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MEETING NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **October 22, 2026**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

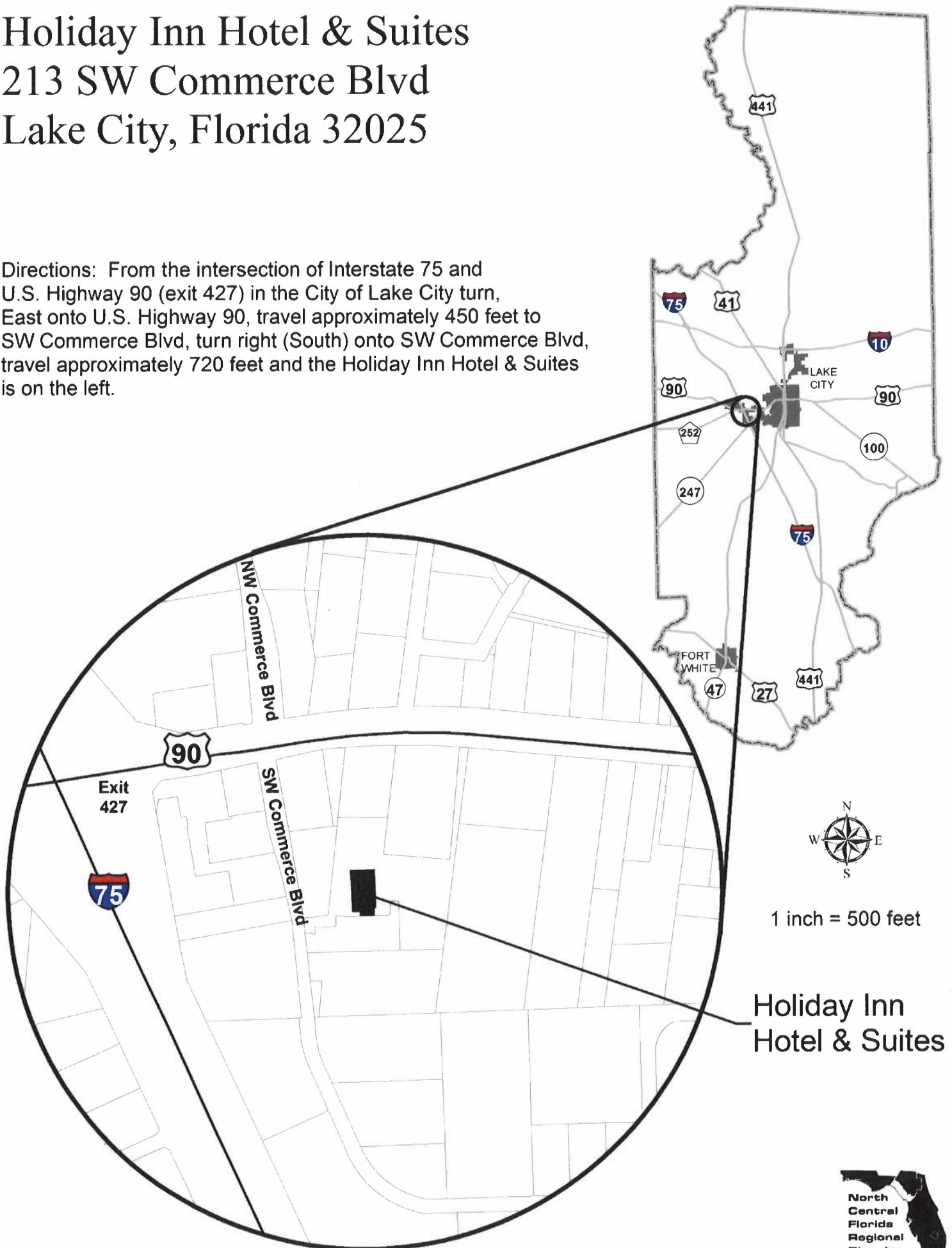
*Please email koons@ncfrpc.org by October 21, 2026 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting **in-person** or via communications media technology. **THANK YOU.***

Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet.)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

213 SW Commerce Blvd
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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

October 22, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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The Council welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Council. If you would like to address the Council, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

IV.A.

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida and
Via Communications Media Technology

September 24, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., City of High Springs
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Vanessa Brown Robinson, City of Live Oak
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Don Hale, Suwannee County
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
James Howell, Hamilton County
Ricky Jernigan, City of Lake City
Diane Landry, City of Perry
Kevin Parnell, Columbia County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Rick Davis, Madison County
Jacob Fletcher, City of Alachua
Donald Long, City of Newberry

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

Mary Alford, Alachua County
Melissa McNeal, Union County

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
NON-VOTING DELEGATE ABSENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Bryan Eastman, City of Gainesville
Melissa Hendrix, City of Lake Butler
Johnny Hiers, Levy County
James Ingle, City of Gainesville
Kirk Marhefka, Town of Cross City
J.P. Moore, City of Madison
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Austin Burgess, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission - Virtual
David Tyler, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River
Water Management District - Virtual

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

John Jenkins - In-Person
Stew Lilker - In-Person
Moses Fletcher - In-Person
Rita Najin - In-Person
Sarah Younger - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In-Person
Garrison Vandegrift - In-Person

Executive Committee Members names are bold

I. INVOCATION

Chair Jhelecia Hawkins noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Don Hall gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hawkins welcomed John Jenkins, County Manager, Dixie County; Sarah Younger, Sierra Club Suwannee - St. Johns Group; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer. Also, in attendance at the meeting was Moses Fletcher, Citizen, Suwannee County; and Rita Najin, wife of Council Member Ricky Jernigan.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hawkins asked that the consent agenda be approved.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Parnell, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Minutes - August 27, 2026

B. Financial Report - August 2026

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Hawkins asked that the regular agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION - Mitigation Assessment and Planning Through Regional Collaboration

Scott Koons, Executive Director, made a presentation concerning the completion of the Mitigation Assessment and Planning Through Regional Collaboration project. He noted that the Council entered into an interagency agreement with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council in 2022, along with other five regional planning councils that have counties that were declared federal disaster areas as a result of Hurricane Irma, to assist in completing the project. Chair Hawkins thanked him for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

A. New Member

1. Vanessa Brown Robinson - City of Live Oak

Chair Hawkins welcomed Councilmember Vanessa Brown Robinson, City of Live Oak, as a new member of the Council.

B. Resolution of Appreciation

1. Frank Davis, City of Live Oak

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to authorize the Chair to sign a Resolution of Appreciation for former Council member Frank Davis, City of Live Oak. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Appointments

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to ratify the appointment of Thomas Demps as a member of the Finance Committee, Anthony Adams as a member of the Nominating Committee and Jhelecia Hawkins as a Florida Regional Councils Association Representative as recommended by Chair Hawkins. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Proclamation Declaring October 2026 as Community Planning Month

Mr. Koons stated that the month of October 2026 has been designated to celebrate National Community Planning Month. He noted the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council join in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by proclaiming October 2026 as Community Planning Month in north central Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Hale made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Parnell, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2026 as Community Planning Month in the north central Florida region, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring October 2, 2026 as Manufacturing Day

Mr. Koons stated that October 2, 2026 has been designated Manufacturing Day. He added that Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in the north central Florida region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our workforce. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council proclaim October 2, 2026 as Manufacturing Day in north central Florida.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2, 2026 as Manufacturing Day in the north central Florida region, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proclamation Declaring October 20-26, 2025 as Florida City Government Week

Mr. Koons stated that the Florida League of Cities has designated the week of October 19-25, 2026 as Florida City Government Week. He stated that Florida City Government Week is part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the League to raise public awareness about services that cities perform and to educate the public about how city government works. Mr. Koons also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council join in the recognition of city government by proclaiming the week of October 19-25, 2026 as Florida City Government Week in north central Florida.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Landry made the motion, with a second by Councilman Jernigan, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 19-25, 2026 as Florida City Government Week in the north central Florida region, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Chair Hawkins stated that the employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director. She noted the contract further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. Chair Hawkins stated the contract also specifies that at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1st of each year.

Chair Hawkins stated that the Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director and that each Committee member performed their review prior to the September 24, 2026 Executive Committee meeting. She reported that the review resulted in "above average performance" or "exceeds job requirements" for all evaluation standards, with an overall average score of 4.5 on a 5.0 scale. Chair Hawkins stated that, based upon this review, the Executive Committee awarded the Executive Director a three percent merit pay adjustment. She reported that Mr. Koons requested that his merit pay increase for Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 be deferred until Fiscal Year 2028. Chair Hawkins further reported that the Executive Committee approved Mr. Koons' request concerning his merit pay increase deferments.

