

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

January 26, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Stephen Bailey, Columbia County**  
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
*Thomas Collett, Alachua County*  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County  
Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry  
**Roy Ellis, Madison County**  
*Sandra Haas, Suwannee County*  
**Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville**  
*Charles Maultsby, Taylor County*  
**Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County**  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne  
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  
Mark Wiggins, Taylor County  
*Charles Williams, Hamilton County*  
Mike Williams, Madison County  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Brown, Taylor County  
Diana Davis  
George Haas  
Bill Henderson, representing FL Dept. of  
Transportation  
Beth Lemke, Planning Solutions Corporation  
Curtis Ostrodka, VHB MillerSellen  
Joseph Riddick  
James Sellen, VHB MillerSellen  
Bo Taff, Foley Timber and Land Company

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County  
Susan Bottcher, City of Gainesville  
Ben Boukari, Jr., City of Alachua  
Mike Byerly, Alachua County  
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville  
Paula DeLaney, Alachua County  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
Scherwin Henry, City of Gainesville  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
James Tallman, Union County

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp  
Scott Koons  
Carol Laine  
Marlie Sanderson  
Jean Strong

**Board Members names are bolded**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag and an invocation given by Mayor Pro Tempore Valentine. Chair Ellis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed Jack Brown, County Administrator for Taylor County, Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis, George Haas, husband of Council member Sandra Haas and former Council member Joseph Riddick, who served as Chair of the Council during 1995-96.

Chair Ellis asked that Item V.B.3. #44, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments and Item V.B.4. #34, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments be added to the agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wainwright, to add Item V.B.3. #44, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item V.B.4. #34, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Ellis introduced and welcomed Beth Lemke from Planning Solutions Corporation, Curt Ostrodka and James Sellen from VHB Miller-Sellen and Bo Taff, Foley Timber and Land Company.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 1, 2011

Chair Ellis asked that the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Additional Interoperable Exercise Support
- B. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council for Expansion of the State Regional Evacuation Study
- C. Purchase Order with Apalachee Regional Planning Council to Assist with Updating the Region 2 Florida Training and Exercise Plan
- D. Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Administrative Services Agreement, Fiscal Year 2011 - City of Madison
- E. Distribution of Council Packets via Electronic Mail

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

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

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Ellis reported that there were no new members to introduce.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Scarlet Frisina
2. Mary Ann McQueen

Chair Ellis asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Scarlet Frisina, who served as Chair of the Columbia County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since December 2008 and Mary Ann McQueen who served as the Persons with Disabilities representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since August 2005.

**ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Mayor Pro Tempore Valentine, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Scarlet Frisina and Mary Ann McQueen. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

Chair Ellis reported that the items listed below are computer hardware of out-dated technology, with related equipment. Chair Ellis stated that the Executive Committee recommended that this hardware be declared as surplus property and that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy, which will result in transporting it to the Leveda Brown Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Alachua County or donating the equipment to a nonprofit organization.

Inventory #3120 Dell Inspiron 9200 Laptop, Serial Number J0M1J61  
Inventory #3137 Dell Dimension E520 Computer, Serial Number 8CML7C1  
Inventory #3139 Dell Dimension E520 Computer, Serial Number JBML7C1  
Inventory #3140 Dell Dimension E520 Computer, Serial Number 5CML7C1

**ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wainwright, to declare the above listed items as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Proclamation Declaring January 22-28, 2012 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

Chair Ellis stated that the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee has the job of increasing the safety of our communities from chemical

releases. He added that public outreach and education are important to increasing chemical safety in our communities. He stated that the Florida Division of Emergency Management has designated the week of January 22-28, 2012, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Chair Ellis stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2012 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2012 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region by adopting the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation, which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Chair Ellis stated that the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is celebrating its 50th year as a regional planning council in 2012 and has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning, emergency preparedness planning and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region since it was formed on February 16, 1962. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a resolution be approved recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wainwright, to approve a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Resolution Recognizing 50th Anniversary of East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Chair Ellis stated that the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is also celebrating its 50th year as a regional planning council in 2012 and has engaged in strategic regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategy planning, emergency preparedness planning and intergovernmental review activities to coordinate planning for the future of the Region since it was formed on February 22, 1962. He stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a resolution be approved recognizing the 50th anniversary of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

