

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

October 25, 2018
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
James Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
John MEEKS, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of
Transportation
Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District
Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathon Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patricia, Bouie, City of Hawthorne
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Matt Hersom, City of Newberry
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville
James Tallman, Union County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Alexander
Mary Nell Bell
Sandra Buck-Camp
Diana Davis
Don Hale, Jr.
Stew Lilker
Brian Kauffman
Tom Mirti
David Pieklik

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 Chestnut.

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 Don Hall Jr., Suwannee County Commissioner; Tim Alexander, County Manager of Dixie County; Brian Kauffman Madison County Coordinator; Sandra Buck-Camp, member of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Mary Nell Bryant, wife of LaBarfield Bryant from City of Jasper; Diana Davis, wife of Mayor Louie Davis from City of Waldo and Stew Lilker from the Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - September 27, 2018
- B. Hazards Analyses Services Agreement Fiscal Year 2018-19 Alachua County
- C. 2020 Census Participation Statistical Areas Program
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

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

ACTION: Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Davis asked for approval of the regular agenda.

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

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

VII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BALLOT PRESENTATION

Commissioner Davis from Madison County gave a presentation on the Constitutional Amendments on the ballot for November 6, 2018. Chair Davis thanked him for his presentation.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Member

Chair Davis welcomed new Council member Frank Davis, Mayor, City of Live Oak.

B. Resolution of Appreciation - William Whitelock

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for non-voting delegate William Whitelock from City of High Springs. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River
Task Force Appointment

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to ratify the appointments by the Chair of the following county commissioners to the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force; Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County; Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County; Commissioner Ronald Williams, Columbia County; Commissioner Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County; Commissioner Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist County; Commissioner Beth Burnam, Hamilton County; Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Commissioner John Meeks, Levy County; Commissioner Rick Davis, Madison County; Commissioner Don Hale, Suwannee County; Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County; and Commissioner James Tallman, Union County; with Commissioner Rick Davis to serve as Chair and Commissioner Beth Burnam to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Executive Director Elected President
National Association of Development Organizations

Chair Davis congratulated Executive Director Scott Koons for recently being elected 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. Chair Davis further stated that the organization also promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee

1. 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. He presented a slate of individuals to be appointed to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. as recommended by the Executive Committee.

David Arreola asked to have his name removed from the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. recommended member slate. Mr. Koons recommended Fletcher Hope be added to the recommended member slate for the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc.

ACTION: Commissioner Meeks made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sessions, to appoint Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Patricia Bouie, Alachua County; Robert Brown, Hamilton County; LaBarfield Bryant, Hamilton County; Jim Catron, Madison County, Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County; Ken Cornell, Alachua County, Frank Davis, Suwannee County; Louie Davis, Alachua County; Rick Davis, Madison County; Thomas Demps, Taylor County; Fletcher Hope, Alachua County; John Meeks, Levy County; Janice Mortimer, Bradford County; David Pieklik, Levy County; Daniel Riddick, Bradford County; Larry Sessions, Suwannee County; Kevin Sheilley, Marion County; Gigi Simmons, Alachua 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 25, 2018 to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring November 5, 2018 as Home Rule 50th Anniversary Day

Mr. Koons, Executive Director stated that November 5, 2018 has been designated to celebrate Home Rule 50th Anniversary Day. He stated voters placed local government rule into the Florida Constitution as an amendment to Article VIII. Mr. Koons stated the home rule power has enabled each county, city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state and has further served as the foundation upon which every local government builds its government structure. He stated a one size fits all approach to governance is not in the best interest of Florida citizens.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Davis, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming November 5, 2018 as Home Rule 50th Anniversary Day. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution Recognizing Service of Michael J. Busha as Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Mr. Koons stated that Michael Busha, Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will be retiring on November 30, 2018. He noted his career with the Council spanned 37 years. Mr. Koons reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt a resolution recognizing the service of Michael Busha.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas to adopt Resolution No. 2018-21 recognizing the service of Michael Busha as Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. 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 local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

- #74 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #75 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #1 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments
- #2 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #3 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #4 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #5 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

He reported that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #75, City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, 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.

Commissioner Adams stated that with regards to the City of Newberry amendment, the Committee notes that significant adverse impacts may occur to a portion if the Regional Road Network. He stated that the Committee recommends 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 Cornell to approve the Committee recommendations concerning Item #74 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #75 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment; Item #1 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendments; Item #2 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #3 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; Item #4 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and Item #5 - Union County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2017-18 Amended Budget

Commissioner Sessions, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on October 18, 2018 and agreed upon a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2017-18. He stated that the 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 \$8,000 which represents less than a one percent increase. Commissioner Sessions stated that the Finance Committee recommends that the Council approve the proposed amended Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget.

ACTION: Commissioner Sessions made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to approve the amended to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

X. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, stated that the Department rescheduled the Local Government Transportation Summit originally scheduled to be held October 10, 2018 at the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Office in Lake City was rescheduled to November 14, 2018. He also stated that the Tentative Five-Year Work Program public hearing will be held December 6, 2018 in Jacksonville at the District 2 Urban Area Office. Mr. Bennett also stated that applications from local governments for Small County Road Assistance Program, Small County Outreach Program, Transportation Regional Incentive Program, County Incentive Grant Program, and Transportation Alternatives projects will be due in January 2019.

Ben Glass, Community Affairs Manager, Suwannee River Water Management District introduced Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, who stated that the District is interested in working with the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force. He stated that the District Governing Board will conduct a workshop in early 2019 concerning raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta, Georgia and invited Task Force members to attend.

Sean Greene, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

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 September 2018 activities report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the September 2018 report.

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 2018 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, which serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, received the annual Rural Community Transportation Coordinator Award. He stated this award recognizes the rural Community Transportation Coordinator who has performed in an outstanding manner as part of fully coordinated system for the community and the transportation disadvantaged population. Mr. Koons stated the award was presented at the Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Training and EXPO held in Daytona Beach on October, 15-17, 2018.

Commissioner Sessions, Administrator for Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, reported on the transit services provided by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority.

Chair Davis informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on December 13, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Louie Davis, Chair

12/13/18
Date



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AS HOME RULE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

WHEREAS, Florida's voters placed local government home rule into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and

WHEREAS, home rule power has enabled each county, city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state and has further served as the foundation upon which every local government builds its government structure; and

WHEREAS, a one size fits all approach to governance is not in the best interests of Florida citizens; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect as it provides each local government the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special to preserve and that maintains its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary of home rule is an appropriate time for all counties and municipalities to engage their respective citizens to educate them about the Florida Constitution and local laws, so that all Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of home rule.


NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims November 5, 2018 as Home Rule 50th Anniversary Day throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of October 2018.


Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL



Larry Sessions
Secretary-Treasurer



Louie Davis
Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21

**RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF
MICHAEL J. BUSHA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council was the eighth regional planning council established in the State of Florida in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is to encourage and enable local units of government and citizenry to assemble and cooperate with one another and with representatives of major economic interests, to promote health, safety, and general welfare of citizenry, and to plan for future development of the Region that will keep it competitive and afford a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Busha has served as Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council since 1994, capping a 37-year career at the Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busha has served and contributed to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association with distinction and honor, having served as Chair of the Florida Regional Councils Association Executive Directors Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busha has announced his retirement from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council effective November 30, 2018.

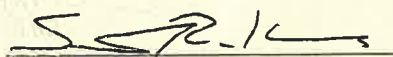
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby congratulates Mr. Busha upon the occasion of his retirement, thanks him for his many contributions on behalf of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and Florida Regional Councils Association and wishes him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

DULY ADOPTED this 25th day of October 25, 2018.

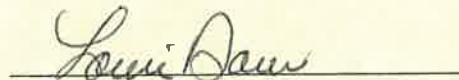
Attest:

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Scott R. Koons
Executive Director



Louie Davis
Chair