

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

July 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, 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
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management
Roni Jordan, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Jason Evans, High Springs
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Riddick, Daniel, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Jim Bush
LJ Johnson
Patrick Juliano
Brian Kauffman
Stew Lilker
Judy Rice
Alison Stettner
Jim Wood

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with an invocation given by Vice-Mayor Wilford and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced new Council member Rick Coleman from the City of Newberry.

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater; Brian Kauffman, County Coordinator from Madison County; Judy Rice, City Clerk from the City of Newberry; Alison Stettner from Florida Turnpike Enterprise; Jim Bush from Florida Power and Light; Sandra Buck-Camp and LJ Johnson, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

Chair Davis asked Patrick Juliano, Regional Manager representing Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater to address the Council, he talked about unclaimed funds that are available to be claimed by Florida citizens from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Jim Wood, Director, Office of Policy Planning
Florida Department of Transportation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Jim Wood, Director, State Transportation Planning Administrator from the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Wood provided Council members an overview of what the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force process. Chair Davis thanked Mr. Wood for his presentation.

Chair Davis asked that Item VI.B.4. #111 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas, to add Item VI.B.4. #111 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 23, 2016

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sessions, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. Monthly Financial Report - June 2016
- B. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2016-17 Town of LaCrosse
- C. Purchase Order with the Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with
Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation
- D. Agency Regulatory Plan - Fiscal Year 2016-17

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

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Frisina, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which is attached. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons stated that United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with an increase in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2016. He also stated that the total increase in cost to the Council for the coming year would be \$896 per month, or an increase of 10.2 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$9,658.

Mr. Koons also stated that United Healthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. United Healthcare is proposing to increase the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year by \$6 per month or an increase of 10.0 percent. The resulting total monthly cost to employees would be \$64.

Mr. Koons stated that staff secured alternative proposals for health insurance from United Healthcare for consideration by the Executive Committee. He stated that the alternative proposals include reductions in benefits for employees. He also reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council select the renewal option from UnitedHealthcare for the year beginning September 1, 2016.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Spooner made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan 8X-J/RX316 for health insurance, Plan F5430 for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

2. I-75 Relief Task Force

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that a comment letter be sent to the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force with a recommendation that the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force recommendations in its report to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation be consistent with the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; a recommendation to amend state statutes to enable the Florida Department of Transportation to allocate State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System funds to projects on local-maintained facilities that provide congestion relief to adjacent State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System facilities; and a recommendation to add a guiding principle statement to the beginning of the Framework for Enhanced and New Transportation Corridors stating that any transportation capacity, operational or safety deficiencies within the region's transportation system should first be

met by improvements to existing transportation corridors. New transportation corridors should only be considered as alternatives once significant improvements have been planned and programmed to existing corridors.

ACTION: Commissioner Budd made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force with a recommendation that the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force recommendations in its report to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation be consistent with the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; a recommendation to amend state statutes to enable the Florida Department of Transportation to allocate State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System funds to projects on local-maintained facilities that provide congestion relief to adjacent State Highway System/Strategic Intermodal System facilities; and a recommendation to add a guiding principle statement to the beginning of the Framework for Enhanced and New Transportation Corridors stating that any transportation capacity, operational or safety deficiencies within the region's transportation system should first be met by improvements to existing transportation corridors. New transportation corridors should only be considered as alternatives once significant improvements have been planned and programmed to existing corridors. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos requested that the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force recommendations also be consistent with the county and city and comprehensive plans.

ACTION: Commission Hayes-Santos made a motion with a second by Commissioner Budd to add language to the Interstate 75 Relief Task Force comment letter stating that its recommendations also need to be consistent with county and city comprehensive plans. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, Clearinghouse Committee Chair, 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.

- #108 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #109 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #110 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which requires action prior to our next meeting

- #111 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

He reported that the Committee finds that 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 adjacent local governments.

Mr. Montgomery stated that 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 Budd, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #108 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #109 - City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #110 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and #111 - City of Belleview Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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 Chair, reported that members of 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 Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the draft Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan is on the Florida Department of Transportation's website and comments are due by August 4, 2016. He further stated that the Department will host a Small County Road Assistance Program, Small County Outreach Program and County Incentive Grant Program grant application workshops on October 3, 2016 at the Suwannee River Water Management District in Live Oak and October 6, 2016 at the St. Johns Water Management District in Palatka. Mr. Bennett also stated that the Department will host the Local Government Transportation Summit in January 2017.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Mr. Koons stated that he and Chair Davis attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board in St. Petersburg on July 8, 2016. He further stated that the Policy Board adopted a resolution concerning the algal blooms in St. Lucie Estuary, Indian River Lagoon and Lake Worth Lagoon supporting the Governor's request for a federal disaster declaration.

Mr. Koons reported that the Policy Board reviewed a financial report, and approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Assembled Financial Statements, a Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget amendment and the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget. He stated that the Policy Board also

elected officers for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Vice-Mayor Spooner was elected 1st Vice-President.

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 related to each of the Six Pillars. 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 July 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Mobility Enhancement Grants

Mr. Koons reported that the 2016 Florida Legislature authorized \$1,750,000 of non-recurring funds to be competitively awarded by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged through a Mobility Enhancement Grant Program. He further stated that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged was directed to award grant funds to Community Transportation Coordinators to support projects that: enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation; assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas; promote the efficient coordination of services; support inter-city bus transportation; or encourage private transportation provider participation.

Mr. Koons reported that MV Transportation, Inc., the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County, and Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc, the Community Transportation Coordinator for Bradford County, were two of five applicants in the state to be awarded Mobility Enhancement Grant funds from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. He stated that MV Transportation, Inc. was awarded \$49,815 to provide reduced fare bus passes to the homeless and Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. was awarded \$53,450 to provide on-demand transportation service for local medical, pharmacy and shopping purposes in Starke.

D. 2015-16 Member Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons reported that an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings, and a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings. Mr. Koons then presented attendance awards in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2015-16 to LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper; and Lorene Thomas, Gubernatorial Appointee from Dixie County.

E. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that the awarding of the Executive Director's Cup will be rescheduled for the August 25, 2016 meeting.

F. Annual City-County Managers Meeting - June 24, 2016

Mr. Koons reported that each year, Council staff meets with city and county managers and their staffs from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs. He stated that the annual meeting for city and county managers this year was held on June 24, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City, Florida.

G. Regional Directory

Mr. Koons reported that the 2016 Regional Directory was mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies the week of July 25, 2016. He also stated the Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on August 25, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Rick Davis, Chair

8/25/16

Date