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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 **June 25, 2015**. The meeting will be held at the **Lake City Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**. Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at **7:30 p.m.**

*Please call the Council at 352.955.2200, or 800.226.0690, or email [strong@ncfrpc.org](mailto:strong@ncfrpc.org) by June 22, 2015 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

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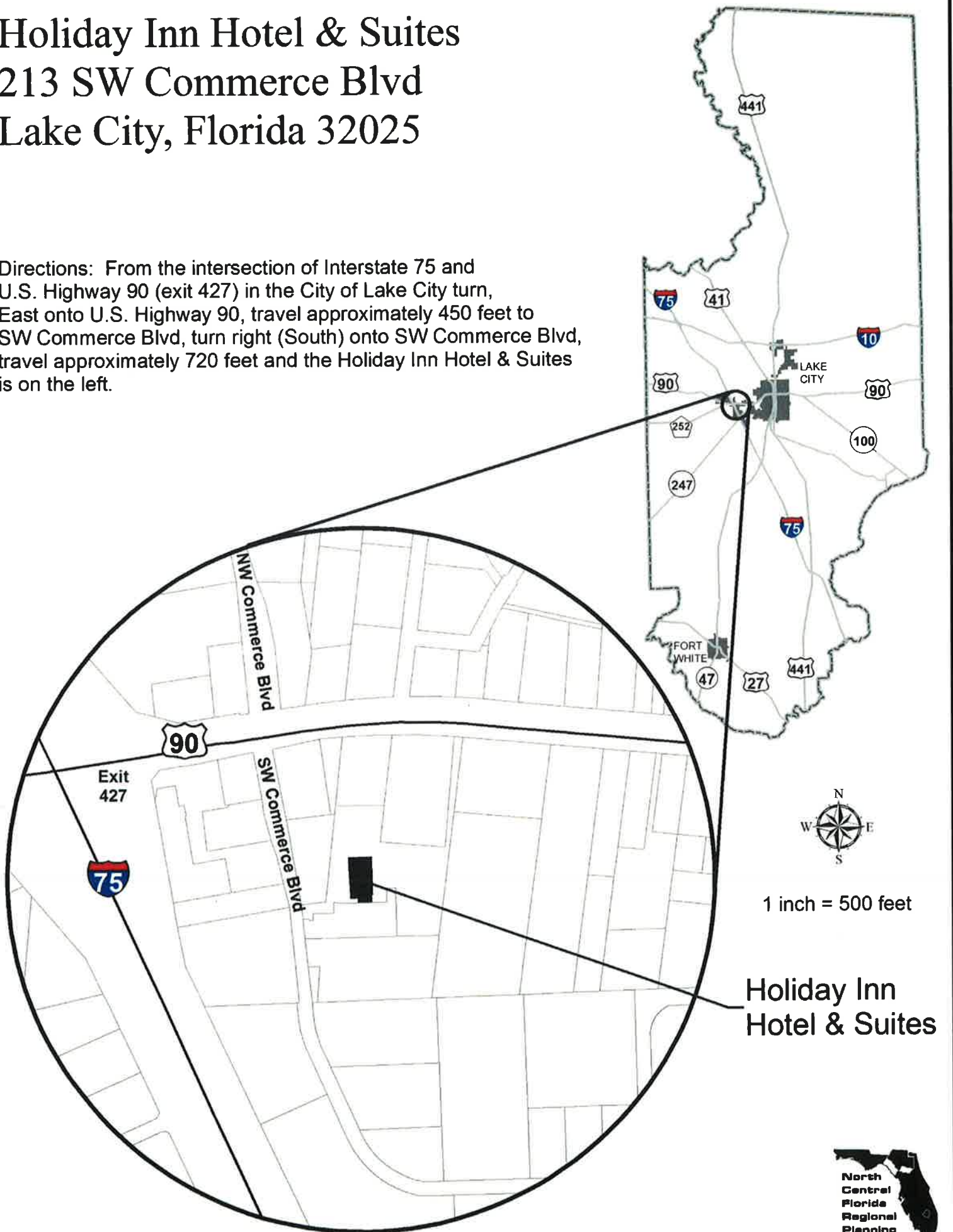
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by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,  
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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard  
 Lake City, Florida

June 25, 2015  
 7:30 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Lake City, Florida

May 28, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville  
**LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper**  
Jim Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Ken Cornell, Alachua County  
**Louie Davis, City of Waldo**  
**Rick Davis, Madison County**  
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County  
*Sandra Haas, Suwannee County*  
**Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County**  
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County  
Doug Jones, City of Archer  
*James Montgomery, Columbia County*  
**Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak**  
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County  
Everett Phillips, Columbia County  
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County  
**Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke**  
**Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County**  
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water  
Management District  
Russell Simpson, Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville  
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County  
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville  
Jason Evans, High Springs  
Jason Holifield, Dixie County  
William Hunter, Hamilton County  
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry  
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County  
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne  
**Daniel Riddick, Bradford County**  
David Sullivan, City of Perry  
James Tallman, Union County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Daniel Webb, Union County  
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville  
**Robert Wilford, City of Alachua**  
*Mike Williams, Madison County*

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett  
Sandra Buck-Camp  
David Cobb  
Buddy Haas

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

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 Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by her and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Spooner stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Spooner welcomed and introduced Tim Bennett, City Manager from the City of Madison, David Cobb, from Florida Power and Light, and Sandra Buck-Camp, member of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board.

II. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION  
YEAR 2014 REVIEW

Scott Koons, Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed Council activities during the past year in the Regional Planning, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance, Economic Development, Local Government Assistance and Transportation Programs of the Council. In particular, he highlighted the services that the Council provides, which benefit its local governments, including community planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities. Chair Spooner thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 23, 2015

Chair Spooner asked that the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Catron, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Monthly Financial Report - April 2015
- B. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2015-16
- C. Amendment to Research Agreement - University of Florida
- D. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fiscal Year 2015-16
- E. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Hazard Analyses, Fiscal Year 2015-16
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Designated Official Planning Agency - Levy County
- G. Local Government Community Redevelopment Planning Services Agreement - Fiscal Year 2014-15 City of Live Oak
- H. Local Government Local Mitigation Strategy Update Services Agreement - Fiscal Year 2014-15 Levy County

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

**ACTION: Councilman Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. CHAIR'S REPORT Resolutions of Appreciation - Lauren Poe

Chair Spooner asked that a Resolution of Appreciation for past service be approved for Lauren Poe, who served as a Council member since May 2012.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Lauren Poe. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

Mr. Koons reported that, Senate Bill 1216 (Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida) recently enacted by the Legislature eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred Levy County and Marion County to the north central Florida region. He also stated that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, entered into by counties and municipalities located in the north central Florida region. Mr. Koons stated that in order to add Levy County and Marion County to the membership of the Council, the existing member local governments will need to amend the interlocal agreement.

Mr. Koons further stated that the Executive Committee is recommending that the Council consider recommending several amendments to the interlocal agreement to the member local governments, these amendments should include the following provisions: geographic area; governance structure; additional representatives; and dues credit. He stated that the first interlocal agreement amendment that the Executive Committee is recommending would add Levy County and Marion County to the list of counties within the geographic area of the north central Florida region.

Mr. Koons reported that the second amendment would change the governance structure of the Council. The current governance structure provides for representation by member local governments on a population basis. He stated that based upon the current structure, Levy County would be entitled to two local elected representatives and Marion County would be entitled to ten local elected official representatives. He stated that along with one additional gubernatorial representative from Levy County and five additional gubernatorial representatives from Marion County, the total number of representatives to the Council would increase from 48 to 66. He stated that the Executive Committee reviewed three options concerning governance structure and is recommending that the population-based representation be deleted from the local agreement, resulting in 39 representatives to the Council.

Mr. Koons stated that the third amendment that the Executive Committee is recommending would delete the additional representatives provision, the current

interlocal agreement provides for a member local government to appoint additional representatives if requested by the Council to ensure representation of minority population and to maintain the required proportion of local elected officials.

