

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

July 24, 2008
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Gib Coerper, City of Alachua
David Dodge, Bradford County
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Randy Hatch, Suwannee County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
John Hersey, Bradford County
Roberta Hodges, City of Archer
Emily Weed Ketring, City of Perry
Eddie Martin, Alachua County
Jeanna Mastrodicasa, City of Gainesville
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
James Painter, Alachua County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

GUESTS PRESENT

Mike Brown, England, Thims & Miller
Rep. Charles Chestnut, IV
Gregory Galpin, Plum Creek Timber Company
Blondell Johnson, Good Shepherd of NE Florida
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Deborah Morehead, Good Shepherd of NE Florida
Scott Reynolds, City of Lake City
Don Smith, England, Thims & Miller

COUNCIL ATTORNEY ABSENT

Jon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Cynthia Chestnut, Alachua County
Melaine Clyatt, Union County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Jack Donovan, City of Gainesville
Kirk Eppenstein, City of High Springs
John Glanzer, City of Newberry
D. Ray Harrison, Jr., Gilchrist County
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Hoyt (Buddy) Lamb, Dixie County
Ann Lessman, City of Jasper
Rudolph Parker, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Tracy Reeves, Madison County
Andrew Smith, Union County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County
Ronald Williams, Columbia County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, representing Charles Baldwin,
FL Dept. of Transportation

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Randy Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with an invocation given by Mr. Martin, and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Hatch stated that there was a quorum of the Council and all Council members were able to vote.

Chairman Hatch asked that Item VI.B.19 - #157 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-PEFE1) be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Hamlin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to add Item VI.B.19 - #157 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-PEFE1) to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hatch introduced and welcomed former Council member James Montgomery, Scott Reynolds, City Manager from the City of Lake City and Ms. Blondell Johnson and Ms. Deborah Morehead from Good Shepherd of Northeast Florida.

II. LEGISLATIVE GUEST SPEAKER - Honorable Representative Charles Chestnut IV,
Florida House of Representatives, District 23

Chairman Hatch introduced Representative Charles Chestnut IV, representing District 23, of the Florida House of Representatives. Representative Chestnut discussed the major budget cuts that have occurred during the past legislative session and reviewed those programs which were affected by the cuts. Chairman Hatch thanked Representative Chestnut for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 22, 2008

Chairman Hatch asked that the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Ellis made the motion, with a second by Mr. Dodge, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Community Development Block Grant Emergency Set-Aside Administrative Services Agreement - City of Lake City

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection - Lafayette County

Chairman Hatch asked if there were any 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. Maultsby, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chairman Hatch introduced and welcomed two new members from the City of Gainesville, Commissioner Thomas Hawkins and Commissioner Lauren Poe.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Resolution of Appreciation - Michael Millikin

Chairman Hatch asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Mr. Michael Millikin, who served as the Public Education representative for the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

ACTION: Mr. Dodge made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Millikin. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2007-08 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Chairman Hatch stated that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. He reported that a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings. Chairman Hatch then awarded Certificates of Outstanding Attendance to County Commissioner Roy Ellis, Madison County and County Commissioner Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2007-08.

D. 2008-09 Committee Appointments

Chairman Hatch asked that the appointments to the Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association be approved as recommended by the Chairman.

ACTION: Mayor Ketring made the motion, with a second by Mr. Martin, to approve the appointments to the Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Regional Planning Committee and Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association as recommended by the Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Regional Transportation Advisory Group Request for Administrative Assistance

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that the State Road 26 Regional Transportation Advisory Group is an ad hoc cooperative effort among Alachua, Gilchrist and Levy Counties and the cities of Fanning Springs, Newberry and Trenton whose goal is to resolve transportation related issues with the State Road 26 corridor. He stated that during Fiscal Year 2006-07, the Council received a technical assistance planning grant to prepare a draft interlocal agreement to establish the Regional Transportation Advisory Group as a formal organization to evaluate existing and future traffic concurrency capacity of State Road 26 and to prepare conceptual plans to address current and future needs.

