

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

September 27, 2007
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
David Dodge, Bradford County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Gilchrist County
John Hersey, Bradford County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Jeanna Mastrodicasa, City of Gainesville
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Rudolph Parker, Taylor County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Tracy Reeves, Madison County
Andrew Smith, Union County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

GUESTS PRESENT

Kent Cichon, City of Jasper
Jordan Green, FL Dept. of Transportation
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery
Sharon Parrish
Scott Reynolds, City of Lake City
John Rimes, City of Worthington Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT

Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Rick Bryant, City of Gainesville
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Cynthia Chestnut, Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt, Union County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
Buddy Lamb, Dixie County
Heather Neill, Lafayette County
James Painter, Alachua County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Ronald Williams, Columbia County

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jayne Moraski
Kevin Parrish

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Due to a vacancy in the chair position, Vice-Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Eddie Martin, and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Acting Chair Ellis stated that there was a quorum of the Executive Committee and all Council members were able to vote.

Acting Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed Kent Cichon, City Manager of the City of Jasper, Mr. James Montgomery, past chairman of the Council and Scott Reynolds, City Manager of the City of Lake City.

Acting Chair Ellis asked that Item IV.D.1 - Employee Certificate of Service for Lynn Franson-Godfrey, be removed from the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Valentine made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to remove Item IV.D.1. - Employee Certificate of Service for Lynn Franson-Godfrey from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 23, 2007

Acting Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the August 23, 2007 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2007 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreement - Union County Fiscal Year 2007-08
- B. Revised Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreement - Town of LaCrosse Fiscal Year 2007-08
- C. 2008-10 U. S. Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning Grant Application
- D. Amendment to Contract with Northeast Florida Regional Council Concerning Regional Evacuation Study
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Board Membership Certification - Madison County

Acting Chair Ellis asked if there were questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda and requested that these items be approved.

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

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Acting Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed new member Commissioner Eleanor Randall, representing the City of Hawthorne.

B. Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Paul Alcantar
2. Martha Butler

Acting Chair Ellis asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Mr. Paul Alcantar, who served as a representative for the City of Archer and for Ms. Martha Butler, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Hamilton County.

ACTION: Mr. Martin made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. Alcantar and Ms. Butler. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Michael Baker
2. Terry Sherrard

Acting Chair Ellis asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Mr. Michael Baker, who served as the Agency for Health Care Administration representative for the region and for Ms. Terry Sherrard who served as the Florida Department of Children and Families representative for the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Mr. Baker and Ms. Sherrard. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Certificate of Service - Kevin Parrish - 20 Years

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Kevin Parrish, who joined the Council staff on August 14, 1986. Mr. Parrish currently serves as the Information Technology and Property Management Director. Acting Chair Ellis presented a 20-year Certificate of Service and a 20-year service pin to Mr. Parrish. Mr. Koons and Acting Chair Ellis thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to the Council.

Acting Chair Ellis stated that Mr. Jim Poole, the Council's Ex-Officio Representative for Enterprise Florida, had been delayed and stated that the presentation on the Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern would be given later in the meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Amendment to Personnel Regulations - Re: Sick Leave for Family Illness

Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that the Council's Personnel Regulations state that regular, full-time employees may use no more than five days of sick leave per year for family illnesses. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt an amendment to the Council's Personnel Regulations to revise Section 8(2)(e)4. - Sick Leave to remove the limitation on the number of sick leave days which can be taken by employees for family illnesses and to add the definition of family members as contained in the funeral leave section of the Personnel Regulations to Section 8(2)(e)4.

ACTION: Commissioner Parker made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge, to amend the Personnel Regulations to revise Section 8(2)(e)4. - Sick Leave to remove the limitation on the number of sick leave days which can be taken by employees for family illnesses and to add the definition of family members as contained in the funeral leave section of the Personnel Regulations to Section 8(2)(e)4. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment to Personnel Regulations - Re: Sick Leave Donation Program

Mr. Koons stated that a request was made to add a voluntary sick leave donation program to Section 8(2) of the Personnel Regulations to address instances in which a qualified Council employee who has exhausted all accumulated annual leave, sick leave and floating holiday and who is not eligible for workers' compensation can receive donated sick leave from a

co-worker who has voluntarily donated a portion of their sick leave for that purpose. Mr. Koons reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt an amendment to the Council's Personnel Regulations to add Section 8(2)(k) - Sick Leave Donation Program.