**ACTION: Mayor Pro Tempore Valentine made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to approve a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Clearinghouse Committee Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met on January 5, 2012, with a quorum present and reviewed Item #17 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment for which the comment deadline occurred prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. She noted that a copy of the Committee comments were included in the Council meeting packet.

Ms. Haas also stated that the Committee met on January 5, 2012 and reviewed Item #18, Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments requiring Council action at the January 26, 2012 Council meeting. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the Taylor County adopted amendments do not result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance or regional facilities. Furthermore, the Committee found that the item does not create significant adverse extrajurisdictional impacts. However, she stated that the Taylor County item is associated with the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact which will be reviewed tonight by the Council. Therefore, different conclusions may be reached by the Council for the Master Development of Regional Impact, as well as any and all subsequent Applications for Incremental Development Approval associated with the Master Development of Regional Impact, than contained in the staff report for the plan amendments. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #18, Taylor County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening with a quorum present and reviewed the following three local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#33 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments

#34 - Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (added to agenda)

#35 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the Gainesville, Suwannee County and Micanopy items do not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significant or result in significant adverse extrajurisdictional impacts. She further reported that the Committee found that the Gainesville and Suwannee County items do not result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities.

However, Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that Item #34, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments may result in significant adverse impacts to a portion of the Regional Road Network. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding a recommendation to the Town to consider adding Transportation Best Practices, as identified in the Regional Plan, to the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding the findings contained in the staff reports for the Gainesville, Suwannee County and Micanopy items to the respective local governments and to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #33, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, Item #34, Town of Micanopy Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (added to agenda) and Item #44, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.**

1. Foley Master Development of Regional Impact

Ms. Haas reported that at the January 5, 2012 meeting and at a meeting held earlier on the evening of January 26, 2012, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact. She stated that the order of presentations and action on the Master Development of Regional Impact would consist of the following six steps.

1. Council staff would present the Clearinghouse Committee report and recommendation;
2. The applicant would make comments concerning the project;
3. The floor would be opened for questions from Council members;
4. The public would be given an opportunity for comment;
5. Council members would be given an opportunity for discussion; and
6. Council members would vote on the item.

Mr. Koons stated that the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact is a conceptual development proposal that will be used to review future subsequent more detailed applications for incremental development approval. He then introduced Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, who would present a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Evaluation. Mr. Koons stated that Marlie Sanderson, Director of Transportation, would present the transportation impact portion of the presentation. Mr. Dopp stated that the Master Development of Regional Impact ensures that impacts are adequately addressed and information requirements for subsequent applications for incremental development approval are clearly defined. He reviewed the project description, proposed land uses and economic impacts, housing impacts, public facility impacts and natural resources of regional significance impacts. Mr. Sanderson discussed the proposed transportation impacts of the project, including impacts to local and regional roads.

Mr. Dopp concluded his presentation by stating that the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations are as follows.

- Adopt the revised Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Local Government Development Order distributed at the January 26, 2012 Council meeting;

- Revise the Applicant Commitments and Council-recommended conditions contained in the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Evaluation report to reflect the revised Applicant Commitments and Council Conditions contained in the revised local government development order;
- Adopt the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Evaluation report, as revised, recommending approval of the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact, including the 14 Committee-recommended conditions, as revised, and the 64 Applicant commitments, as revised;
- Forward the revised Evaluation report, including the revised local government development order, to Taylor County for their consideration; and
- Authorize staff to attend and participate in the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners' public hearing on the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact.

