NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Lake City, Florida

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Bailey, Columbia County LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper Beth Burnam, Hamilton County Jim Catron, City of Madison Karen Cossey, Union County Louie Davis, City of Waldo Sandra Haas, Suwannee County Thomas Hawkins, City of Gainesville Jason Holifield, Dixie County James Montgomery, Columbia County Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak Frank Ogborn, City of Archer Patricia Patterson, Taylor County Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County Eleanor Randall, City of Hawthorne Daniel Riddick, Bradford County Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke Wesley Wainwright, Suwannee County Lorene Thomas, Dixie County Robert Wilford, City of Alachua Charles Williams, Hamilton County Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Dopp Scott Koons Carol Laine Dwayne Mundy Jean Strong

COUNCIL ATTORNEY ABSENT

Jonathan Wershow

April 25, 2013 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Baird, Alachua County Bob Barnas, City of High Springs Todd Chase, City of Gainesville Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County Thomas Collett, Alachua County Don Cook, City of Perry Rick Davis, Madison County Rusty DePratter, Columbia County **Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County** Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, City of Gainesville Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County Jordan Marlowe, City of Newberry Lauren Poe, City of Gainesville Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County Randy Wells, City of Gainesville Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Alexander, Dixie County Mike Cassidy, Dixie County Dave Cobb, Florida Power & Light Diana Davis Teresa Fortner, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Jordan Green, Florida Dept. of Transportation Al Grieshaber Jr., City of Archer Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District Gwen Pra, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority Joe Riddick Bill Steele, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

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

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. She asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings and the victims of the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. Chair Thomas stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Thomas welcomed and introduced Tim Alexander, Public Safety Director for Dixie County, Mike Cassidy, County Manager for Dixie County, Al Grieshaber Jr., City Manager for the City of Archer, and David Cobb from Florida Power and Light. She then introduced Joe Riddick, past member and former Council Chair from Bradford County and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis. Chair Thomas also introduced Gwen Pra, Bill Steele and Teresa Fortner from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority.

Chair Thomas asked that Item VI.B.3. - #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI.B.4. - #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, which were received by staff after the meeting packets were distributed, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to add VI.B.3. - #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI.B.4. - #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 28, 2013

Chair Thomas asked that the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report March 2013
- B. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- C. Amendment No. 1 to Hazardous Waste Monitoring Agreement with Hamilton County -Fiscal Year 2012-2013
- D. Selection of Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator
- E. Selection of Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator
- F. Selection of Union County Community Transportation Coordinator

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

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ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Michelle Giannosa

Chair Thomas asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Michelle Giannosa, who served as the Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Boards since January 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Michelle Giannosa. The motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Dwayne Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director for the Council. Mr. Mundy gave a presentation concerning the activities of the Council relating to Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Programs. His presentation included an overview of Local Emergency Planning Committee, Hazardous Materials Response Team, Emergency Management, First Responder Training, Hazardous Waste, Interoperable Communications and Energy Resiliency. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Executive Committee Proclamation Declaring May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week

Chair Thomas stated that the Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a part of the Council 21 years ago. She reported that the mission of the Task Force is to "promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay." Chair Thomas added that the week of May 4-12, 2013 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. She further stated that to support and celebrate the tourism industry, the Executive Committee recommended that the Council adopt a proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, declaring the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cossey to adopt a proclamation, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, declaring May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region. 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 and reviewed two local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#51 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

#53 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Ms. Haas further reported that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, Council staff received the following late-arriving items which require action prior to the next Council meeting.

#54 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)#55 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda)

Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, do not create significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, regional facilities or adjacent local governments. However, she stated that for the City of Alachua amendment, the Committee recommended that the City consider adding additional transportation best practices found in the regional plan to their comprehensive plan. Ms. Haas stated that the Clearinghouse Committee recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity as regional comment.

ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #51, City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, Item #53, City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, Item #54, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda) and Item #55, City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (added to agenda). The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jordan Green, Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that District staff would be attending Board of County Commission meetings in the next several weeks to discuss transportation priority projects.

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director, Suwannee River Water Management District reported on the activities of the North Florida Water Supply Partnership.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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, are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the accomplishments listed in the report that was included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation ScorecardTM

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida ScorecardTM 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 April 2013 ScorecardTM that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Chamber Foundation Six Pillars Press Release

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation, founded in 1968, is a businessled, problem-solver and research organization, working in partnership with state business leaders to promote a vibrant Florida economy. He stated that a major initiative of the Foundation is to develop a statewide, 20-year strategic plan to promote prosperity and high paying jobs, vibrant communities and global competitiveness.