No Council action was required on this item.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner James Howell, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and virtually earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendment which was included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#53 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-3ESR)

Commissioner Howell stated with regards to this item, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, was 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 government and the Florida Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Commissioner Howell made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #53 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-3ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Austin Burgess, Senior Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, discussed the impact of low water levels in the north central Florida region on fish.

Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator, reported that the August 2026 rainfall level exceeded the August 2025 rainfall level by three inches. However, he noted that the rainfall level for 2026 is still 16 inches less than the rainfall level for 2025. Mr. Winburn reported that District Phase 2 Water Restrictions remain in effect. He stated the District is not pursuing further development of the Water First North Florida project at this time.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Sarah Younger, Sierra Club Suwannee - St. Johns Group, announced that the Sierra Club Suwannee – St. Johns Group is conducting the North Central Florida Water Summit 2026 at the Alachua Lions Club in the City of Alachua on October 10, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. She stated that comment period for the proposed federal regulations changing the definition of the waters of the United States are due to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers by October 9, 2026.

Moses Fletcher, Citizen, Suwannee County, discussed hyper scale data centers, the Water First North Florida project and Florida Constitutional Amendment 3.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 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. He stated that 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. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the August 2026 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the August 2026 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing 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. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply 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 September 2026 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hawkins announced that a new restaurant, the Salt and Pepper Diner, recently opened in Jasper.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hawkins stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on October 22, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Jhelecia Hawkins, Chair

10/22/26
Date

Resolution

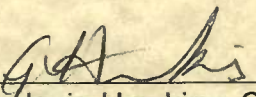
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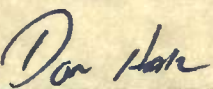
WHEREAS, Frank Davis has been representing the City of Live Oak on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since December 2016;

WHEREAS, Frank Davis has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Frank Davis for dedicated service rendered to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and concern for the future growth and development of the region and the State of Florida; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the region to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Frank Davis.


Jhelecia Hawkins, Chair


Don Hale, Secretary

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2026.





PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2026 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2026 as ***Community Planning Month*** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of September 2026.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL



Don Hale
Secretary



Jhelecia Hawkins
Chair



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2, 2026 AS MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, the Fabrication and Manufacturers Association International, the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Manufacturing Institute have designated the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Manufacturing Day are to celebrate the impact manufacturing has on the north central Florida region, increase awareness about the benefits of a manufacturing career and attract students to future manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our future workforce; and

WHEREAS, over 300 manufacturers provide jobs for over 12,000 citizens throughout the region and create products ranging from pulp and lumber products to orthopedic implant devices; and

WHEREAS, regional companies and education/workforce partners support manufacturing and manufacturing careers through increased collaboration and service to the regional manufacturing community; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing brings increased economic diversity to our region by providing high paying jobs at all skill levels and furthering the standard of living by focusing on technology, innovation and production.

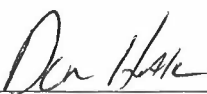
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims October 2, 2026 as **Manufacturing Day** in the north central Florida region and the Council urges all citizens to discover the value manufacturing brings to our economy and encourages students and educators to learn about the possibility of manufacturing as a career.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of September 2026.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL



Don Hale
Secretary



Jhelecia Hawkins
Chair



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 19-25, 2026 AS FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to most citizens and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers important opportunity to spread the word to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

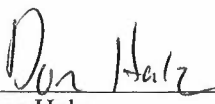
NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of October 19-25, 2026 as **Florida City Government Week** throughout the north central Florida region.

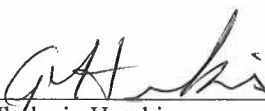
DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of September 2026.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Don Hale
Secretary


Jhelecia Hawkins
Chair



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October 15, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for
Alachua County

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve attached Resolution No. 2026-15 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the City of Gainesville, Florida, as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County.

BACKGROUND:

The designation of MV Contract Transportation, Inc. as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County will terminate on November 30, 2026. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator designation for Alachua County.

Section 287.057(3) (e) 12, Florida Statutes, allows for contractual services or commodities provided by governmental entities to not be subject to competitive solicitation requirements. Rule 41-2.010 (2), Florida Administrative Code allows the selection of agencies as community transportation coordinators to be negotiated without competitive acquisition upon the recommendation of the designated official planning agency. This recommendation may be made if it is in the best interest of the transportation disadvantaged population residing in Alachua County.