Chair Ellis thanked Mr. Dopp and Mr. Sanderson for their presentations. He then asked if the applicant would like to comment on the project. Mr. James Sellen, VHB MillerSellen from Orlando, representing Foley Timber and Land Company, stated that their firm worked closely with Council staff in reviewing the Master Development of Regional Impact and developing the development order.

Mr. Bo Taff, Foley Land and Timber Company, thanked Council staff for working with Foley Land and Timber Company for the past two years in reviewing the Master Development of Regional Impact and developing the development order.

Chair Ellis opened the floor for questions from Council members. Commissioner Wells raised concerns with regard to water supply in the project area. Mr. Taff stated that the applicant has worked closely with the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to develop policies and procedures well in advance of any possible impacts to water supply demands in the project area.

Mr. Jack Brown, County Administrator for Taylor County, stated that the County has held over 50 meetings to develop the Taylor County Vision 2060 and to develop policies which were incorporated into the County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report Amendments and that the Foley Master Application for Development Approval is designed to implement the Taylor County Vision 2060 and the amended County Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Haas closed the public comment period. Following discussion, the following action was taken.

**ACTION:** Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Mr. Maultsby, to adopt the revised Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Local Government Development Order distributed at the January 26, 2012 Council meeting; to revise the Applicant Commitments and Council-recommended conditions contained in the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Evaluation report to reflect the revised Applicant Commitments and Council Conditions contained in the revised local government development order; to

**adopt the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact Evaluation report, as revised, recommending approval of the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact, including the 14 Committee-recommended conditions, as revised, and the 64 Applicant commitments, as revised; to forward the revised Evaluation report, including the revised local government development order, to Taylor County for their consideration; and to authorize staff to attend and participate in the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners public hearing on the Foley Master Development of Regional Impact. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Amendments to Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - 2008-12

Mr. Thomas Collett, member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, gave the Committee report. He stated that since 1978, the Council has been designated by the U. S. Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District. He stated that the Council is responsible for developing and adopting a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He further stated that the purpose of the strategy is to analyze the regional economy and serve as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action and identifying investment priorities and funding sources.

Mr. Collett reported that the Council has established a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee. The Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of the strategy and making recommendations concerning the strategy to the Council for adoption. He reported that based upon the recommendation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, the Council adopted the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in September 2007 and amended the Strategy in January 2010 and January 2011. He said that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee met on August 30, 2011 and September 28, 2011, to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He said that based on that review, the Committee has prepared the draft amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which were approved for public comment by the Council at its October 27, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Collett stated that prior to adoption and submission of the amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration, a 30-day period of public comment was required. The public comment period ended on December 14, 2011 with no comments received. He stated that the Committee recommended that the Council adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and submit the adopted amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Ms. Haas, to adopt the amendments to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - 2008-12, dated October 27, 2011, as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee and approve the submission of the adopted amendments to the U. S. Economic Development Administration. The motion carried unanimously.**



D. Finance Committee

1. Accept Fiscal Year 2010-11 Audit Report
2. Authorize Payment of Auditor

Chair Ellis introduced Mayor Nobles, Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Mayor Nobles reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with the auditor and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements and that there were no findings or concerns reported by the auditor. Mayor Nobles stated that the Finance Committee recommended acceptance and approval of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Audit and further recommended that final payment be made to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Audit.

**ACTION: Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants and to make final payment to the auditor. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2012-13 submitted to the Governor does not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, he reported that the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature does not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils.

Growth Management

Senate Bill 842

Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 842 by Senator Bennett repeals provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of Community Affairs and functions of the Department of Community Affairs with respect to federal grant-in-aid programs; replaces references to the Department of Community Affairs with state land planning agency; repeals provisions relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program; deletes provisions relating to the Coastal Resources Interagency Management Committee; deletes provisions excluding a municipality that is not a signatory to a certain interlocal agreement from participating in a school concurrency system; replaces references to the Department of Community Affairs with the Department of Economic Opportunity; and deletes requirements for interlocal agreements relating to public education facilities.