Mr. Koons reported that the Advisory Group has requested assistance from the Council to perform certain administrative tasks, such as attending a commission meeting in each of the six local governments participating in the Advisory Group to review the interlocal agreement and have it considered for adoption. He added that following adoption of the interlocal agreement, the Advisory Group has asked Council staff to prepare and distribute meeting notices, agendas and minutes for their quarterly meetings.

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the provision of administrative assistance requested by the Regional Transportation Advisory Group concerning the adoption of an interlocal agreement and preparation and distribution of meeting notices, agendas and minutes for quarterly meetings.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hersey, to authorize the provision of administrative assistance requested by the Regional Transportation Advisory Group concerning the adoption of an interlocal agreement and preparation and distribution of meeting notices, agendas and minutes for quarterly meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

Mr. Koons stated that on October 30, 2007, the U. S. Senate passed Senate Bill 294 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2007 by a 70 to 22 vote. On June 11, 2008, the U. S. House of Representatives passed House Resolution 6003 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 by a 311 to 104 vote. Both bills reauthorize Amtrak for a five-year period. Mr. Koons reported that House Resolution 6003 requires Amtrak to prepare a plan to be considered by Congress that will include a projected timeline for restoring Amtrak Sunset Limited service between Jacksonville and New Orleans. He stated that before its closing in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina, the Sunset Limited stopped in the north

Florida communities of Pensacola, Crestview, Chipley, Tallahassee, Madison, Lake City and Jacksonville.

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the Chairman to send letters to U.S. Senator Mel Martinez, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Allen Boyd, Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Congressman Ander Crenshaw and Congressman Cliff Stearns requesting their support of the provision to restore Amtrak Sunset Limited service between Jacksonville and New Orleans. After further discussion, a suggestion was made that the Chairman also send letters to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Northeast Florida Regional Council and the West Florida Regional Planning Council requesting their support of the provision to restore Amtrak Sunset Limited service.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to authorize the Chairman to send letters to U.S. Senators Martinez and Nelson, Congresspersons Boyd, Brown, Crenshaw and Stearns and to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Northeast Florida Regional Council and the West Florida Regional Planning Council requesting support of the provision to restore Amtrak Sunset Limited service between Jacksonville and New Orleans. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Line of Credit

Mr. Koons stated that in July 2004, the Council approved securing a \$75,000 line of credit from SouthTrust Bank, which subsequently has been acquired by Wachovia. He stated that this line of credit was to be used to meet cash flow needs for payroll and vendor payments on a bi-weekly basis. During the past four years, the cash position of the Council has improved significantly and the Council has not needed to borrow funds against the line of credit to meet cash needs. He added that the annual fee for maintaining the line of credit is \$250. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council authorize the Executive Director to cancel the Council's existing \$75,000 line of credit with Wachovia.

ACTION: Mayor Ketring made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas, to authorize the Executive Director to cancel the Council's existing \$75,000 line of credit with Wachovia. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons reported that at its May 22, 2008 meeting, the Executive Director was authorized to solicit proposals from health insurance providers to provide health, dental and life insurance for Council employees and authorize the Executive Committee to review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Council for final action at the July 24, 2008 Council meeting. Proposals were received from 12 agents. The Executive Committee met on July 10, 2008 to review the proposals

and make a recommendation to the Council for final action at the July 24, 2008 Council meeting.

Mr. Koons reported that after reviewing the proposals, the Executive Committee concluded that the United Healthcare Insurance proposal provided a level of benefits to employees most equivalent among all proposals received when compared to the existing benefits provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council accept the proposal received from United Healthcare Insurance for Plans F1H and F1M for employee health insurance, Plan P3416 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2008.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Ms. Donovan, to accept the proposal received from United Healthcare Insurance for Plans F1H and F1M for employee health insurance, Plan P3416 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Ms. Sandra Haas, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met with a quorum present on June 11, 2008 and reviewed two items 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 items were:

- #125 - Alachua County Comprehensive plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-2)
- #126 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08RAEC-1)

She reported that a copy of the Committee reports for these items were included in the packet mailed to each Council member.