The City of Gainesville, Florida, is willing to serve as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR ALACHUA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Alachua County, has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator, as authorized by Section 427.015(2), Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2.010(6), Florida Administrative Code;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

1. That the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the City of Gainesville, Florida, to be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Alachua County;
2. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, is willing to provide the services necessary to serve the transportation disadvantaged populations;
3. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has the appropriate personnel, financial capacity, vehicle and equipment resources, experience and qualifications to serve the transportation disadvantaged populations;
4. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has demonstrated the ability to coordinate a multitude of funding sources and service provisions;
5. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has identified specific means by which it will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable local regulations governing handicapped accessibility requirements;
6. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has demonstrated plans to provide the most cost effective and quality transportation services;
7. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has demonstrated plans to coordinate with the public school system, private sector operators and other governmental agencies to maximize the effectiveness of the coordinated transportation system;
8. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has demonstrated its plans to comply with federal, state and local safety requirements as specified in Section 341.0161, Florida Statutes; and
9. That the City of Gainesville, Florida, has demonstrated plans to comply with state, federal and local laws relating to substance abuse testing.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 22nd day of October 2026.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Jhelecia Hawkins, Chair



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October 15, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint KellyAnn Rivera as the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Lafayette County; and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint KellyAnn Rivera as the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Levy County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

BACKGROUND:

- According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards. It is recommended KellyAnn Rivera be appointed the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County; Lafayette County; and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended KellyAnn Rivera be appointed the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Levy County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Amended Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Finance Committee to review and approve on behalf of the Council the Fiscal Year 2025-26 amended budget within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year as recommended by the Executive Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The Council takes action during each year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared. In addition, because the Council adopts the budget 16 months prior to fiscal year end, generally a number of conditions change which cause the expenditure levels to vary from the original figures.

To amend the budget, by taking into account both the contractual changes made during the year and variations in expenditure levels, the Council annually considers a fiscal year-end amendment. Consistent with that practice, staff will propose budget changes for the current year budget. This will include both increases and decreases in revenue for various program areas with associated changes in Direct and Indirect expenses.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Council authorize the Finance Committee to review and approve on behalf of the Council the Fiscal Year 2025-26 amended budget within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.



VIII.B.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: James Howell, Chair
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:15 p.m., October 22, 2026. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

1. #58 - City of Williston Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 26-1ER)
2. #59 - Town of Greenville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 26-1ER)
3. #60 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 26-2ER)

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October 15, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor's Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the September 2026 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FRCA Monthly Report

Florida Regional Councils Association

September 2026 Activity Report

Kristin Dozier, Executive Director

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared Agenda and hosted September Executive Committee and September Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meetings
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer to review the July Financial Report
- Finalized FRCA's Audit and Tax Letter of Engagement and established audit schedule for FY26-27
- Met with incoming EDAC Chair to discuss October Agenda, Winter Policy Board and EDAC meetings, November Partners meeting, and administrative issues.
- Worked with Bookkeeper to onboard new EDAC Treasurer and set up access to financial systems
- Finalized FRCAs IRS tax exempt application and submitted for approval
- Confirmed guests for FRCAs November Partners Meeting
- Continued work on FRCAs Administrative Calendar and Policies

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH

- Attended meeting with Directors to discuss the Statewide Evacuation Study and prepare for meeting with FDEM and FDOT staff
- Coordinated Economic Development Administrative Training for Economic Development District staff
- Confirmed information for FDEMs 2028 State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update





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SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

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 of developing 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.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the October 2026 Scorecard.

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Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 10/12/2026

23,818,673



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Talent Supply & Education

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Innovation & Economic Development

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Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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INFLATION RATE

3.4%

National (Increasing)

3.1%

Southern Region (Decreasing)



CONSUMER
SENTIMENT

67.7

(Improving)



CEO RANK

2nd

(Unchanged)



STATE LEGAL
CLIMATE RANKING

46th

(Unchanged)

Top 12

2030 Goal



BUSINESS TAX
CLIMATE

5th

#1

2030 Goal



OPEN JOBS

448,449

(Increasing)

502,000

Unemployed Persons
(Declining)

112

Unemployed People per 100
Jobs



STATE RANKING
FOR AUTOMOBILE
INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY

#50



HOMEOWNERS'
INSURANCE
AFFORDABILITY

Homeowners' Insurance
Affordability data is available
at the county level.

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