

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

April 27, 2017
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
James Tallman, Union 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
Bill Henderson, Florida Department
of Transportation
Roary Snider, Suwannee River
Water Management District

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Jason Evans, City of High Springs
Adrian Hayes-Santos, City of Gainesville
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
John Meeks, Levy County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Mike Williams, Madison County

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Thomas Hawkins
LJ Johnson
Brian Kaufmann
Stew Lilker
Darryl Mortimer
Daniel Penniman

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

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 Wilford 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 Kaufmann, County Coordinator from the Madison County; LJ Johnson, member of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Bill Henderson, from the Florida Department of Transportation; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; Darryl Mortimer, husband of Council member Janice Mortimer and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER - Thomas Hawkins, Policy and Planning Director
1000 Friends of Florida

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Thomas Hawkins, Policy and Planning Director from 1000 Friends of Florida. Mr. Hawkins gave a presentation on the Florida 2070 project recently completed by 1000 Friends of Florida. Chair Davis thanked Mr. Hawkins for his presentation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 30, 2017

Chair Davis asked that the minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wilford, to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - March 2017
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
for the Gainesville Urbanized Area Interlocal Agreement Affirmation
- C. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for
Local Emergency Management - Fiscal Year 2017-18
- D. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management to
Update Hazard Analyses - Fiscal Year 2017-18

- E. Purchase Order with Northeast Florida Regional Council to Assist with Hurricane Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation
- F. Purchase Order with Northeast Regional Planning Council to Assist with Public Health Exercise Planning, Evaluation and Documentation
- G. Florida Chamber Foundation Florida Town 2030 Town Halls
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wilford, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Davis stated that there were no new members to introduce.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee

- 1. Proclamation Declaring April 2017 as County Government Month

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring April 2017 as County Government Month in the north central Florida region. He further stated that County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2017 as County Government Month. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Proclamation Declaring May 7-13, 2017 as Travel and Tourism Week

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring week of May 7-13, 2017 as National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. He also stated that activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

ACTION: Commissioner Warren made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to adopt a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 7-13 as Travel and Tourism Week. 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.

- #75 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #77 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
- #79 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #70 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #71 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments

Mr. Montgomery stated 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 adjacent local governments. He 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 Warren, to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #75 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #77 - Marion County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; Item #79 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #80 - City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and Item #81 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - 2017-18 Overall Program Design

Ms. Thomas, Vice-Chair and Program Committee Chair, stated that the Program Committee met earlier to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. She stated that this document is to be used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. She stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council. Ms. Thomas finally stated the Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 25, 2017 Council meeting.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2 stated that the Department recently completed the draft of its Complete Streets Handbook. He also noted that comments concerning the draft handbook should be submitted to the Department by May 26, 2017.

Roary Snider, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the District is soliciting applications for local government water projects.

Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region. He also stated that the Commission and the Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida will be holding a Conserving and Restoring Wildlife Habitat in Subdivisions Conference on May 23, 2017 at the University in Gainesville.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

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 activities listed in the March 2017 activities report included 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 April 2017 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 2017 Legislative Session. He noted Senate Bill 600 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 333 by Representative Clemons relate to the Rural Economic Development Initiative Program will probably not be passed by the Legislative.

Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 216 by Senator Rodriguez relates to economic incentive will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He also reported that House Bill 7005 by Commerce and Tourism Committee that also relates to economic incentive programs will probably not be passed by the Legislative.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 9 by Representative Renner relates to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (VisitFlorida) passed the House of Representatives. He stated that House Bill 889 by Representative Gruters and co-sponsors relates to Florida government support

organizations will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He stated Senate Bill 1076 by Senator Passidono relates to Florida government support organizations will probably not be passed by the Legislative.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 1110 by Senator Brades, Braxton and Rodrigues relates to economic development. He stated Senate Bill 1112 by Senator Brades relates to state economic enhancement and development trust fund will probably not be passed by the Legislative. Mr. Koons reported that Senate Bill 936 by Senator Montford relates to Regional Rural Development Grants will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He stated that House Bill 1415 by Representative Ponder also relates to Regional Rural Development Grants will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He stated House Bill 13 by Local Federal Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and Representative Raburn relates to community redevelopment areas was passed by the House of Representatives. Mr. Koons also reported Senate Bill 1770 by Senator Lee also relates to community redevelopment agencies.

Mr. Koons reported House Bill 17 by Careers and Competition Subcommittee and Representatives Fine and Renner relates to local regulation preemption will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He stated that Senate Bill 1158 by Senator Passisomo also relates to local regulation preemption will probably not be passed by the Legislative. Also, he stated that pursuant to action taken by the Council at its April 27, 2017 meeting, letters signed by the chair expressing the Council's concern regarding the adverse impact of House Bill 17 and Senate Bill 1158 would have on local government house rule authority were sent to the Senate President, House Speaker and regional legislative delegation.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 464 by Senator Clemens relates to natural hazards will probably not be passed by the Legislative. He noted that House Bill 181 by Representative Jacobs also relates to natural hazards will probably not be passed by the Legislative.

He stated House Bill 285 by Representative Fine relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspections and has been passed the House of Representatives. House Bill 551 by Representative Stone relates to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems will probably not be passed by the Legislative.

Mr. Koons reported Senate Bill 406 by Senator Bradley, Senate Bill 614 by Senator Brandes, Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Artiles, Senate Bill 1666 by Senator Braynon, Senate Bill 1758 by Senator Grimsley and House Bill 1397 by Representative Rodrigues all relate to medical marijuana.

D. Travel Marketing Professional Certification

Mr. Koons reported that Steven Dopp, Senior Planner, recently was awarded a diploma by the Southeast Tourism Society College Board of Trustees for successfully completing the required coursework for the Marketing for Travel and Tourism Program. He stated that during the past three years, Mr. Dopp attended the three-week Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College Program at the University of North Georgia.