Mr. Koons stated that the fourth amendment that the Executive Committee is recommending would delete the dues credit provision. The current interlocal agreement includes a provision for a dues credit to certain local governments of an amount equal to one percent of funds expended on planning activities during the preceding fiscal year. He also stated that, however, the dues credit cannot lower the dues assessment to an amount less than \$20,000. He also stated that currently, only Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are eligible for the dues credit. Mr. Koons reported that for Fiscal Year 2015-16, the dues credit for Alachua County would be (\$10,268) and the City of Gainesville would be (\$15,735). In addition, Marion County would also be eligible for a dues credit of (\$12,953).

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee was not asking for Council action on those amendments at this time. He also stated that specific amendment language would be prepared and presented to the Council for action at the June 25, 2015 Council meeting.

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Chair Sandra Haas, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. She stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed one local government comprehensive plan amendment.

#49, Dixie County Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendment

She noted that the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impact to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments. Ms. Haas also stated that the Committee recommends forwarding this finding to the respective local government, and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

**ACTION: Ms. Haas made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning Item #49, Dixie County Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Regional Planning Committee -Evaluation and Appraisal Report of North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Mr. Montgomery, Regional Planning Committee member, reported that, every five years the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is required by State law to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report of its regional plan. He also stated that the Report is due by the end of 2015.

Mr. Montgomery reported that the purpose of an Evaluation and Appraisal Report is to evaluate the successes and failures of the regional plan and to identify possible future amendments, revisions or updates to the plan. He also stated that the report serves as a basis for future amendments to the regional plan.



Mr. Montgomery stated that the Regional Planning Committee met tonight and continued its review of the regional plan focusing on the Natural Resources of Regional Significance Element of the Regional Plan.

D. Program Committee - Fiscal Year 2015-16 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Patterson, Program Committee member, stated that the Program Committee met on March 26, 2015, to develop an Overall Program Design for the Council's consideration for Program Year 2015-16. She stated that except for editorial revisions, the document is the same as the current year edition.

Commissioner Patterson reported that the Program Committee recommended approval of the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2015-16.

**ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the Overall Program Design for Program Year 2015-16 as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Finance Committee

1. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Audit
2. Authorization to Pay Auditor
3. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Commissioner Rick Davis, Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with the auditor and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. He stated that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements and that there were no findings or concerns reported by the auditor. Commissioner Davis stated that the Finance Committee recommended acceptance and approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Audit and further recommended that final payment be made to the auditor, Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants for the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Audit.

**ACTION: Commissioner Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell, to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants and to make final payment to the auditor. The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Davis, stated that the Finance Committee met on May 13, 2015, to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. He stated that the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,876,300, which is \$187,700 more than the current year budget. It was reported that members pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$.30 per capita for the 34th year as recommended by the Finance Committee, producing \$219,000 approximately.

Commissioner Davis reviewed the most significant policy decisions to be made with respect to the budget, which were personnel items. He stated that in the line item descriptions in the budget, there is a provision for a total of 12 full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is two full-time staff positions less than budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a recurring increase across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to two percent of the salary for each employee, and one percent salary budget for merit increases for all employees, except the Executive Director as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Davis stated that this budget provides for significant services to be rendered to member cities and counties. This is to be done by effectively using all available resources, and at the same time, ensuring that the Council remains in a sound financial condition.

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

E. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2015-16  
Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Nominating Committee Chair Garth Nobles, Jr., gave the Nominating Committee report. He stated that the Nominating Committee met on May 13, 2015 to make, for the Council's consideration, recommendations regarding all officer positions, including the additional Executive Committee member, and other members of the Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2015-16.

He stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations for the officer positions are, as follows.

Chair - Daniel Riddick  
Vice-Chair - Rick Davis  
Secretary-Treasurer - Lorene Thomas  
Member - Louie Davis  
Immediate Past Chair - Carolyn Spooner

He stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations for the Board of Directors are, as follows.