Mr. Koons reported that the framework to accomplish such a task is known as the Six Pillars for Florida's Future Economy. He added that the Six Pillars is a product of years of collaboration and research by the Florida Chamber Foundation, along with business, civic and government partners, which identifies the critical factors determining Florida's future: 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. Mr. Koons further reported that on April 8, 2013, the Foundation issued a press release which announced that all 11 regional planning councils have completed their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies using the Six Pillars framework.

D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity budget request for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted to Governor Scott did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. In addition, the budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 submitted by the Governor to the Legislature did not include any appropriation request for all 11 regional planning councils. He stated that, however, budgets recently adopted by the Senate and House both include \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Mr. Koons reported that the two budgets will now be reconciled by a budget conference committee and presented to the Senate and House for final action. He also reported that the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2012-13. However, Governor Scott vetoed the appropriation for regional planning councils. The Council's share of this appropriation would have been approximately \$179,000. Mr. Koons stated the 2013 regular Legislative Session convened on March 5, 2013 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 3, 2013.

Mr. Koons then reviewed the following bills being considered by the 2013 Legislature.

House Bill 4035 removes a section of Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, which allows local governments, regional planning councils or the state land planning agency to petition the Governor and Cabinet to increase or decrease the thresholds by 50 percent which determine a development of regional impact.

House Bill 319 revises provisions of Community Planning Act and provisions relating to transportation development authorities and community development districts; defines "mobility plan;" provides that certain development projects may not be delayed or denied if applicant has provided payment for transportation impacts, local government must calculate proportionate share contributions based only on certain capital improvements, projects to relieve transportation deficiencies may include projects outside designated deficiency area and mass transit improvements may extend beyond designated deficiency area; revises requirements for replacement by election of community development district board members for certain transit-oriented developments.

House Bill 357 by Representative Boyd relates to Manufacturing Development. Creates "Manufacturing Competitiveness Act;" authorizes local governments to establish local manufacturing development program that provides for master development approval for certain sites; requires the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to develop model ordinance containing specified information and provisions; requires local manufacturing development program ordinance to include certain information; provides certain restrictions on termination of such program; requires the Department, in cooperation with participating agencies, to establish a manufacturing development coordinated approval process for certain manufacturers; requires participating agencies to coordinate and review applications for certain state development approvals; requires manufacturer to file certain documents; requires the Department to convene meeting when requested by certain manufacturer; provides for requests for additional information and specifies periods; requires participating agencies to take final action on applications within certain period; requires the Department to facilitate resolution of certain applications; provides for approval by default; requires the Department to develop materials that identify local manufacturing development programs.

Senate Bill 786 relates to comprehensive plan amendments and establishes a pilot program in specified areas of the state to test and review an alternative plan amendment process.

House Bill 7/Senate Bill 244 relates to water management districts and requires districts to include certain reservations and water bodies in priority lists and schedules.

House Bill 789/Senate Bill 978 relates to springs and requires water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, submit certain reports; authorizes districts to adopt rules and issue orders.

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E. Check Fraud Incident

Mr. Koons reported that on March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check that did not bear his signature or any resemblance of his signature in the amount of \$49,523.00, was written on the Council's bank account, was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. He stated that on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. He further stated that on March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department. Mr. Koons reported that on March 28, 2013, he and Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. He further reported that on April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo, which was included in the Council packet, requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons reported that April 22-26, 2013 was administrative professionals week. He thanked the administrative staff of the Council for their dedicated work in supporting the advancement of the mission of the Council.

Chair Thomas commended the staff for doing an outstanding job in the preparation of the Council's 2012 Annual Report.

Chair Thomas informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on May 23, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

5/23/13 Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. AS THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Lafayette County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Lafayette County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

> NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. AS THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR BRADFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Bradford County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee found Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal to be responsive to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA **REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:**

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

> NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA **REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING A & A TRANSPORT, INC. AS THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued a request for proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on January 3, 2013;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received two proposals in response to the request for proposals;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council appointed a Technical Review Committee to score and rank the proposals;

WHEREAS, the Technical Review Committee ranked the proposals in the following order:

- 1. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.;
- 2. A & A Transport, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board recommended that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that A & A Transport, Inc. be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of April 2013.

> NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING MAY 4-12, 2013 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 89 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates over \$4.0 billion in annual sales tax revenues and employs over one million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby declares the week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of April 2013.

ATTEST:

Kenrick D. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer

ANNOA

Lorene J. Thomas, Chair

SEAL: