

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

July 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
James Catron, City of Madison
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Sean Greene, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission
Jim Orr, Florida Department
of Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Rick Coleman, Newberry
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
John Meeks, Levy County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Sandra Buck-Camp
Kevin Coyne
Diana Davis
Frank Davis
Terry Hansen
LJ Two Spirits Johnson
Stew Lilker

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Scott Koons
Jean Strong
Tara Tucker

Executive Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an invocation given by Commissioner Riddick.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Davis stated there was a quorum of the Council, and welcomed and introduced Mayor Frank Davis, City of Live Oak; Sandra Buck-Camp and LJ Two Spirits Johnson, members of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis from Waldo; and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - June 21, 2018
- B. Monthly Financial Report - June 2018
- C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement Fiscal Year 2017-18
Levy County

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked that the regular agenda be approved as written.

ACTION: Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sessions, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

- VII. GUEST SPEAKER - Kevin Coyne, Program Administrator
Terry Hansen, Professional Geologist Administrator
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Kevin Coyne, Program Administrator and Terry Hansen, Professional Geologist Administrator from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Hansen gave a presentation on Basin Management Action Plans for springs protection. Chair Davis thanked him for his presentation.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Mission Statement

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the mission statement of the Council be revised to delete the phrase "coordinates growth management" and replace it with "enhances public safety." He noted that the revised mission statement would read as follows: "To improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens, by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments."

ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Simmons to approve the revision of the mission statement of the Council to delete the phrase "coordinating growth management" and replace it with "enhancing public safety" as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons stated that United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with no change in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2018. The total change in the cost to the Council for the coming year would be \$0 per month, (0.0) percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$8,366.

Mr. Koons also stated that United Healthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. United Healthcare is proposing to decrease the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year by (\$3) per month or a decrease of (4.0) percent. The resulting total monthly cost to employees would be \$65.

Mr. Koons stated that staff secured alternative proposals for health insurance from United Healthcare for consideration by the Council. 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, 2018.

ACTION: Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Councilman Bryant, to approve the renewal proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan 8W-1/RX311 for health insurance, for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2018 as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Commissioner Adams, 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

- #47 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-2ESR)
- #48 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-3ESR)
- #49 - City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 17-1ER)
- #50 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)
- #51 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 18-1ESR)

Commissioner Adams stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans as amended, were 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 recommended forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #47 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #48 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #49 - City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; #50 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; and #51 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

X. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the springs projects are currently being reviewed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the river projects will be reviewed by the District Governing Board at their August 14, 2018 meeting. Mr. Glass also stated some river gauges on the Santa Fe River are currently at flood stage levels.

Sean Greene, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, stated that Commission staff are meeting with rural county staff to discuss technical assistance resources available to counties from the Commission.

Jim Orr, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

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 June 2018 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 July 2018 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Economic Development District Grantee Performance Report for period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Mr. Koons stated that the Council is a federally designated economic development district by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. He stated that each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by the U. S. Economic Development District or other sources that implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council. Mr. Koons reviewed the January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 Grantee Performance Report that reported an estimated 329 jobs had been either created or retained, an estimated \$35,149,000 in private investment and an estimated \$4,500,000 in public investment had occurred in ten projects that implemented the Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the reporting period.

D. 2017-18 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. He then presented a Certificate of Outstanding Attendance Award in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council

meeting during Program Year 2017-18 to Councilman LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper and to Gubernatorial Appointee Lorene Thomas, Dixie County.

E. 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 100 percent attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

Mr. Koons presented the 2017-18 Executive Director's Cup to City member LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper and Gubernatorial member Lorene Thomas, Dixie County. He also stated that the Executive Director's Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

F. 2017 Annual Report

Mr. Koons reported that each year, the Council publishes an annual report to review programs and services of the Council in fulfilling its mission to improve the quality of life of the region's citizens by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments. He also stated that the annual report highlights accomplishments in the areas of regional activities, public safety and regulatory compliance, economic development, local government assistance and transportation as well as providing a summary of the financial status of the Council and a look at the year ahead. He noted that a copy the 2017 Annual Report was included in the Council packet

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on August 23, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Louie Davis, Chair

8/23/2018
Date