

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

December 13, 2012
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Collett, Alachua County
Don Cook, City of Perry
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rusty DePratter, Columbia County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jon Wershaw

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County
Susan Baird, Alachua County
Bob Barnas, City of High Springs
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Todd Chase, City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut, IV, Alachua County
Karen Cossey, Union County
Rick Davis, Madison County
Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville
Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville
Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry
Frank Ogborn, City of Archer
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Charles Williams, Hamilton County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Allen Cherry, Madison County
Ann Collett, Gainesville Area Chamber of
Commerce and Gainesville Council for
Economic Outreach
Diana Davis
Joe Flanagan, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation
Charles Maultsby
Tuckie Maultsby
Joe Riddick

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Spooner and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. She stated that there was a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Allen Cherry, Madison County Coordinator and a member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, and Joe Flanagan,

Administrative Services Division Director, from the Suwannee River Water Management District. She also introduced and welcomed Charles Maulsby, past member and former Council Chair from Taylor County, Tuckie Maulsby, wife of Mr. Maulsby, Joe Riddick, who previously served as Council Chair, and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

Chair Thomas asked members and staff present to please stand and introduce themselves.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Ann Collett, Vice-President, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President, Gainesville Council for Economic Outreach

Mr. Koons introduced and welcomed Ann Collett, Vice-President of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President of the Gainesville Council for Economic Outreach. Ms. Collett provided information on Innovation Gainesville, an economic development initiative designed to harness innovation from research conducted at the University of Florida to create jobs in health and green technologies in Alachua County and the surrounding area. Chair Thomas thanked Ms. Collett for her presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 25, 2012

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - October 2012
- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications - Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selections - Bradford, Lafayette and Union Counties

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

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

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Thomas introduced new members Don Cook from the City of Perry and Robert Hutchinson from Alachua County.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

Chair Thomas asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Jesse Caruthers, who served as Chair of the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since December 2005, Tommy Langford, who served as Chair of the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since December 2002, Renetta Parrish, who served as Chair of the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since May 2009, Lewis Vaughn, who served as Chair of the Hamilton County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since September 1990 and Jim McCrone, who served as the Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Board since April 2004.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Jesse Caruthers, Tommy Langford, Renetta Parrish, Lewis Vaughn and Jim McCrone. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolutions of Appreciation

Chair Thomas asked that Resolutions of Appreciation for past services to the Council be approved for former Commissioner Paula DeLaney, Alachua County, former Councilman Alphonso Dowdell, City of Perry, Charles Maultsby, gubernatorial appointee for Taylor County, former Commissioner Ronny Morgan, Hamilton County and former Commissioner Mark Wiggins, Taylor County.

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Spooner, to approve the Resolutions of Appreciation for Paula Delaney, Alphonso Dowdell, Charles Maultsby, Ronny Morgan and Mark Wiggins. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Koons then presented a 14-year Certificate of Service to Mr. Maultsby for his 14 years of dedicated service to the Council, as a gubernatorial appointed official representing Taylor County, including serving as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer. He also served as Chair of the Regional Planning, Finance, Nominating and Program Committees and also was a member of the Clearinghouse Committee. Mr. Maultsby then thanked the Council for the Certificate of Service and for allowing him the privilege to serve the Council and the north central Florida region.

D. Committee Appointments

Chair Thomas recommended appointments to fill vacancies for the remainder of Program Year 2012-13 for the following committees.

1. Clearinghouse Committee
2. Nominating Committee
3. Regional Planning Committee
4. Florida Regional Councils Association

ACTION: Commissioner Wainwright made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson, to approve the appointments of Jim Catron and Mike Williams to the Clearinghouse Committee, Garth Nobles, Jr. to the Nominating Committee and to serve as Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee, Louie Davis, to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mike Williams to the Regional Planning Committee, Randy Wells to serve as Chair of the Regional Planning Committee, Stephen Bailey to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Kenrick Thomas as a representative to the Florida Regional Councils Association as recommended by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Employee Certificate of Service - Jean Strong

Mr. Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Jean Strong, who has been with the Council staff since November 26, 2007. Ms. Strong currently serves as Secretary II for the Council. Chair Thomas presented a 5-year Certificate of Service and a 5-year service pin to Ms. Strong. Mr. Koons and Chair Thomas thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the Council.

F. Executive Director Appointed to Florida Chamber Foundation Board of Trustees

Chair Thomas reported that Scott Koons was appointed to the Florida Chamber Foundation's Six Pillar Caucus System in 2011 and currently participates as a member of the Innovation and Economic Development Pillar. In addition she announced that Mr. Koons was recently appointed to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Ms. Thomas reported that the Chamber Foundation Trustees serve as advisors to the Foundation. She also stated that they provide input into the strategic direction of the Foundation helping guide Florida to future of prosperity and high-paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness through ongoing development of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Resolution Recognizing 25th Anniversary of Ronald L. Book, P.A.

Mr. Koons stated that under the leadership of Mr. Book, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is considered one of the premier lobbying firms in the state, with unparalleled experience in the legislative and appropriations process. He also stated that under his leadership, Ronald L. Book, P.A. works exclusively in the government affairs arena, specializing in legislative and executive advocacy. Mr. Book has served as the Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association representing the interests of regional planning councils in Florida for the past 20 years. Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommended that a resolution be approved recognizing the 25th anniversary of Ronald L. Book, P.A., which is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells to approve a resolution, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Ronald L. Book, P.A. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met previously on December 5, 2012 and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#15 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment.

