

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
FULL COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Quality Inn and Conference Center  
Lake City, Florida

September 22, 2005  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County  
**David Dodge, Bradford County**  
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville  
John Driggers, Dixie County  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
**Steve Futch, City of Starke**  
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
**Randy Hatch, Suwannee County**  
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry  
**Charles Maultsby, Taylor County**  
Heather Neill, Lafayette County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Gerald O'Neil, Alachua County  
**Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County**  
Andrew Smith, Union County  
**Lorene Thomas, Dixie County**  
**Myra Valentine, City of Madison**  
**Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County**

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Barnes  
Steve Dopp  
Charles Justice  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville  
Martha Butler, Hamilton County  
**John Carlson, Alachua County**  
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County  
Gordon Dasher, Gilchrist County  
**Dixie Donovan, Columbia County**  
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs  
**Gail Garrard, Lafayette County**  
Mitchell Gentry, Gilchrist County  
John Glanzer, City of Newberry  
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper  
**John Hersey, Bradford County**  
Rodney Long, Alachua County  
Rosalyn Mattingly, Alachua County  
Malcolm Page, Taylor County  
James Painter, Alachua County  
Tracy Reeves, Madison County

GUESTS PRESENT

Diana Davis  
Jon Wershow

**Board Members names are bolded**

Chairman Maultsby called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Council was present.

Mr. Justice asked that Item IV.B., Clearinghouse Item #104, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 05-2) be added to the agenda.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Futch, to add Item IV.B, Clearinghouse Item #104, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 05-2), to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 28, 2005

Chairman Maultsby asked that the minutes of the July 28, 2005 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2005, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Maultsby reported that there were no items to be considered on the consent agenda.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chairman Maultsby introduced and welcomed Mayor Emily Ketring, a new member from the City of Perry and Commissioner Jack Donovan, a new member from the City of Gainesville.

B. Resolution of Appreciation

Chairman Maultsby asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services as a member of the Planning Council be approved for Commissioner Ed Braddy from the City of Gainesville.

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Consider Engagement of Auditor

Mr. Justice stated that the auditing firm of Powell and Jones was selected as the Council auditor for a three year period, with the condition that an engagement letter be approved each year to ensure that the auditor is conducting all the audits in a manner acceptable to the Council. He stated that Powell and Jones was selected in 2004 and that the Executive Committee is recommending that Powell and Jones be engaged to conduct the audit for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 for a fee of \$12,896.25, which also includes a review of the financial statements of the Employee Pension Plan Trust for the year ending September 30, 2005.

**ACTION: Commissioner DeLaney made the motion, with a second by Mr. Painter, to engage the auditing firm of Powell and Jones to conduct the audit for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 for a fee of \$12,896.25, which also includes a review of the financial statements of the Employee Pension Plan Trust for the year ending September 30, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Removal of Surplus Property From List of Capital Assets

Mr. Justice requested that property, included on a list attached to and thereby made a part of these minutes, which is computer hardware with outdated technology be removed from the Council's list of capital assets. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the hardware be declared surplus and that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hatch made the motion, with a second by Mr. Painter, to declare the computer hardware as surplus property, remove it from the list of capital assets and to dispose of the equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Ms. Sandra Haas, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met on September 15, 2005 and reviewed one item on behalf of the Council as per Clearinghouse Committee procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with response deadlines prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. The reviewed item was:

#95 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 05-2)

She reported that a copy of the Committee report and finding for this item was included in the packet mailed to each Council member.

Ms. Haas also reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the following three local government comprehensive plan amendments which require Council action.

#96 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 05-2)

Ms. Haas stated that, with regards to item #96, Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan and the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding this finding to Hamilton County and to the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

#98 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 05-1)

Ms. Haas stated that, concerning item #98, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, the Committee finds that the City Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. However, she added that the Committee recommends forwarding the same Objection and Recommendation made by the Council on the draft version of the amendment which address potential adverse impacts to segments of the regional road network. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City of Gainesville and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Committee recommendation. The motion carried by a 19-0 vote with Commissioner DeLaney abstaining due to a conflict of interest (see attached Disclosure of Conflict of Interest form).**

#104 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 05-2)

Ms. Haas reported that, with regards to the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Clearinghouse Committee finds that the draft amendment does not adversely affect natural resources of regional significance, regional facilities, or adjacent local governments. Furthermore, she stated that the Committee does not recommend the preparation of an Objections, Recommendations, and Comments report for the item and that the City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan, if amended as proposed, will remain consistent with the regional plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City of Alachua and to the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Finance Committee

1. Amendment to FY 2004-2005 Budget

Mr. Justice reported that the Finance Committee recommends changes in the FY 2004-2005 budget. He reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted an overall increase of \$430,400, which represents a 23.8% increase. Mr. Justice asked that the proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2004-2006 budget be approved.

**ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the amendment to the FY 2004-2005 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Quarterly Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2005

Mr. Justice reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2005. He answered questions and noted that the financial condition of the Council is sound and that, when taking into account all of decisions made during the year with respect to additional contracts and programs, the expenditure pattern for the past nine months is at 71%. He added that, providing that depreciation charges and interest income continue to

accumulate as anticipated, it is expected that the fund balance at the end of the year will be increased somewhat.

D. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Executive Committee Member
2. Election of a Board of Directors Member

Mayor Davis, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee members met earlier in the evening to nominate a candidate for the vacant Executive Committee position. He reported that the Committee agreed that since there were no County members on the Committee, a county commissioner should be presented for Council consideration. He added that since the nominee for the Executive Committee position is a member of the Board of Directors, the Committee nominated a member to fill the vacant Board of Directors position. Mayor Davis stated that the Committee nominates Commissioner Randy Hatch from Suwannee County to fill the vacant Executive Committee position and Commissioner Lewis Vaughn to fill the vacant Board of Directors position.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to elect Commissioner Randy Hatch to the Executive Committee and to elect Commissioner Lewis Vaughn to the Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously**

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Regional Boundary Study Update

Mr. Justice reported that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) has asked all affected agencies to respond to an information request for their review. Mr. Justice discussed the questionnaire and stated that there should be a draft report issued by OPPAGA by December of this year.

B. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) Update

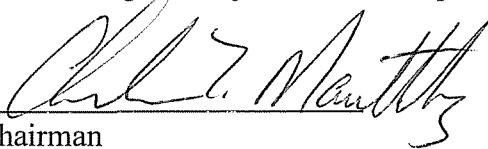
Mr. Justice asked Council member Jim Poole to report on the progress being made in our region to promote the RACEC program. Mr. Poole reported on the meeting held on September 14, 2005 and stated that the first regional presentation is to be held on October 5, 2005.

C. North Central Florida Areawide Development Company, Inc. (ADCO) Activities Update

Mr. Justice reported that the annual meeting of ADCO will be held after the next meeting of the Council on October 27, 2005. He stated that a new Board of Directors would be selected at that meeting and that the new Board would meet immediately after the ADCO meeting.

Mr. Justice stated that Representative Ed Jennings has been invited to attend the Council meeting in October to receive a legislative award from the Florida Regional Councils Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
Chairman

October 27, 2005  
Date