ACTION: Commissioner Harrison made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to amend the Personnel Regulations to add Section 8(2)(k) - Sick Leave Donation Program. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Amendment to Personnel Regulations - Re: Additional Vacation Leave for Length of Service Program

Mr. Koons stated that last year the Council amended the Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program to recognize all full-time regular employees who reach a milestone year of service in five-year increments (i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.). Each employee is presented with a certificate and pin attesting to their length of service in recognition of their dedicated service to the Council. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Personnel Regulations be amended to add Section 11(3) Additional Vacation Leave for Length of Service Program, to add annually one day of vacation leave for each five years of continuous employment, with an effective date of October 1, 2007.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to amend the Personnel Regulations to add Section 11(3) - Additional Vacation Leave for Length of Service Program, to add annually one day of vacation leave for each five years of continuous employment, with an effective date of October 1, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Amendment to Personnel Regulations - Re: Affirmative Action Program

Mr. Koons reported that the Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Committee for the Council is appointed by the Executive Director and includes both professional and non-professional employees. He stated that the Committee is charged with the responsibility of periodically reviewing the effect and achievements of the Affirmative Action Program of the Council and with the promotion of the goals of the Program. He stated that the Committee has recommended several revisions to the Council's Affirmative Action Program contained in the Council's Personnel Regulations, as follows.

- a. Delete Section 3(4)c;
- b. Amend Section 3(4)(e) to read - To maintain a complete record of recruitment and selection activities listing all applicants with the selection or rejection decision in each case; and
- c. Amend Section 3(4)(f) to read - To encourage supervisors who have screening responsibility to be sensitive to the individual problems or barriers a potential

employee might have to accepting a position. Greater effort should be made by the supervisor to assist the applicant in solving the problem, e.g., transportation, rather than using the barrier as a screening device for removing the applicant from consideration.

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended amending Section 3 - Affirmative Action Program as stated above.

ACTION: Commissioner Parker made the motion, with a second by Mr. Smith, to amend Section 3 - Affirmative Action Program of the Personnel Regulations as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Community Planning Month Proclamation

Mr. Koons reported that the month of October 2007 has been chosen to celebrate National Community Planning Month. He added that the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a Proclamation proclaiming October 2007 as Community Planning Month be adopted, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Hamlin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Harrison, to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming October 2007 as Community Planning Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Acting Chair Ellis stated that the employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director and further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. He added that, at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1 of each year.

Acting Chair Ellis stated that the Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director and that the performance review was conducted by each Committee member prior to the September 27, 2007 Council meeting. He reported that the review resulted in either an "above average performance" or "exceeds job requirements" for all evaluation standards, with an overall average score of 4.8 on a 5.0 scale. Acting Chair Ellis stated that, based upon

this review, the Executive Committee has awarded the Executive Director a 5 percent merit pay adjustment, effective October 1, 2007.

No Council action was required on this item.

Mr. Koons thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as Executive Director during the past year. He also thanked the Council staff and each Council member for their support and assistance in ensuring that the Council continues to provide quality services to the north central Florida region.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

In the absence of Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas, Commissioner John Hersey reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met on September 18, 2007 and reviewed Item 126 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DC No. 071-) as per Clearinghouse Committee Procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with response deadlines prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. He stated that a copy of the Committee report and findings for the item was included in the Council packet.

1. #127 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 06-1ER)

Commissioner Hersey further reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening without a quorum and reviewed Item 127 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Adopted Amendment. He stated that the Committee members present found that the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan. He added that details regarding the item were presented in the staff report included in the Council packet. Commissioner Hersey stated that the Committee members present recommended forwarding this finding to Union County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin to approve the Clearinghouse Committee members recommendation concerning Item #127, Union County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Adoption of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report - 2008-12

Mr. Koons, stated that periodically, the Council prepares an update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for submission to the U.S. Economic Development Administration to meet our contractual obligations with that agency, and to qualify our counties for funding under its economic development program. He stated that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met July 16, 2007 to prioritize regional projects. He added that the U.S. Economic Development Administration has changed the requirements for the report so that no more than five priority projects can be included in the report. The concept is to actively pursue U.S. Economic Development Administration grants with those five, and then update the priority list annually as needed. As applications are prepared for projects, they can be removed from the list and new projects can be added to the list. He stated that the projects must be regional in nature, must be connected to jobs and must include private investment, and can be funded through either planning grants or construction grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. A 30-day public comment period on the draft strategy ended on September 10, 2007.