City Representatives  
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

County Representatives  
Charles Chestnut, IV, Alachua County  
Donnie Hamlin, Lafayette County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

Gubernatorial Representatives

Sandra Haas, Suwannee County  
James Montgomery, Columbia County  
Daniel Webb, Union County  
Mike Williams, Madison County

**ACTION: Mayor Nobles made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to elect the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to a one-year term for Program Year 2015-16 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Carlos Herd, Water Supply Division Director and Interim Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that Water Management District continues to monitor the water resources bill, Senate Bill 918. He also reported that Ann Shortelle, Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District will be leaving the District to become the new Executive Director of the St. Johns Water River Management District.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the Northeast District staff will be conducting a workshop at the Northeast District Office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Jacksonville on medical waste disposal on June 9, 2015.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IX. 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 11 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's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs position is currently vacant.

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 for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. 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 May 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2015 regular Legislature session convened on March 3, 2015 and the House of Representatives adjourned on April 28, 2015 and the Senate adjourned on April 30, 2015. He also stated that the Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. He further reported that the House of Representatives adopted budget does not include any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Senate adopted budget includes \$200,000 in funding for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Council's share of the \$200,000 in funding would be approximately \$15,000. The Legislature did not pass the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget during the regular session. The budget will be addressed during the special session scheduled to start June 1, 2015 and end June 20, 2015. Mr. Koons then reviewed the final status of several bills of interest to regional planning councils and local governments.

D. North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership

Mr. Koons reported that the Committee met on April 27, 2015. He stated that the Committee reviewed and approved a water resources assessment and analysis for use in the development of the 2035 Regional Water Supply Plan. He also stated that the Committee also received updates on the status of the regional groundwater model as well as the development of projection methodologies for agricultural water consumption.

E. 2014 Annual Report

Mr. Koons stated that the 2014 Annual Report has been mailed to Council members, local governments, and federal, state and local partners. He 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. He also stated that the annual report provides a summary of the financial status of the Council and looks at the year ahead.

F. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated the financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

G. Annual City-County Managers Meeting - June 12, 2015

Mr. Koons reported that each year, Council staff meets with city and county managers and their staffs from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs. The annual meeting for city and county managers this year will be held on June 12, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites located at 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard in Lake City, Florida.

F. Check Fraud Status Report

Mr. Koons reported that on March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. He added that on June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons stated that at their meeting on July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00, to engage Stanley Cushman from the law firm of Scruggs and Carmichael to serve as co-counsel for the lawsuit and to designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. He stated that on August 6, 2013, a lawsuit was filed against Wells Fargo to recover the Council's funds.

Mr. Koons further reported that on September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Cushman responded to the motion stating that arbitration does not apply to the dispute and have filed a motion for a hearing on the motion to compel arbitration. A hearing originally scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. Mr. Koons reported that at the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

Mr. Koons reported that a letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow reported that an agreement has been reached with Wells Fargo concerning a mutually acceptable arbitrator, Robert Cowles from Jacksonville, FL. He further reported that a preliminary arbitration conference was held on February 2, 2015 and that the parties have agreed to schedule the arbitration hearing for May 11, 2015 in Gainesville.

Mr. Koons reported that a press release was sent to state and regional news media on March 3, 2015 concerning the fraudulent check matter. He also stated that the arbitration hearing that was scheduled for May 11, 2015 has been rescheduled for June 22, 2015 due to a conflict of interest by the expert witness for Wells Fargo.

Mr. Koons presented outgoing Chair Spooner with a framed photograph of a Paynes Prairie print and thanked her for her leadership during the past year. Chair Spooner thanked the Council for allowing her to serve as Chair for the past year.

Chair Spooner informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on June 25, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Daniel Riddick, Chair

6/25/15  
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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - June 2015

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for May 2015. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

### **Revenue**

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of eight months is 50 percent of budget.

### **Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of eight months is 62 percent of budget. It is anticipated that the year should end with revenues exceeding expenditures.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation.