Mr. Koons stated that with regard to the prohibition on referendums for comprehensive plan and map amendments, the bill states that any local government charter provision that was in effect as of June 1, 2011, for an initiative or referendum process in regard to

development orders or local comprehensive plan or map amendments, may be retained and implemented. The bill also affects regional planning councils as it requires regional planning councils, before accepting a grant, to determine that the purpose of the grant is in furtherance of its functions and that will not diminish the Council's ability to fund and accomplish its statutory functions; and, it prohibits a regional planning council from providing consulting services to a local government, private developer, or landowner for a project for which the council will serve in a review capacity.

#### PCB CMAS 12-02

Mr. Koons stated that PCB-CMAS 12-02 is a proposed committee bill by the House Community and Military Affairs Subcommittee relating to a growth management glitch bill. He reported that the bill makes minor technical changes to the provisions of law affected by the Community Planning Act, which the Legislature passed during 2011. The bill is a glitch bill, with no substantive policy changes included except for clarifications and exceptions.

#### Senate Bill 1180

Mr. Koons stated that Senate Bill 1180 by Senator Bennett concerns developments of regional impact and requires that plan amendments proposing a development that is exempt from review as a development of regional impact follow the state coordinated review process; requires that reviewing agencies make only recommendations and comments regarding a proposed development which are consistent with statutes, rules, or adopted local ordinances that are applicable to all developments in the jurisdiction where the proposed development is located; provides legislative intent regarding the issues that may be considered during the develop-of-regional-impact review process; and requires that a local government having jurisdiction rescind a development-of-regional-impact development order, upon request, and upon a showing that all required mitigation related to the amount of development that existed on the date of rescission will be completed under a permit or other authorization issued by a governmental agency.

#### Senate Bill 912

Senate Bill 912 filed by Senator Bennett and House Bill 603 filed by Representative Weinstein prohibit a local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate share contribution or construction for new development for a specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions, provides application; provides for future expiration; prohibits certain counties, municipalities, and special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for a specified period; provides an exception; provides for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions; provides application; provides for future expiration.

#### Senate Bill 188

Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 188 by Senator Flores repeals provisions relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program, to terminate the program; and conforms cross-references to changes made by the act. He stated that the bill repeals

Section 163.2523, Florida Statutes, which provides for the establishment of the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program.

Water Management Districts

Senate Bill 560/House Bill 157

Mr. Koons stated that Senate Bill 560 filed by Senator Dean and House Bill 157 filed by Representative Porter authorizes water management districts to enter into interagency agreements for resource management activities under specified conditions; provides applicability; requires districts to apply specified reservations, minimum flows and levels, and recovery and prevention strategies in determining certain effects of proposed consumptive uses of water; prohibits districts from authorizing certain consumptive uses of water; provides an exception; provides requirements for the challenge of specified rules.

Mr. Koons stated that the interagency agreements only apply to resource projects for which a measurable water resource benefit can be demonstrated for the geographic area of a local government or regional water supply authority. The consumptive use language applies in determining the effect of a proposed consumptive use of water on the water resources of an adjoining water management district.

B. North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Mr. Koons stated that on October 27, 2011, the Council adopted the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan which was subsequently filed with the Florida Department of State. He added that since no challenge was filed by any party, the Plan became effective on January 5, 2012.

Mr. Koons reported that the Plan is a long-range guide for the physical, economic, and social development of the region which identifies regional goals and policies and contains regional goals and policies designed to promote a coordinated program of regional actions directed at resolving problems identified in the trends and conditions statements contained within each strategic regional subject area. The required strategic regional subject areas are affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, natural resources of regional significance, and regional transportation and also identifies and addresses significant regional resources and facilities that could be adversely affected by development activities.

