NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

January 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornel, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
David Sullivan, City of Perry
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Diana Davis
Dustin Hinkel
Ralph Kitchens
LJ Johnson
John Meeks

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Dwayne Mundy
Jean Strong

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

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 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Catron and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Dustin Hinkel, County Administrator from Taylor County; John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County; Sandra Buck-Camp, LJ Johnson and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

II. 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 Riddick thanked Mr. Mundy for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

A. Monthly Financial Reports - November 2015 and December 2015

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Frisina, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR’S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Riddick introduced new Council member, Commissioner Anthony Adams from Lafayette County.
B. Resolutions of Appreciation
   1. Honorable Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
   2. Honorable Curtis Hamlin, Lafayette County
   3. Honorable Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
   4. Honorable Everett Phillips, Columbia County
   5. Honorable Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

Chair Riddick asked that a Resolutions of Appreciation for past services be approved for Mayor Ed Braddy, who served as a Council Member since August 2013; Commissioner Curtis Hamlin, who served as Council Member since October 2006; Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, who served as a Council Member since December 2013; Commissioner Everett Phillips, who served as Council Member since January 2015; and Commissioner Randy Wells, who served as Council Member since May 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell to approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Mayor Ed Braddy, Commissioner Curtis Hamlin, Commissioner Robert Hutchinson, Commissioner Everett Phillips and Commissioner Randy Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Steve Tyson

ACTION: Commissioner Frisina made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Steve Tyson. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Committee Appointments

Chair Riddick stated that due to vacancies on the Clearinghouse Committee, Finance Committee and Regional Planning Committee several appointments needed to be made to these Committees.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to ratify the appointment by the Chair of Larry Sessions and Helen Warren to the Clearinghouse Committee; Robert Wilford to the Finance Committee; Commissioner Frisina and Commissioner Roberts to the Regional Planning Committee; Beth Burnam as the Chair of the Regional Planning Committee and Robert Wilford as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

Mr. Koons reported that the items listed on the schedule, which is attached herein and made a part of these minutes, are computer hardware of outdated technology, with related equipment. He 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 or local government.
ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to declare the items listed on the schedule, which is attached herein and made a part of these minutes, as surplus property and to approve the disposal of this equipment in accordance with Council policy. 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 12 local government comprehensive plan amendments.

#21 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#22 - Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline Final Environmental Impact Statement
#41 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#42 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#43 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#45 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#46 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#47 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
#48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
#55 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#56 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
#57 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #42, Town of Yankeetown Draft Amendment and item #48, Suwannee County Draft 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. With regards to item #42, Town of Yankeetown Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, may result in significant adverse impacts to the Withlacoochee River and its associated wetlands, both of which are Natural Resources of Regional Significance as identified and mapped in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan. With regards to item #48, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended by County item CPA 15-13, may result in significant adverse impacts to the North Central Florida Regional Ecological Greenway and the Suwannee River Corridor. It is therefore recommended that the County consider adding protective policies, such as buffer requirements, to protect these Natural Resources of Regional Significance. With regards to item #79, Sabal Trail, the Committee recommends that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approve the preferred alternative route with the condition that it follow existing rights-of-way and co-locate with existing linear utilities to the maximum extent feasible.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations
concerning #21 - City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #22 - Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline Final Environmental Impact Statement; #41 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #42 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #43 - Town of Yankeetown Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #45 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #46 - City of Archer Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #47 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #48 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; #55 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #56 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #57 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Burnam, Regional Planning Committee Vice-Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening to begin the process of preparing amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She stated that the amendments are guided by the regional plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report recently adopted by the Council.

Commissioner Burnam stated that earlier this evening, the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Element. She reported that the Committee will prepare proposed amendments to the various elements of the regional plan over the course of the year. It anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council 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 January 20, 2016 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.

   Local Government Appointee
   Patricia Patterson, Taylor County

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to elect Patricia Patterson to the Board of Directors for the remainder of Program Year 2015-16 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.
VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the 2016 Local Government Transportation Summit was held earlier in the day at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City. He stated that approximately 75 participants attended the Summit. He also stated that the Summit was designed for local government public works professionals, county administrators, planners and grant specialists involved in project solicitation and development.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection stated that the Department would be conducting a workshop for transporters of used oil and hazardous waste at the Northeast Florida District office of the Department in Jacksonville on February 19, 2016.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District stated that the District has received a $2 million appropriation for water conservation cost share projects. He noted that the deadline for submitting applications to the District is February 17, 2016.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Mr. LJ Johnson stated that he had applied to be appointed the voting Citizen Advocate/User member of the Columbia, Hamilton Suwanee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. He further stated that the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, appointed him the alternate Citizen Advocate/User member. Finally, he stated that he objected to being appointed the alternate member and not being appointed the voting member.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons stated that the 2014-15 Annual Report for the Florida Regional Councils Association was included in the meeting packet. He further stated that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all ten regional councils in Florida. It is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all ten executive directors. Mr. Koons further stated that Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner and Ms. Lorene Thomas are members of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board with Commissioner Spooner serving as Second Vice-President of the Policy Board. He also stated the activities of the Council are featured on pages 15, 16, 17 and 23.

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 January 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments being considered during the 2016 Legislative Session. He noted that a development of regional impact bill, Senate Bill 7000 by the Senate Community Affairs Committee, is a glitch bill addressing changes made by the Legislature to the development of regional impact process last year. He also reported on Senate Bill 304 and House Bill 59 that would prohibit local governments from restricting, regulating or otherwise limiting agritourism activities.

Mr. Koons also reported that the Water Policy bill, Senate Bill 552 by Senator Dean, passed both the Senate and House, and has been signed by the Governor. He stated that it creates the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act. Finally, he reported that there were three new bills filed last week relating to growth management. He noted that Senate Bill 1190 and House Bill 1361 were growth management bills addressing additional changes to the development of regional impact and sector plan processes and that House Bill 1173, by Representative Perry, addresses private property rights.


Mr. Koons stated that the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources of funds that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council. He noted that the Grantee Performance Report for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 indicated that an estimated 587 jobs were created or retained, an estimated $113,000,000 in private investment occurred and an estimated $40,000,000 in public investment occurred on ten projects that implemented the Strategy during the reporting period.

E. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons stated that staff has completed presentations concerning the amendments to the interlocal agreement creating the Council with the current 24 member local governments and that all current 24 member local governments have approved the amendments to the interlocal agreement. He stated that the amended interlocal agreement became effective January 1, 2016.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on February 25, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Daniel Riddick, Chair

2/25/16

Date
January 6, 2016

TO: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

FROM: Kevin D. Parrish, Information Technology and Property Management Director

SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

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The above items are either broken or of such outdated technology that they are no longer being used. We need to have them taken off the inventory list so they can be disposed of.