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

Attachment

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2015**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	705,263
Accounts Receivable	341,927
Other Current Assets	24,266
Total Current Assets	<u>1,071,456</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,071,456</u></u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0
Other Current Liabilities	22,488
Total Liabilities	<u>22,488</u>
Equity	<u>1,048,968</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,071,456</u></u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2015**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,688,600		112,770	842,931	50%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,688,600		128,356	1,047,655	62%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2015**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15</b>	<b>May 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	24,800	0	23,877	96%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	40,000	0	40,017	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Homeland Security Activities	23,700	0	0	0%
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	42,400	0	4,694	11%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	93,500	0	20,598	22%
Hazards Analyses	9,100	0	0	0%
Hurricane Evacuation Study	0	8,000	8,000	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	502,000	54,959	167,870	33%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	212,300	0	105,153	50%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,200	2,660	17,656	73%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	173,700	17,001	125,408	72%
Economic Development				
Comp Econ Development Strategy & Tech Assistance	108,000	15,750	92,270	85%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	35,000	8,750	23,570	67%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	0	38,000	97%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Original Florida Tourism Task Force - Trade Shows	0	5,650	5,650	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	10,000	0	10,004	100%
City & County Planning Services	291,700	0	151,643	52%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	59,200	0	6,021	10%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,688,600</b>	<b>112,770</b>	<b>842,931</b>	<b>50%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2015**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2014 - 15</b>	<b>May 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	15,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	31,000	3,275	27,874	90%
Contractual Services	20,000	3,448	46,652	233%
Dues, Publications & Subscriptions	50,000	12,405	59,518	119%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	4,077	27%
Insurance and Bonding	18,000	0	12,373	69%
Legal Costs	14,000	7,930	26,806	191%
Machine Rental/Maintenance	5,000	7,990	11,049	221%
Meeting Expenses	19,000	44	10,604	56%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	21,000	7,930	18,287	87%
Personnel Costs	1,270,700	80,195	770,163	61%
Postage	8,000	27	2,924	37%
Printing	2,000	1,625	2,132	107%
Recruiting	2,000	0	60	3%
Reproduction	13,000	530	7,515	58%
Telephone	7,000	315	4,967	71%
Travel	98,000	2,642	42,654	44%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	39,000	0	0	0%
Contingency	38,900		0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,688,600</b>	<b>128,356</b>	<b>1,047,655</b>	<b>62%</b>



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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Services Agreement  
Fiscal Year 2014-15 Town of Mayo

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Town of Mayo to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$5,000.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the Town of Mayo to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to prepare evaluation based amendments to the comprehensive plan of the Town. These amendments will be prepared in accordance with an evaluation of the comprehensive plan completed by the Town to identify amendments needed to address changes to state statutes and administrative rules. The amount of the agreement will be \$5,000.

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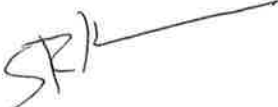
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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Application  
Fiscal Year - 2015-16

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Authorize the Executive Director to submit a Fiscal Year 2015-16 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to prepare evaluation amendments to comprehensive plans for the small rural communities of Bell, Brooker, Hampton, Jennings, LaCrosse, Lawtey, Mayo, McIntosh, Raiford, Reddick and Worthington Springs in the amount of \$55,000.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council proposes to submit a Fiscal Year 2015-16 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$55,000 to prepare evaluation amendments to the comprehensive plans for 11 small rural communities in the north central Florida region as provided for in the Community Planning Act. The preparation of the evaluation amendments will bring the comprehensive plans into compliance with changes in statutory and administrative rule requirements. The project will be completed by May 15, 2016.

Most of these small rural communities are located in counties designated as rural areas of opportunity. Compliant comprehensive plans will position these small rural communities for economic development opportunities to create jobs and diversify their local economies. The small rural communities include Bell, Brooker, Hampton, Jennings, LaCrosse, Lawtey, Mayo, McIntosh, Raiford, Reddick, Worthington Springs.

