

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 22, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Everett Phillips, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
Tommy Kiger, Suwannee River Water
Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Jason Evans, High Springs
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
David Sullivan, City of Perry
James Tallman, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Jeannie Carr
David Cobb
LJ Johnson
Patrick Juliano
Ralph Kitchens
Stew Lilker
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
John Meeks
David Pieklik
Cathy Street

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Lynn Godfrey
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Chestnut and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County; Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater; David Pieklik from Nature Coast Business Development Council and Levy County North Central Florida Area Development Co., Inc. member; Jeanne Carr, Sandra Buck-Camp, Ralph Kitchens, and LJ Johnson members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; David Cobb; from Florida Power and Light; Cathy Street, from the Ichetucknee Alliance; Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, from Save Our Santa Fe River and Stew Lilker, from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Riddick asked Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater to make a few remarks. Mr. Juliano stated that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer is available to assist individuals address issues within the responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer.

Chair Riddick asked that Item VI. B.4. #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.5. #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI. B.6. #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Draft Amendment, which were received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

Chair Riddick also asked that Items IV.B., Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; IV.D., Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw; and V.A., Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Bucky Nash be removed from the agenda.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion with a second by Commissioner Patterson to add Item VI. B.4. #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.5. #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and Item VI. B.6. #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment to the agenda and to remove Items IV.B., Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties; IV.D., Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw; and V.A., Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Bucky Nash from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION - SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Tommy Kiger, Hydrologist from the Suwannee River Water Management who gave a presentation on regional water supply planning and water projects for the Suwannee River Water Management District. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Kiger for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 24, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA - As Amended

- A. Agreement with North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for Pipeline Safety Technical Assistance - Fiscal Year 2014-15
- B. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties was removed from the agenda.
- C. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Selections for Dixie, Gilchrist and Union Counties
- D. Appointment of Transportation Disadvantaged Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties - Jason Bashaw was removed from the agenda.

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

ACTION: Mayor Witt made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation - Bucky Nash was removed from the agenda.
- B. Executive Director Appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Relief Task Force

Chair Riddick stated that our Executive Director, Scott Koons has been appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation Interstate 75 Relief Task Force. He also stated that the Task Force will support the Department's overall Tampa Bay to Northeast Florida Corridor study with initial emphasis west of Interstate 75 in Alachua, Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Proclamation Declaring October 2015 as Manufacturing Month

Mr. Koons stated that the month of October 2015 has been designated as Manufacturing Month. He further stated that Manufacturing Month is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our workforce. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the

Council join in the celebration of Manufacturing Month by designating October 2015 as Manufacturing Month to recognize the impact manufacturing has in the north central Florida region.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2015 as Manufacturing Month, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed six local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #82 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #84 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #4 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

He noted that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #82, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment and item #4, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. He further stated that with regards to item #82, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities or adjoining local governments. However, the item may result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the City retain a 75-foot buffer for lots of record prior to 2008. With regards to item #4, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan adopted amendments, the Committee finds that, for County items CPA 15-07, CPA 15-09 and CPA 15-10, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Natural Resources of Regional Significance, Regional Facilities or adjoining local governments.

Mr. Montgomery stated that with regards to Suwannee County item CPA 15-08, the Committee finds that significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to Regional Facilities or adjoining local governments; however, significant adverse impacts may occur to the North Central Florida Regional Ecological Greenway as well as the Suwannee River Corridor should the subject property be developed to its maximum allowable intensity of use. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements, to protect these Natural Resources of Regional Significance. The Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Frisina, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning #82 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Draft

**Amendment, #83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft
Amendment, #84 - City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan Adopted,
Amendment, #1 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Plan
Amendment, #3 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft
Amendment, and #4 - Suwanee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted
Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee -Evaluation and Appraisal Report of North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Commissioner Wells, Regional Planning Committee Chair, reported that the Committee has been meeting since January 2015 to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the regional plan. He further stated that the Committee concluded its work on the report at its September 2015 meeting. The report is based on the progress of the region toward attainment of strategic regional policy plan goals using the regional indicators of the plan. Commissioner Wells also stated that the Report is required to identify plan amendments which may be necessary as a result of changing regional conditions, changes to the State Comprehensive Plan, or other statutory changes.

Commissioner Wells summarized the recommendations of the report by the following subject areas of the regional plan: Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Emergency Preparedness; Natural Resources of Regional Significance; Regional Transportation; and Regional Significant Facilities and Resources. He stated that the Report also includes a recommendation that the regional indicators, as well as the data in the tables be updated to include the latest available date as well as the inclusion of data for Levy County and Marion County. He also stated the Report includes a recommendation that regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan which are located in either in Levy County or Marion County be considered for inclusion as Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. Commissioner Wells stated that the Report will be placed on the agenda for consideration and approval by the Council at the December 2015 meeting.

D. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2015-16
Board of Directors Position

Nominating Committee Chair Spooner gave the Nominating Committee report. She stated that the Nominating Committee met on October 16, 2015 to recommend an individual to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16.

She stated that the Nominating Committee recommends the following individual for the Board of Directors vacancy.

Gubernatorial Representative
William Hunter, Hamilton County

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Mayor Witt, to elect William Hunter to the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2014-15 Amended Budget

Lorene Thomas, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2015 and agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-15. She stated that this budget amendment takes into account action taken by the Council during the past year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared as well as reductions in anticipated revenues. She reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted that it contained an overall net increase of \$32,800, which represents a 1.9 percent increase. Ms. Thomas stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Council approve the proposed amended Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

ACTION: Ms. Thomas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, showed a video on Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Transportation Summit. He reported the Urban Area Counties Summit is set tentatively for January 19, 2016 at the Florida Department of Transportation Urban Area Office in Jacksonville. He stated that the Rural Area Counties Summit will be held January 26, 2016 at the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 office in Lake City. Mr. Bennett also stated that the Policy Element for the update of the Florida Transportation Plan is currently available on the Florida Department of Transportation website and comments may be submitted to the Department through November 14, 2015.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, from Save Our Santa Fe River and Cathy Street from the Ichetucknee Alliance both spoke concerning new chicken houses located in southern Columbia County.

Mr. LJ Johnson, alternate Citizen Advocate User from the Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Transportation Board spoke about the recommended appointment of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten 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 activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the activities listed in the September 2015 activities report in the Council meeting packet.

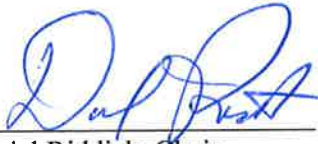
B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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 October 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons gave an update on the status on the proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments. He stated that staff has attended six member local government county and city commission meetings to date to make presentations concerning the Council and the proposed interlocal agreement amendments. He indicated that staff will be attending county and city commission meetings for the remaining 18 member local governments in November and December 2015.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Daniel Riddick, Chair

12/10/15

Date