

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

March 24, 2016
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor 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
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
David Sullivan, City of Perry
James Tallman, Union County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Timothy Bennett
Allen Cherry
Diana Davis
Jamie Diggers
LJ Johnson
Ralph Kitchens
Stew Lilker
John Meeks
Steven Spitzer
David Stegall
Noah Valenstein

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 7:34 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Wilford 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; Allen Cherry, County Coordinator from Madison County and member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee; Timothy Bennett, City Manager from the City of Madison, Noah Valenstein, Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District; Ralph Kitchens, member and LJ Johnson, alternate member of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Steven Spritzer and David Stegall citizens from Union County; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Roosevelt Petithomme, District Local Program Administrator
Florida Department of Transportation, District Two

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Roosevelt Petithomme, District Local Program Administrator Florida Department of Transportation, District Two. Mr. Pettithomme's remarks provided Council members an update concerning the Local Agency Program for District Two. The Program affords counties and cities the opportunity to manage transportation construction projects funded by the Department. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Petithomme for his presentation.

Following the presentation, Mr. Petithomme presented the Council an appreciation plaque from the Florida Department of Transportation, District Two, Program Management Office in recognition of the partnership between the Council and the Department for the support and dedication of the Council in developing the communities of the north central Florida region.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 25, 2016

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

Chair Riddick asked that Item 4.F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda under Chair's Report Item V.B.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to remove Item 4.F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties from the Consent Agenda and place it on the regular agenda under Chair's Report Item V.B. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Monthly Financial Report - February 2016
- B. U.S. Economic Development Administration
Short Term Planning and State Grant Agreement
- C. Florida Department of Transportation
Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution
- D. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Council
Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.
- E. Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council Concerning Update
of Statewide Regional Evacuation Study
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Dixie County
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Gilchrist County
- I. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Union County
- J. Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

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

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Resolution - Lindon Lindsey

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Lindon Lindsey. The motion carried.

(From the Consent agenda)

- B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator
for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

Following comments by Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer and as a citizen from Columbia County in opposition by, Commissioner Sessions from Suwannee County in support and by Commissioner Burnam from Hamilton County in support of the designation of Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, the following action was taken.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant to recommend that the Florida Commission on the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. The motion carried with 20 ayes and two nays.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Amendments to Clearinghouse Committee Procedures

Mr. Koons reported that at its February 25, 2016 meeting, the Clearinghouse Committee reviewed and recommended that the Council amend the Clearinghouse Committee Procedures. He stated that the proposed amendments to the Clearinghouse Committee Procedures revise items that the Committee reviews and prepares recommendations to the Council for its consideration based upon changes to state law and add Levy and Marion Counties to the geographic area subject to review comments by the Committees.

ACTION: Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to adopt amendments to Policy 1998-2 Clearinghouse Committee Procedures that revise the items that the Committee reviews and prepares recommendations to the Council, and adds Levy and Marion Counties to the geographic area subject to review comments by the Committee. 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 the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#75 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#76 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

#77 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that in addition to the comprehensive plan amendments, the Council received the following Environmental Impact Statement.

#71 - U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region-Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Central Planning Area Lease Sale 247

Mr. Montgomery stated that with regards to the Item #75 Marion County Adopted Amendment and Item #76 City of Ocala Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that 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.

Mr. Montgomery stated that Item #77, Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the County Comprehensive Plan, as amended by County Item CPA-15-12, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance, or adjacent local governments. He further stated the County 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, and therefore, the Committee recommends that the County consider adding protective polices, such as buffer requirements adjacent to these Natural Resources of Regional Significance.

Mr. Montgomery added that with regards to the Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Impact Statement the Committee recommends forwarding no comments as the area is not located within the Eastern Planning Area and is located approximately 150 miles west of any coastal and off-shore Natural Resources of Regional Significance. He 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 Cornell, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #75 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #76 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #77 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; and #71 - U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region-Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Central Planning Area Lease Sale 247. 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 Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to continue the process of preparing amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. She stated that the preparation of the amendments is guided by the regional plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report recently adopted by the Council.

Commissioner Burnam further stated that earlier in the evening, the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Emergency Preparedness Element. She reported that the Committee will prepare proposed amendments to the various elements of the regional plan over the course of the year. She stated that the Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

D. Program Committee - 2016-17 Overall Program Design

Due to time limitations, the Program Committee did not meet earlier the evening of March 24, 2016.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River Water Management District stated that staff from the Suwannee River Water Management District will be contacting local governments concerning potential springs projects. He stated that there is \$50 million available for springs projects statewide. Carlos Herd added that letters will be sent to local governments requesting projects concerning alternative water supply.

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that Small County Outreach Program funding from the Department is currently available for municipalities.

There was no Florida Department of Environmental Protection report.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS -

Comments were made by LJ Johnson objecting to his appointment as an alternate member to the Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Board.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 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 March 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Legislative Session adjourned on March 11, 2016. He stated that the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget adopted by the Legislature included a project specific appropriation of \$500,000 for regional planning councils, serving as economic development districts, to conduct a statewide industry cluster analysis. However, he reported that the Governor recently vetoed the project specific appropriation of \$500,000 for regional planning councils.

Mr. Koons stated that Senate Bill 7000 by the Senate Community Affairs Committee, a glitch bill addressing changes made by the Legislature to the development of regional impact process last year was not passed by the Legislature. He also reported that Senate Bill 1190 that addresses developments of regional impacts and sector plans was not passed by the Legislature, but House Bill 1361 that addresses developments of regional impact and sector plans was passed by the Legislature.

Mr. Koons also reported that House Bill 1173, by Representative Perry, that addresses private property rights was not passed by the Legislature. Finally, he reported that House Bill 59 relating to agritourism was passed by the Legislature and Senate Bill 552 concerning water policy was also passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

C. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons stated that the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee met on February 22, 2016. He reported that the Committee heard presentations from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on the status of agriculture irrigation efficiency cost estimates. Mr. Koons also reported that the Committee heard presentations from water management district staff on methods for estimating sufficient project options related to minimum flows and levels as well as water reservation and water supply. Finally, he reported that the Committee also heard a presentation from Save Our Lakes representatives regarding a proposed water supply project involving redirecting stormwater and treated wastewater effluent through abandoned sand mines in Bradford County to Crystal Lake, Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva in Putnam County for purposes of recharging the Florida Aquifer and to minimize flooding along Alligator Creek in Starke.

Mr. Koons reported that Randy Hatch, former Suwanee County Commissioner and Chair of the Council, died on March 11, 2016. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Hatch.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Daniel Riddick, Chair

4/28/16

Date