NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

August 25, 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
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
William Hunter, Hamilton County
John Meeks, Levy County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
James Tallman, Union 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

Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershaw

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Catron, City of Madison
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Jason Evans, High Springs
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Josh Cucinella
Diana Davis
Susan Davis
Dustin Hinkel
LJ Johnson
Brian Kauffman
Scott Mixon
Susan Ramsey
Judy Rice
James Schindler
Chet Thompson

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 7:32 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Patterson and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Davis stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Brian Kauffman, County Coordinator from Madison County; Dustin Hinkle, County Administrator from Taylor County; Judy Rice, City Clerk from the City of Newberry; Susan Ramsey, Executive Director from Hamilton County Industrial Development Authority and Chair of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee; Sandra Buck-Camp and LJ Johnson, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; James Schindler, Business Services Representative from CareerSource North Central Florida and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

Chair Davis asked that Item VI.B.3. #116 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.4. #117 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; VI.B.5. #118 - City of Hampton Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and Item # VI.B.6. #119 - Marion County Comprehensive Draft Amendment which were received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to add Item VI.B.3. #116 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item VI.B.4. #117 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; VI.B.5. #118 - City of Hampton Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and Item # VI.B.6. #119 - Marion County Comprehensive Draft Amendment to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Scott Mixon - Public Affairs Manager
Foley Cellulose Mill - Georgia Pacific

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Scott Mixon - Public Affairs Manager and Chet Thompson, Fenholloway Water Quality Project Manager, Foley Cellulose Mill - Georgia Pacific. Mr. Mixon and Mr. Thompson provided Council members an overview of the economic impact of the Foley Cellulose Mill - Georgia Pacific has on the regional economy and an update on the Fenholloway Water Quality Project. Chair Davis thanked Mr. Mixon and Mr. Thompson for their presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 28, 2016

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Frisina made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -


B. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Service Agreements - Fiscal Year 2016-17
C. Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements - 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: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which is attached. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR’S REPORT -

A. Introduction of New Members

Chair Davis welcomed new Council member John Meeks, County Commissioner from Levy County.

B. Resolutions of Appreciation - Tim Marden

Chair Davis asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past services be approved for Tim Marden, who served as a Council member representing the City of Newberry since July 2013.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Spooner to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Tim Marden. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

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.

#114 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments  
#115 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

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

#116 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment  
#117 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment  
#118 - City of Hampton Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment  
#119 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft 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. He stated that additionally, the Committee finds that for all but one of the items, significant adverse impacts are not anticipated to occur to regional facilities. However, he noted that the Committee finds that the significant adverse impacts may occur to a segment of the Regional Road Network from item #119 Marion County Draft Amendment.

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 Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning #114 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments; #115 - Hamilton County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; #116 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #117 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; # 118 - City of Hampton Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and #119 - Marion County 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 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 tonight the Committee reviewed the Regional Significant Facilities and Resources Element as well as the Coordination Outline, Dispute Resolution Rule and the Glossary Terms. Commissioner Burnam stated that the Committee anticipates submitting the proposed amendments to the Council for its consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Report

Ms. Susan Ramsey, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met August 18, 2016. She stated that the Committee meets annually to determine whether any changes are needed to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and to discuss economic development projects which have occurred in the region during the past year.

Ms. Ramsey stated that the information provided by Committee members will be used as part of an annual report to the U.S. Economic Development Administration and that the report is necessary to maintain local government eligibility for U.S. Economic Development Administration grants. She stated that no changes were proposed to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. However, she stated that the Strategy is required to be updated every five years and is next scheduled to be updated by September 2017. Ms. Ramsey further stated that the Committee will work on updating
the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy next year and the next meeting of the Committee is anticipated to be held in March 2017.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Davis, St. Johns River Water Management District, was introduced by Chair Davis. Ms. Davis stated that she is the Intergovernmental Coordinator and works with Alachua, Lake, Marion and Putnam Counties. She reported that the District will be soliciting applications for cost share water projects in October 2016.

Bill Henderson, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the final I-75 Relief Task Force meeting was held August 12, 2016. He further stated that the Department will host 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.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, distributed information concerning the Zika virus and stated that more information may be obtained from the Florida Department of Health website.

Josh Cucinella, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, stated that the Commission provides technical services to private land owners and local governments concerning wildlife habitat management. He also stated that the Commission works with agency partners, developers, engineers and consultants to mitigate and minimize impacts to wildlife.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 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 August 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

B. Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons stated that Senate Bill 1216 (Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida) enacted by the Legislature during the 2015 Legislative Session eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred Levy County and Marion County to the north central Florida region. He further stated that the Council was created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01,
Florida Statutes, as amended, entered into by counties and municipalities located in the north central Florida region.

Mr. Koons reported that in order to add Levy County and Marion County to the membership of the Council, the existing member local governments at its September 24, 2015 meeting, recommended proposed to the interlocal agreements to the existing member local government.

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

Mr. Koons further reported that on August 1, 2016, the Marion County Board of County Commissioner tabled a resolution adopting the amended interlocal amendment and authorized the submission of a letter to the Governor requesting that Marion County be assigned to the east central Florida region. He also reported that on August 16, 2016, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution adopting the amended interlocal agreement to become a member local government of the Council and appointed County Commissioner John Meeks as their representative to the Council.

C. 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 Daniel Riddick, Bradford County Commissioner and Patricia Patterson, Taylor County Commissioner.

D. Executive Director’s Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director’s Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

Mr. Koons presented the 2015-16 Executive Director’s Cup to County members, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County and Patricia Patterson, Taylor County. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Director’s Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on September 22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.