Mr. Koons stated that a hard copy of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Summary and a compact disk including the complete North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, 1:100,000 scale maps and the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Summary were included in the Council packet. He added that the Summary only consists of the policy portions of the Plan, including Regional Goals and Policies, Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources and Maps of Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

C. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons reported that he and Chair Ellis attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tallahassee on January 13, 2012. He reported that Shannon Baxevanis, Deputy Director, National Association of Regional Councils, addressed the Policy Board and reported on Regionalism: A National Perspective. Barbara Foster, Coordinator for Planning, Program Evaluation and Partnerships, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity addressed the Policy Board and reported on the upcoming regional forums on economic development being co-hosted by regional planning councils. Amy Baker, Coordinator, Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research addressed the Policy Board and reported on the economic downturn and the outlook for Florida's economy.

Mr. Koons further reported that City Commissioner Bill Leary, City of St. Augustine, addressed the Policy Board and discussed the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration of the oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the United States to be held in 2015. He also discussed the Viva Florida 500 Celebration commemorating the 500th anniversary of the landing of Ponce de Leon in Florida to be celebrated in 2013. Dale Brill, President, Florida Chamber Foundation, addressed the Policy Board and reported on the Six Pillars program developed by the Florida Chamber Foundation. Al Hadded addressed the Policy Board and discussed online travel companies and the tourist development tax and state sales tax issues. John Wayne Smith, Legislative Director, Florida Association of Counties, addressed the Policy Board and discussed the Association's legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session. Ryan Matthews, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities discussed the League's legislative issues for the upcoming legislative session.

Mr. Koons reported that the Policy Board reviewed a financial report of the Association, made appointments to the Nominating Committee and adopted the Florida Regional Councils Association 2012 Legislative Guiding Principles, Procedures, Statutes and Policies. He informed the Council that Chair Ellis was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Policy Board also adopted resolutions recognizing the 50th anniversaries of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council as the first two regional planning councils in Florida formed in 1962.

D. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Regional Forums

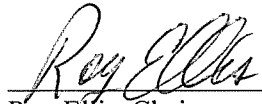
Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Division of Strategic Business Development is conducting regional forums to gather insights related to the creation of Florida's 2012-2017 Economic Development Plan. He stated that the objectives of these forums are to obtain insights from each region to determine what actions or direction the state should consider adopting to assist with economic growth; and to identify the most important strategies to support the promotion of regional business formation, expansion, recruitment and retention.

Mr. Koons reported that on March 2, 2012, the Council, along with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, will be co-hosting one of ten forums at the Santa Fe College Kirkpatrick Criminal Justice Training Center Institute of Public Safety located at 3737 Northeast 39th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Koons reported that the first meeting of the North Florida Water Supply Group was held in Lake City on January 23, 2012. He stated that he and Mr. Dopp attended the meeting. He further stated that the meeting focused on organizational matters. He reported that the Columbia County Attorney will be drafting an interlocal agreement to form a Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, interlocal agreement agency to address water issues in north Florida. He further stated that the next meeting of the group will be held in Lake City on February 13, 2012.

Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation, reported that Greg Evans has been appointed as the new District 2 Secretary, effective February 6, 2012.

Chair Ellis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 23, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

  
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Roy Ellis, Chair

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Date

# PROCLAMATION

## DECLARING JANUARY 22-28, 2012 AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, and numerous municipalities, counties and school boards, in publicly promoting community hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local governments, regional planning councils and local emergency planning committees to work together to increase community safety by encouraging emergency responders to attend free training on how to safely respond to releases of hazardous materials; and

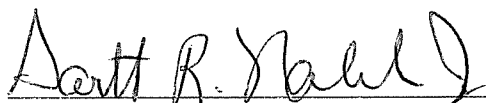
WHEREAS, citizens need to know that local governments, businesses, emergency responders and emergency planners are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible for both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

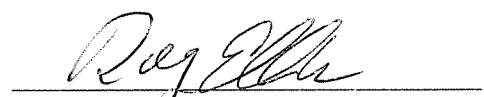
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of January 22-28, 2012 as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of January 2012.

ATTEST:

SEAL

  
Garth Nobles, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

  
Roy Ellis, Chair