Ms. Jayne Moraski, Economic Development Program Director spoke briefly regarding a comment received during the 30-day public comment period from the City of Newberry requesting that the TechCom and Advanced Food Nutrition research park project be included as a priority project. She stated that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee reviewed this request and recommended that Priority Project 4 - Regional Business Incubators be expanded to add Research Parks which support high-tech business startups and to list the TechCom and Advanced Food Nutrition in Newberry and Sid Martin Biotech Park in Alachua as specific projects. She stated that the five final priority projects recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee are as listed below.

1. Support the catalyst sites for the North Central Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern;
2. Support The Original Florida Tourism Task Force;
3. Create a strategy to increase labor force in healthcare and life science industries;
4. Expand and support regional business incubators and research parks; and
5. Improve infrastructure near I-75 and I-10 interchanges.

Mr. Koons asked that the Council approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report 2008-12 and authorize that it be submitted to the U. S. Economic Development Administration and to the respective counties in the region.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report 2008-12 and authorize that it be submitted to the U. S. Economic Development Administration and to the respective counties in the region. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Nominating Committee

1. 2007-08 Election of Officers
2. 2007-08 Election of Board of Directors

Mr. Eddie Martin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee met on September 18, 2007 to make, for the Council's consideration, recommendations regarding all officer positions, including the additional Executive Committee member, and other members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee recommendations for the officer positions are, as follows.

Chair - Roy Ellis
Vice-Chair - Randy Hatch
Secretary-Treasurer - Myra Valentine
Member - Louie Davis
Immediate Past Chair - Lorene Thomas

The Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors are, as follows.

City Representatives

Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emily Ketring, City of Perry

County Representatives

John Hersey, Bradford County
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County

Gubernatorial Representatives

David Dodge, Bradford County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
James Painter, Alachua County

Acting Chair Ellis then opened the floor for nominations from Council members. There were no nominations made from the floor.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Parker, to close the nominations and elect the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Special Legislative Session Concerning State Budget

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Legislative Estimating Conference has recently reported that the State is anticipated to experience a projected \$1.5 billion shortfall in revenue for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. A special legislative session was scheduled to begin September 18, 2007 to consider budget reductions to address the projected revenue shortfall, however, on September 5, 2007, Senate President Ken Pruitt and House Speaker Marco Rubio placed the special session on hold and cancelled the previously scheduled starting date of September 18, 2007 due to the lack of agreement on the cuts in the State budget. Mr. Koons added that on September 13, 2007, President Pruitt and Speaker Rubio advised State legislators that the special session would begin on October 3, 2007. He reported that Secretary Tom Pelham from the Florida Department of Community Affairs and Governor Charlie Crist had proposed cutting the \$400,000 increase approved for regional planning councils by the Legislature this past session and that the Council's share of this cut would amount to \$28,415.

B. SpringHills Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the Development of Regional Impact Lawsuit Status Report

Mr. Koons stated that the developers of the SpringHills development of regional impact filed a lawsuit and named Alachua County and the Council as co-defendants due to the denial of comprehensive plan amendments concerning the Substantial Deviation to a Previously Approved Development of Regional Impact by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners on May 3, 2007. He then introduced Jon Wershow, Council Attorney, who reported that the hearing to consider the Motion to Abate, Dismiss, Strike and for More Definite Statement filed by the County and Council has not been scheduled at this time.

C. Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07

Mr. Koons stated that the Council takes action during each year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared. Traditionally, Council auditors have agreed that the additions approved are in fact amendments to the budget. He added that, because the budget is considered 16 to 18 months before fiscal year end, generally a number of conditions change which cause the expenditure levels to vary from the original figures.

Mr. Koons stated that at the August 23, 2007 meeting, the Council approved a budget amendment incorporating actions the Council had taken during the year concerning contracts and grants, except for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. He stated that in order to have the budget reflect the action the Council took earlier this year to make a contribution to the Partnership and provide staff services to the Partnership, it is recommended that the Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget be amended to reflect a \$15,000 increase. He added that this includes both increases and decreases in program areas with an associated change in expenses.