Chair Haas stated that members of the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening with a quorum present and reviewed 18 agenda items and Item #157 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), which was added to the agenda. She stated that these items would be grouped for purposes of presentation.

- #147 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #148 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #150 - Town of Cross City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #151 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #152 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #153 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #154 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
- #157 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)
(added to agenda)

Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found no significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjoining local governments and the Committee has no Objections, Recommendations or Comments. She stated that the Committee found the comprehensive plans, if amended as proposed, would remain consistent with the regional plan. Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings and recommendations contained in the staff report to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chair Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #147 - Town of LaCrosse Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #148 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #150 - Town of Cross City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #151 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #152 - Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #153 - Town of Mayo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1), Item #154 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1) and Item #157 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-PEFE1) (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

#139 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No 08PEFE1)

#149 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1)

Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings for these two items to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chair Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #139, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 08PEFE1) and Item #149 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 08-PEFE1). The motion carried unanimously.

#137 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2)

#138 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-1)

#141 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2)

#143 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-1)

#144 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-1)

#145 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2)

#146 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2)

#155 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2)

Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found no significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjoining local governments and the comprehensive plans, if amended as proposed, would remain consistent with the regional plan. Chair Haas stated that, with the exception of Item #138 and Item #145, the Clearinghouse Committee has no Objections, Recommendations, or Comments. She stated that with regard to Item #138 the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding one comment requesting that the City provide a better map of the location and with regard to Item #145, the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding one Comment and Recommendation noting that the Council is not a "regulatory" agency. Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings and recommendations contained in the staff reports to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chair Haas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Ketring, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #137 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2), Item #138 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (DCA No. 08-1), Item #141 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2), Item #143 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-1), Item #144 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-1), Item #145 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2), Item #146 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2), Item #155 - Dixie County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DCA No. 08-2). The motion carried unanimously.

#156 -Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 07-2b)

Chair Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found the comprehensive plan, as amended, remained consistent with the regional plan. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the finding for this item to the County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Chair Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hamlin, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #156 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 07-2b) The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated that, as reported at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting, the Florida Regional Councils Association Framework for Florida's Planning Reform: Connecting Planning to Visioning was not filed in bill form in either chamber of the Legislature. He further reported that neither of the growth management bills, Senate Bill 474 or House Bill 7129, were passed by the Legislature. Finally, it was reported that Senate Bill 1706 concerning certain revisions to developments of regional impact was passed by the Legislature.

State Energy Policy

Mr. Koons stated that of note to regional planning councils, metropolitan planning organizations and local governments were two other bills of interest passed by the Legislature. First, House Bill 7135 concerning State Energy Policy amended the State Comprehensive Plan to include goals, objectives and policies on energy and global climate change.

Mr. Koons also reported that the bill amended Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, by directing metropolitan planning organizations to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of surface transportation systems that minimize greenhouse gas emissions and to consider strategies that integrate transportation and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Koons stated that the bill established the Florida Energy and Climate Commission in the Executive Office of the Governor to develop policy concerning energy use and climate change, and complete an annual assessment of Florida's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature each year to improve results.

State Building Code Standards

Mr. Koons stated that a second bill, House Bill 697 relating to State Building Code Standards which passed the Legislature, is of particular interest to cities and counties. The bill amended Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, the Growth Management Act, to require cities and counties to amend their comprehensive plans to address energy and climate change issues.

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

Mr. Koons reported that on December 6, 2007 Circuit Court Judge Roundtree dismissed the case filed by the plaintiff against the County and the Council and gave the plaintiff an opportunity to refile their motion. However, the written order dismissing the case was not filed until March 27, 2008. On February 29, 2008, the Plaintiff prematurely filed a first amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief. The Council attorney, in conjunction with the Alachua County attorney, filed a Motion to Dismiss the amended lawsuit on April 18, 2008.

