

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

July 28, 2011
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Ben Boukari, Jr., City of Alachua
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Riddick

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jordan Green, FL Dept. of Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adeniyi Aderibigbe, Lafayette County
Susan Bottcher, City of Gainesville
Mike Byerly, Alachua County
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
James Tallman, Union County
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs
Mike Williams, Madison County

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Scott Koons
Carol Laine
Dwayne Mundy
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded

Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Due to the absence of Chair Louie Davis and a vacancy in the Vice-Chair position, Secretary-Treasurer Roy Ellis requested that he be designated Acting Chair for the meeting.

ACTION: **Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells, to designate Commissioner Ellis as Acting Chair for the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Acting Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with an invocation given by Commissioner Spooner and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He stated that there was a quorum of the Council and all Council members were able to vote.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 30, 2011

Acting Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the June 30, 2011 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2011 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Amendment to Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2010-11
- B. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2011-12
- C. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Coordinate Tactical Interoperable Communications Mutual Aid Radio Communications Training
- D. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Coordinate Tactical Interoperable Communications Emergency Deployable Interoperable Communications System Training
- E. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Coordinate Tactical Interoperable Communications Florida Interoperable Network Training
- F. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Coordinate Tactical Interoperable Communications Summit

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

ACTION: Mr. Maultsby made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hamlin, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Members

Acting Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed two new Council members, Commissioner Susan Baird from Alachua County and Commissioner Jordan Marlowe from the City of Newberry.

Acting Chair Ellis also introduced and welcomed former Council member Joseph Riddick, who served as Chair of the Council during 1995-96.

B. Resolution of Appreciation - Andrew Smith

Acting Chair Ellis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for Andrew Smith, who served as a gubernatorial representative for Union County since May 2004.

ACTION: Commissioner Wells made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Andrew Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Appointment

Acting Chair Ellis stated that due to a vacancy on the Finance Committee, an appointment needs to be made at this time. Acting Chair Ellis asked that the Council ratify the appointment by Chair Louie Davis of Commissioner Carolyn Spooner to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Valentine, to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Carolyn Spooner to the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Employee Certificate of Service - Carol Laine

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Carol Laine, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Ms. Laine joined the Council staff on June 9, 1986 as a secretary in the Local Government Programs Division and currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Acting Chair Ellis presented a 25-year Certificate of Service and a 25-year service pin to Ms. Laine. Mr. Koons and Acting Chair Ellis thanked her for her many years of dedicated service to the Council.

V. STATEWIDE REGIONAL EVACUATION STUDY PRESENTATION

Mr. Koons introduced Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director, of the Council. Mr. Mundy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recently completed Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. He said that for the first time, all 11 regional planning councils updated their studies at the same time using identical methodology. Mr. Mundy stated that the study provides Dixie and Taylor Counties with more accurate storm surge maps. Acting Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons reported that UnitedHealthcare offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with an increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2011. He stated that the total increase in cost to the Council for the coming year, prior to any previous year savings rebate to participants, would be \$1,944.14 per month, or an increase of 15.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$14,913.37. He stated that UnitedHealthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. He also stated that UnitedHealthcare is proposing to increase the cost for dental insurance to the Council for the coming year by \$55.70 per

month or an increase of 7.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$850.70.

Mr. Koons added that the total combined increase for health, dental and life insurance cost to the Council for the coming year, prior to any previous year savings rebate to participants, would be \$1,999.84 per month, or an increase of 14.3 percent. The resulting total combined monthly cost for health, dental and life insurance to the Council would be \$16,025.45.

Mr. Koons reported that on July 19, 2011, the Executive Committee met and reviewed three alternative proposals for health insurance from UnitedHealthcare. All three of the alternative proposals include reduced benefits for employees. He stated that after reviewing the renewal proposal and the three alternative proposals for health insurance, the Executive Committee recommended approval of alternative Plan 9G-O resulting in a total decrease in cost to the Council for the coming year of (\$1,307.88) per month, prior to any previous year savings rebate to participants, or a decrease of (10.1) percent for the plan year beginning September 1, 2011. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$11,661.30.

Mr. Koons further reported that in June 2004, the Council changed health insurance plans with Blue Cross/Blue Shield that resulted in reduced benefits to employees and the Council authorized that the \$15,228 in annual savings in reduced premiums to the Council be rebated to the employees. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that this rebate no longer be awarded to the employees effective September 1, 2011.

Mr. Koons stated that currently, the Council pays 75 percent and the employees pay 25 percent of the health and dental insurance premium for both employee and dependent coverage, and the Council pays 75 percent and the employees pay 25 percent of the employee life insurance premium. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council pay 100 percent of the health, dental and life insurance premium for employee coverage and 50 percent of the health and dental insurance premium for dependent coverage effective September 1, 2012.

Following discussion, the following actions were taken.

ACTION: Commissioner Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Boukari, to approve the alternate proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan 9G-O for employee health insurance, Plan P3416 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner Boukari made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Baird, to approve the discontinuance of the \$15,228 per year health insurance premium savings rebate to employees effective September , 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Commissioner DePratter made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Marlowe, that the Council continue to pay 75 percent for employee coverage and 75 percent for dependent coverage for health, dental and life insurance effective September 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening with a quorum present and reviewed two local government comprehensive plan amendments. She further stated that these items were grouped for purposes of presentation.