Ms. Haas stated that the item was reviewed on behalf of the Council as per Council procedures for local government comprehensive plan amendments with a response deadline prior to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. She noted that a copy of the Committee report concerning this amendment was included in the Council meeting packet.

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee also met earlier in the evening and reviewed five local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#12 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment;

#13 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments;

#17 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment;

#18 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and

#19 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Ms. Haas reported that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the comprehensive plans, as amended, would not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wells, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #12, Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Plan Amendment, Item #13, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, Item #17, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, Item #18, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and Item # 19, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee

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

Chair Thomas reported that the Nominating Committee met to recommend individuals to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and Immediate Past Chair for the remainder of Program Year 2012-13. She stated that the Nominating Committee recommended that Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo, fill the vacant Immediate Past Chair position for the remainder of Program Year 2012-13.

Chair Thomas further stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2012-13 were Councilman LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper, Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Commissioner Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County and Charles Williams, Hamilton County.

Chair Thomas stated that nominations may be made from the floor for any of these positions; however, in making such nominations it is necessary for the individual nominated to be qualified to replace the individual they are challenging.

ACTION: Commissioner Wells made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson to elect Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo as Immediate Past Chair as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Collett made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis that Councilman LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper, Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Commissioner Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County and Charles Williams, Hamilton County fill the vacant positions on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2012-13 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Koons asked Jordon Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, from the Florida Department of Transportation to give a status report concerning Florida Department of Transportation programs. Mr. Green reported that District 2 is currently receiving comments concerning the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2014-15 through 2018-19.

Mr. Koons asked Joe Flanagan, Administrative Services Division Director, Suwannee Water Management District to give brief updated water report. Mr. Flanagan discussed the current hydrologic conditions in the District.

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the 11 regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. He stated that the accomplishments of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Sheri Coven, will be reported each month at the Council meeting. He added that Ms. Coven had prepared materials that were submitted to the governor's office and staff. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report. Mr. Koons thanked the county commissioners for the including support of funding for regional planning councils in the Small County Coalition's Legislative Platform and the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Platform. He also thanked the city commissioners for their continued support of regional planning councils.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to develop a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the December 2012 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Congressional and Legislative Delegation Maps

Mr. Koons reported that, as a result of the November 6, 2012 general election, there are several new members in the Congressional delegation and the Florida Legislative delegation for the north central Florida region. He stated that maps of the new

Congressional, State Senate and State House Districts were included in the Council meeting packet.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Legislature met on November 20, 2012 for an organizational session. Senator Don Gates was elected President of the Senate. Representative Will Westerford was elected the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The 2013 regular Legislative session will convene on March 5, 2013 and adjourn on May 3, 2013.

Mr. Koons reported that he attended the Senate Community Affairs Committee meeting and several other committee meetings held last week in Tallahassee. He stated that Senator Rob Bradley, representing Alachua and Bradford Counties is a member of the Senate Community Affairs Committee and Representative Keith Perry, representing Alachua, Dixie and Gilchrist Counties, is a member of the House Economic Affairs Committee. Mr. Koons further reported that Representative Charles Van Zant, representing Bradford and Union Counties, is a member of the House Local and Federal Affairs Committee. Representative Elizabeth Porter, representing Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties and a portion of Alachua County, is Vice-Chair of the House Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee. He added that Representative Clovis Watson, Jr., representing a portion of Alachua County, is also a member of the House Local and Federal Affairs Committee.

E. North Florida Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that in September 2011, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water resource management in north Florida. He stated that ensuring sustainable water supplies and protecting north Florida's waterways and natural systems is a collaborative effort among the water management districts, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, local elected officials and area stakeholders.

Mr. Koons reported that the Committee met on October 29, 2012 at the Florida Gateway College in Lake City. At that meeting, the Committee heard updates on groundwater model development and the responses by the Districts to member submitted questions. He stated that the Committee also heard an overview concerning the plotting of springs/recharge areas, the minimum flow and level process and data gaps analysis.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on January 24, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

1/24/2013

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07

**RECOGNIZING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
RONALD L. BOOK, P.A.**

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is a law firm specializing in government affairs and consulting that was incorporated in the State of Florida in 1987 by the President and Chief Executive Officer, Ronald L. Book;

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. is considered one of the premier lobbying firms in the state, with unparalleled experience in the legislative and appropriations process;

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book, P.A. works exclusively in the government affairs arena, specializing in legislative and executive advocacy, and is involved in the legislative process 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Ronald L. Book, P.A. has served as the Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association representing the interests of regional planning councils in Florida.

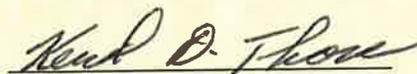
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates Ronald L. Book, P.A. on its 25th Anniversary.

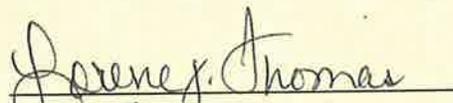
DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 13th day of December 2012.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL


Kenrick Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer


Lorene J. Thomas
Chair