Mr. Koons stated that a hearing was held on July 16, 2008 with Council attorneys, plaintiff attorneys and Circuit Court Judge Roundtree concerning the amended Motion to Abate, Dismiss, Strike and for More Definite Statement. At that hearing Judge Roundtree dismissed the amended complaint filed by the plaintiff against the County and the Council and gave the plaintiff an opportunity to refile their motion.

C. Creekside at Beville Run Development of Regional Impact

Mr. Koons reported that on July 8, 2008, the applicant for the Creekside at Beville Run Development of Regional Impact requested that the Council schedule a pre-application conference for the project.

Mr. Koons stated that Creekside at Beville Run is a proposed multi-use development of regional impact located immediately west of the University of Florida campus at the intersection of Hull Road and State Road 121 (Southwest 34th Street) in the City of Gainesville. He added that the proposed project would consist of 3,600 residential dwelling units, 180,000 square feet of retail space, 70,000 square feet of office and 110,000 square feet of hotel. Mr. Koons stated that staff is currently working with the applicant and review agencies to schedule a pre-application conference for the development of regional impact to begin the review process.

D. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern Redesignation

Mr. Koons reported that on April 23, 2003, Governor Bush designated Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties as a rural area of critical economic concern for a term of five years, and the Rural Economic Development Initiative was directed to review the designation and recommend whether the designation should be terminated or continued. He stated that the Rural Economic Development Initiative met on April 18, 2008 and agreed to recommend to the Governor to continue the designation of the above counties as a rural area of critical economic concern. On June 11, 2008, Governor Crist signed Executive Order Number 08-132 redesignating the area within the boundaries of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. This designation shall be in effect for five years and will expire on June 11, 2013.

E. Federal Farm Bill Rural Development Programs

Mr. Koons reported on the rural development programs included in the Federal Farm Bill recently passed by Congress. He reported that two provisions of particular interest to our region is the Rural Collaborative Investment Program and the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission. He stated that the Rural Collaborative Investment Program enhances the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development portfolio to help local officials, business leaders and community representatives work regionally and across program sectors to make rural regions more competitive in the rapidly changing global economy. He stated that the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission will serve the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. He added that this new commission is a targeted federal-state-local partnership formed to address unique economic development needs and to overcome chronic distress within a specific multi-state region of the country.

F. Painting Exterior of Council Office Building

Mr. Koons reported that staff solicited advertized sealed bids for painting the exterior of the Council office building, warehouse and service bay. He stated that Council procurement policies authorize the Executive Director to award bids for purchases of \$10,000 or less. He stated that based upon the bids received, the painting bid was awarded to CMK Construction, Inc., as the lowest, responsive bidder in the amount of \$8,479.

G. Florida Association of Counties President and Florida Small Counties Coalition Chairman

Mr. Koons reported that Council Chairman Randy Hatch was recently elected President of the Florida Association of Counties and was installed during the Association's 79th Annual Conference on June 27, 2008. He further reported that Council member Commissioner Hoyt (Buddy) Lamb was elected as Chairman of the Florida Small Counties Coalition.

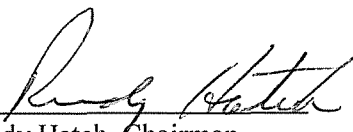
H. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council's recently established Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup will be awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year. Mr. Koons then awarded the Cup to county members Commissioner Roy Ellis, Madison County, Commissioner Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County and Commissioner Rudolph Parker, Taylor County.

Mr. Koons stated that a free seminar will be held in Lake City on August 15, 2008. The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is presenting a seminar entitled "Helping Florida Businesses Survive Disasters" at the Price Creek Water Treatment Plant, 144 Southeast Ozone Loop in Lake City at 1:00 p.m. He added that a "Proper Used Oil Storage and Effective Hazardous Waste Management" workshop will follow this seminar from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the same location.

Mr. Koons reported that Ms. Jayne Moraski, Economic Development Program Director, has left the employment of the Council after four years of service.

Chairman Hatch informed the Council that Senator Steve Oelrich, Florida Senate, District 14 will be speaking at the next Council meeting to be held on August 28, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.


Randy Hatch, Chairman

8/28/08
Date