#104 - Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#105 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the comprehensive plans, as amended, did not result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities, or result in adverse extra jurisdictional impacts. She further stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #104, Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #105, Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee

1. Election of Officers - Program Year 2011-12
2. Election of Board of Directors - Program Year 2011-12

Commissioner Myra Valentine, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee met on July 19, 2011 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 for a one-year term for Program Year 2011-12. She reported the following Nominating Committee recommendations for the officer positions.

Chair - Roy Ellis
Vice-Chair - Lorene Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer - Garth Nobles, Jr.
Member - Kenrick Thomas
Immediate Past Chair - Louie Davis

She further reported the following Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors.

City Representatives
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Myra Valentine, City of Madison

County Representatives

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County

Gubernatorial Representatives

Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Charles Maulsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County

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

ACTION: Commissioner Valentine made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to close the nominations and elect the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2011-12 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Report

Mr. Koons reported that he, Chair Louie Davis and Secretary-Treasurer Roy Ellis attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Orlando on June 24, 2011. He reported that Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations addressed the Policy Board and reported on Regionalism: A National Perspective. He also reported that Doug Smith, President of the Florida Association of Counties, addressed the Policy Board and discussed the Association's initiatives and priorities for the upcoming year. He stated that the Policy Board heard a presentation concerning the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study recently completed by all 11 regional planning councils. The President of the Policy Board received, on behalf of the Florida Regional Councils Association, the 2011 National Association of Regional Councils Achievement Award and the 2011 Florida Planning and Zoning Association Outstanding Public Study Award recognizing the Statewide Regional Evacuation Study.

Mr. Koons also reported that Ron Book, Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association gave a report concerning state budget and other policy issues that were addressed during the past legislative session. He reported that the Policy Board also reviewed and approved the Fiscal Year 2009-10 financial statements of the Association and the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget. The Policy Board also elected officers for Program Year 2011-12.

B. Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Status Report

Mr. Koons stated that on November 5 and November 12, 2009, a pre-application conference was held with the applicant and review agencies for the master development of regional impact to begin the review process. The Foley Timber and Land Company intend to submit an application for Master Development Approval for the Foley Master

Development of Regional Impact. The project is located in Taylor County and is designed to implement the Taylor County Vision 2060.

Mr. Koons reported the revised development is anticipated to consist of 32,710 residential dwelling units, 2,686,400 square feet of retail commercial, 1,318,900 square feet of office, 650,000 square feet of industrial/warehousing, 1,250 hotel rooms, a 600-bed hospital and educational/institutional uses.

Mr. Koons stated transportation methodology meetings were held with the applicant and review agencies on December 1, 2009 and December 17, 2009. Following the December 17, 2009 transportation methodology meeting, the County had received from the Florida Department of Community Affairs the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report concerning the County Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments which include portions of the Taylor County Vision 2060. Based upon the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report, the applicant had requested that future transportation methodology meetings not be scheduled until the County responds to the objections raised by the Florida Department of Community Affairs in the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report. The County recently responded to the Objections, Recommendations and Comment Report and adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report amendments. The final transportation methodology meeting was held on September 8, 2010. The Master Development Agreement among the applicant, County and Council concerning the review process was approved by the Council on October 28, 2010.

Mr. Koons further reported on December 8, 2010, in accordance with the transportation methodology, a meeting attended by the applicant, County representatives, state agencies and Council staff was held to review pass-by trips, background traffic and modeling for trip distribution and assignment of project trips.

Mr. Koons reported that on June 14, 2011, a meeting was held between the applicant and Council staff to discuss a proposed development of regional impact related Comprehensive Plan amendment for the project. He stated that both the development of regional impact Comprehensive Plan amendment and the Application for Master Development Approval were submitted to the Council by the applicant for sufficiency review earlier in the week.

C. Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Awards

Mr. Koons stated that by working together in a coordinated manner, all 11 regional planning councils recently completed a multi-year Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. The award-winning Study represented an unprecedented undertaking to concurrently update the regional evacuation studies for each region. He reported that following the destructive 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the Legislature appropriated \$29.0 million for the purpose of hurricane evacuation planning. The Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program began in 2006 as a direct result of this funding. The Legislature funded two inter-related and dependant projects, \$24.5 million for Light Detection and Ranging data and \$4.5 million to update regional evacuation studies.

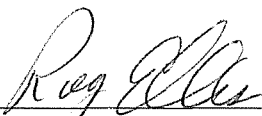
He further reported that the majority of funding was used for developing the Light Detection and Ranging data, which provides elevation data for the entire coastline of Florida with an elevation point every six inches. This data greatly improves the accuracy of the Sea, Lake and Overland Surge from Hurricanes Model and Surge Inundation

Model results and use of such emerging technology sets the Study apart from those previously completed. He stated that the remaining funding was used to design state-of-the-art products to advance the study of evacuation planning. The Study utilized new technology in creating an evacuation study for the 11 regional planning council regions. Most significantly, the same methodology was applied statewide. This was an unprecedented strategy, as no other state has ever addressed evacuation planning in a holistic, integrated, coordinated approach.

Mr. Koons added that the Study has recently been recognized for excellence both at the state and national level. The Florida Planning and Zoning Association granted the Study their 2011 Outstanding Public Study Award. At the national level, both trade associations for regional planning councils and regional development organizations have also granted awards for the Study. The National Association of Regional Councils granted the Study a 2011 Achievement Award and the National Association of Development Organizations granted the Study a 2011 Innovation Award.

Mr. Koons advised the Council that Governor Scott has appointed Doug Darling as the Executive Director of the newly created Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Acting Chair Ellis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on August 25, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Roy Ellis, Chair

8/25/11

Date