

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

October 27, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Ken Cornell, Alachua County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer  
*William Hunter, Hamilton 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  
**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

Jamie Driggers, Florida Department  
of Transportation  
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River  
Water Management District  
Roary Snider, Suwannee River  
Water Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry  
Jason Evans, High Springs  
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County  
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry  
John Meeks, Levy County  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
*Daniel Webb, Union County*  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp  
Josh Cucinella  
Diana Davis  
LJ Johnson  
Brian Kauffman  
Ralph Kitchens  
Stew Lilker  
David Pieklik  
James Schindler

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis welcomed and introduced Brian Kauffman, County Coordinator from Madison County; Roary Snider, Administrator and Operations Division Director from the Suwannee River Water Management District; Josh Cucinella, Land Use Planning Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region; David Pieklik, Executive Director of Nature Coast Business Development Council; Sandra Buck-Camp, Ralph Kitchens and LJ Johnson, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; James Schindler, Business Services Representative from CareerSource North Central Florida, Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer and Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the agenda be approved.

**ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, Economic Development, Regional Planning and Transportation Planning for the Council. Mr. Dopp gave a presentation concerning the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Proposed Amendments. Chair Davis thanked Mr. Dopp for his presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 22, 2016

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 2017-19 U.S. Economic Development Partnership Planning Grant Application
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Staff Services Agreement

- C. Florida Department of Transportation District 2  
Local Government Transportation Summit Sponsorship
- D. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement  
Fiscal Year 2016-17 Town of Bell
- E. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement  
Fiscal Year 2016-17 Town of Mayo
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment  
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment  
Levy County
- H. Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for Madison County

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 Mayor Davis, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda which is attached. The motion carried unanimously.**

## VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

### A. Committee Appointment

Chair Davis stated that there will be a vacancy on the Nominating Committee of the Council prior to the next meeting. He recommended the appointment of Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak as Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee.

**ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to ratify the appointment of Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak as Vice-Chair to the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

### B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Jason Bashaw

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Jason Bashaw. The motion carried unanimously.**

### C. Executive Director Elected Second Vice-President National Association of Development Organizations

Chair Davis congratulated Executive Director Scott Koons for recently being elected Second Vice-President of the National Association of Development Organizations. He stated that the Association was founded in 1967 and provides advocacy, education, networking and research for the network of 540 regional development organizations. He also stated that the organization also promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies.

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Appoint Members for Two-Year Terms to  
North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc.

Mr. Koons reported that the Articles of Incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., require that the Council make appointments of its members. These appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Spooner made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to appoint Anthony Adams, Lafayette County, LaBarfield Bryant, Hamilton County, Harvey Budd, Alachua County, Beth Burnam, Hamilton County, Jim Catron, Madison County, Charles Chestnut, Alachua County, Ken Cornell, Alachua County, Louie Davis, Alachua County, Rick Davis, Madison County, Shirlie Hampton, Taylor County, Adrian Hayes-Santos, Alachua County, John Meeks, Levy County, James Montgomery, Columbia County, Garth Nobles, Jr., Suwannee County, David Pieklik, Levy County, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, DeLoris Roberts, Alachua County, Larry Sessions, Suwannee County, Kevin Sheilley, Marion County, James Tallman, Union County, Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County, Lorene Thomas, Dixie County, Helen Warren, Alachua County, Robert Wilford, Alachua County, and Stephen Witt, Columbia County for two-year terms effective October 27, 2016 to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. 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 amendment which was included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#127 - City of Hawthorne Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment

He reported that the Committee finds that that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. Mr. Montgomery stated that however, significant adverse impacts may occur within nearby unincorporated Alachua County with regards to land use compatibility and environmental impacts. He stated that the Committee recommends that the City consider including the recommendations of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in the City amendment package.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the City, Alachua County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning #127 - City of Hawthorne 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 Warren, Regional Planning Committee Vice-Chair, reported that the Committee has finished its review of the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan. She stated that the next step in the amendment process is to forward copies of the proposed changes to appropriate state agencies, regional agencies and local governments within the region to allow them an opportunity to comment within a 60-day comment period.

Commissioner Warren stated that after receipt of any comments, the Council will have 90 days to make any changes suggested by the reviewing agencies and local governments and to adopt by rule the amendments to the regional plan. She finally stated that Mr. Dopp of the Council staff presented a summary of the Committee's recommended amendments to the regional plan earlier in the meeting.

**ACTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, that the Council begin the adoption process for the proposed Evaluation and Appraisal Report-based amendments to the regional plan, as recommended by the Regional Planning Committee, by authorizing staff to transmit the proposed amendments to the Executive Office of the Governor, state agencies, and local governments for review and comment and to place copies of the proposed amendments at regional libraries in the region. The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2015-16 Amended Budget

Mayor Davis, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on October 20, 2016 and agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2015-16. He 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 changes in anticipated revenues. He reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted that it contained an overall net increase of \$105,300, which represents a 5.6 percent increase. Mayor Davis stated that the Finance Committee recommends that the Council approve the proposed amended Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget.

**ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Jamie Driggers, Florida Department of Transportation Program Engineer, stated the Department will be conducting a public workshop on the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2017/18 thru 2021-2022 on November 8, 2016 at the District Office 2 in Lake City from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and a public hearing on November 10, 2016 at the District 2 Urban Office in Jacksonville from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. He also mentioned comments may be submitted via the website for the Work Program.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the regional water supply plan jointly prepared by the District and the St. Johns River Water Management District is now available for a 60-day public comment period which began on October 4, 2016. He further stated that there will be a public workshop concerning the regional water supply plan on November 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and also at 6:00 p.m. at the District office in Live Oak.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, from the Columbia County Observer asked questions concerning Consent Agenda Item VI.A. - 2017-19 U.S. Economic Development Partnership Planning Grant Application and Consent Agenda Item VI.C. - Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Local Government Transportation Summit Sponsorship.

XI. 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 Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives listed in the September 2016 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 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 October 2016 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