ACTION: Commissioner Hersey made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Parker, to approve the recommended amendment to the FY 2006-07 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

D. I-75 Corridor Beautification and Tourism Promotion Council Update

Mr. Koons reported on the efforts that the Florida Department of Transportation have made concerning landscaping the I-75 interchanges. He stated that the I-75 Corridor Beautification and Tourism Promotion Council which was established in 1996 by the state Legislature and organized by the Council in conjunction with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council includes representatives from the 14 local governments bisected by I-75. He reported that the Florida Department of Transportation began landscaping interchanges along I-75 in 2002 and have completed eight so far in addition to the Florida state line and the new Florida Welcome Center.

He stated that landscaping the State Road 326 interchange in Marion County will begin later this year and bids will be opened on a project to landscape the U.S. Highway 129 interchange in Hamilton County in October. The remaining 10 interchanges on I-75 left to landscape are Archer Road (State Road 24) and County Road 236 (High Springs) in Alachua County, State Road 47 and U.S. Highways 41/441 (Ellisville) in Columbia County, State Roads 6 and 143 in Hamilton County and State Road 200, U.S. Highway 27, and County Roads 318 and 484 (Bellevue) in Marion County. Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Transportation

will be making a presentation on the beautification of I-75 at the December 6, 2007 Council meeting.

E. 1st Annual Economic Development Leadership Academy

Mr. Koons stated that Governor Jeb Bush designated 14 counties in north central Florida as the third and final Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern in 2003 and that the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, has been formed to develop and implement an economic development work plan for the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. Mr. Koons stated that the Partnership has developed the 1st Annual Economic Development Leadership Academy so that regional leaders would have an opportunity to attend a series of workshops that build leadership skills and build an understanding of economic development best practices. He reported that the first of the five-session series of workshops will be held on October 26, 2007 at the North Florida Community College in Madison from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The remainder of the workshops will be held once monthly in November 2007 and January, February and March 2008. He encouraged all elected officials and area chamber of commerce leaders in the north central Florida region to attend these workshops.

F. Original Florida Tourism Task Force Hidden Treasures Campaign Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Commission on Tourism and VISIT FLORIDA presented a 2007 Flagler Finalist Award in the category of mixed-media to The Original Florida Tourism Task Force for their "Discover the Hidden Treasures of North Florida" marketing campaign. He stated that the Flagler Awards are Florida's statewide hospitality awards that showcase the best of Florida tourism each year. He added that Jayne Moraski, Economic Development Program Director of the Council staff, through the Council's staff services agreement with the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, assisted in developing and coordinating the marketing campaign.

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee has authorized staff to invite a representative from 1000 Friends of Florida, a nonprofit growth management watchdog group in Tallahassee, to give a presentation at a future Council meeting concerning their report entitled "Florida 2060," their 50-year look into Florida's future.

Mr. Koons reported that Ms. Martha Orthoefer, Principal Planner in the Regional and Local Government Programs Division, has been successful in obtaining a Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Housing Rehabilitation Grant for the City of Lake City in the amount of \$750,000 and a Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for the City of Perry in the amount of \$700,000.


Mr. Koons stated that there will be an annual meeting and a Board of Directors meeting of the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., immediately following the Council meeting on October 25, 2007.

Mr. Koons informed Council members that Mr. David Burr, Executive Director for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council died suddenly that morning. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Burr.

V. RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN PRESENTATION BY JIM POOLE

Acting Chair Ellis introduced Mr. Jim Poole, Enterprise Florida's Ex-Officio Representative on the Council. Mr. Poole explained that the State created three Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern and that the 14 counties in the north central Florida region make up the third area to be created. He stated that because of the size of the North Central Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, two catalyst sites were awarded for the area, one site in Columbia County near the Lake City Airport and one site in Suwannee County near the I-10/U.S. 90 interchange west of Live Oak and the priority industries identified for these two catalyst sites are logistics and distribution, and building component and design manufacturing. Mr. Poole informed the Council that the most important priority at present is the recertification of the North Central Area of Critical Economic Concern during February/March of 2008. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Poole for his presentation.

Acting Chair Ellis announced that the next meeting of the Council will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City on October 25, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Roy Ellis, Acting Chair

10/25/07
Date

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 2007 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October 2007 is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

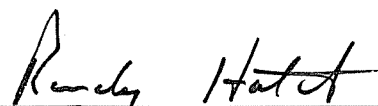
WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that the month of October 2007 is hereby proclaimed as **Community Planning Month** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 27th day of September 2007.

ATTEST:

SEAL



Randy Hatch, Secretary-Treasurer



Roy Ellis, Acting Chair