolution of Appreciation as a member of the Planning Council representing the City of Hawthorne be approved for Mr. Martin.

**ACTION: Commissioner Futch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Ellis, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Martin. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Committee Appointments

Chairman Maultsby asked that the appointments to the Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to FRCA be approved as recommended by the Chairman.

**ACTION: Commissioner Ellis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to approve the appointments to the Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to FRCA as recommended by the Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Appointment of Chairman of Pension Plan Board of Trustees

Chairman Maultsby asked that Mayor Louie Davis be appointed as Chairman of the Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hatch, to approve the appointments of Mayor Louie Davis as Chairman of the Pension Plan Board of Trustees as recommended by the Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. PRESENTATION OF RECENT LEGISLATION BY MR. LARRY PARKS,  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Maulsby introduced Mr. Larry Parks, Director of Transportation Development from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) who gave a presentation on Florida's Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP). Mr. Parks stated that TRIP was created to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas. He stated that in order for transportation projects to be eligible under TRIP, they must: support facilities that serve national, statewide or regional functions and function as an integrated transportation system; must be identified in an appropriate local government capital improvements program or long term concurrency management system in compliance with state comprehensive plan requirements; be consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System; be in compliance with local corridor management policies; and have committed local, regional or private matching funds. He stated that FDOT will select projects that will receive state matching funds from prioritized lists submitted by regional transportation areas. He added that State funds are available throughout Florida to provide incentives for local governments and the private sector to help pay for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce. Chairman Maulsby thanked Mr. Parks for his presentation.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Executive Committee

A. Fill Executive Committee Vacancy

Mr. Justice stated that former Council member Eddie Martin was not re-elected to his commission seat for the City of Hawthorne and since he was the Chairman of the Council, there is a vacancy on the Executive Committee. Mr. Justice reviewed two options which the Council should consider to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee.

Option 1 - hold elections at the next meeting, at which time the Nominating Committee would make recommendations about filling the Chairman position, and if that involved moving other officers forward, then making recommendation to fill those positions and the vacant position on the committee.

Option 2 - move all officers forward one position, retain the current immediate Past Chairman in that position and ask the Nominating Committee to return with a recommendation in September regarding the fifth seat on the Executive Committee, which is a non-officer position.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Valentine made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to recommend option 2 which moves all officers forward one position, retains the current immediate Past Chairman in that position, and to ask the Nominating Committee to return with a recommendation at the next meeting regarding the fifth seat on the Executive Committee, which is a non-officer position. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Proposal to Change Regional Planning Council Boundaries

Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee met on July 15, 2005 to discuss possible options the Council could take as the Legislature considers changing regional planning council boundaries. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended three positions to be adopted by the Council.

Option 1 - to leave the present north central region boundary as is, unless and until strong evidence is presented that this configuration is inappropriate and inefficient in providing services to our counties.

Option 2 - be prepared to maintain an organization to provide local technical services if there are major changes in the boundaries to accommodate state regional planning purposes and to convert the regional planning council to an association of local governments.

Option 3 - indicate option 1 as stated above to the Florida Regional Councils Association when voting on establishing a position on boundary changes for the state organization. However, depending on the results of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) study, and the Council is negatively affected, the Council should be prepared to hire a lobbyist to represent its interest when the Legislature is considering boundary changes.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hatch made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to leave the present north central region boundary as is, unless and until strong evidence is presented that this configuration is inappropriate and inefficient in providing services to our counties. The motion carried unanimously.

No action is required on option 2.

**ACTION:** Dr. Gerald O'Neil made the motion, with a second by Mr. Andrew Smith, that depending on the results of the OPPAGA study and if the Council is negatively affected, the Council should be prepared to hire

**a lobbyist to represent its interests when the Legislature is considering boundary changes.**

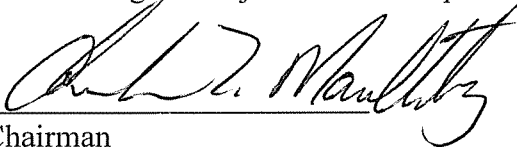
VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Justice stated that he and Scott Koons, Assistant Executive Director, have been working with Mr. Jerry Scarborough, Executive Director, of the Suwannee River Water Management District on a springs initiative to protect first magnitude springs in the region.

Mr. Justice stated that the Executive Committee has asked that Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. be invited to attend a Council meeting to receive an award given by the Florida Regional Councils Association.

Mr. Justice reported that Commissioner Randy Hatch has been elected Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

  
Chairman

9/22/05  
Date