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Commissioner Jason Bashaw as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Bo Beauchemin as the voting Veterans Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Jeffrey Bradley as the voting Citizen Advocate on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Richard Bryant as the voting Citizen Advocate-User on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Jeannie Carr as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Dixie County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Appoint Colleen Cody as the voting Children at Risk Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint LJ Johnson as the alternate Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Sifoa Nunu as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Sandra Pauwels as the voting Citizen Advocate on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

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. Several terms of appointment expire on June 30, 2015. The above recommended individuals have submitted applications for appointment.

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: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- Reappoint - Sherry Ruskowski, as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint - Ralph Kitchens, as the Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint - Leslie Esseck, as the voting Persons With Disabilities Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint James McCrone as the voting Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint - Cindy Morgan as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint - Shanetha Mitchell as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Board;
- Reappoint - Doyle Archer as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Board; and
- Reappoint - William McGill as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Board.

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. Several terms of appointment expire on June 30, 2015. The above recommended Board members are willing to serve an additional three-year term of reappointment:

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members  
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
 SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for Patricia Bonsteel, Patricia Fountain, Matthew Pearson and Commissioner Larry Sessions.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Patricia Bonsteel served as the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2013. Patricia Fountain served as the Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since February 2003. Matthew Pearson served as the Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2013. Commissioner Larry Sessions served as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2014.

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

Attachments

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Patricia Bonsteel has served as the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, Patricia Bonsteel ably discharged her duties as the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Patricia Bonsteel for the dedicated service she rendered to the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for her concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford County 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Patricia Bonsteel.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

*ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

*June 25, 2015*

*Date*





## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Patricia Fountain has served as the Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since February 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, Patricia Fountain ably discharged her duties as the Citizen Advocate-User Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Patricia Fountain for the dedicated service she rendered to the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for her concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford County 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Patricia Fountain.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

*June 25, 2015*

*Date*



## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Matthew Pearson has served as the Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, Matthew Pearson ably discharged his duties as the Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Matthew Pearson for the dedicated service he rendered to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Union County 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Matthew Pearson.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

*ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL*

*June 25, 2015*

*Date*





## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Larry Sessions served as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, Larry Sessions ably discharged his duties as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Larry Sessions for the dedicated service he rendered to the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and for his concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties 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 community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Larry Sessions.*

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*Daniel Riddick, Chair*

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Daniel Riddick, Chair  
SUBJECT: 2015-16 Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Ratify 2015-16 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair.**

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Organization Policies of the Council, each year the Chair makes appointments to the various committees of the Council. These nominations provide for a broad geographic representation throughout the region and an equal division by city, county, and gubernatorial representatives serving on the committees. Emphasis was also placed on the attendance record of each appointee. Therefore, I am recommending appointments to committees as per the attached list.

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Assigned Fund Balance - Capital Reserve

RECOMMENDATION:

**Encumber \$25,000 of the Council's unassigned fund balance as part of the assigned fund balance to increase the Capital Reserve Fund balance for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs to \$525,000.**

BACKGROUND:

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, \$43,877 for depreciation of building and equipment was applied to the capital assets of the Council. After adding \$5,853 of purchased furniture fixtures and equipment, it resulted in a total of \$525,689 accumulated depreciation of find assets.

The Capital Reserve Fund is maintained at an amount approximate to the accumulated depreciation of building and equipment to cover one-time capital expenditures for building improvements/repairs and equipment replacement/upgrades. In order to maintain the Capital Reserve Fund at this level, it is recommended that \$25,000 from the Council's unassigned fund balance be encumbered as part of the Capital Reserve Fund assigned fund balance to increase the amount for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs from \$500,000 to \$525,000.

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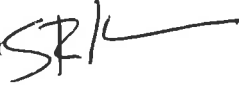


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TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Request member local governments to amend the interlocal agreement creating the Council.**

BACKGROUND:

As you know, Senate Bill 1216 (Chapter 2015-30, Laws of Florida) recently enacted by the Legislature eliminated the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and transferred Levy County and Marion County to the north central Florida region. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, entered into by counties and municipalities located in the north central Florida region. In order to add Levy County and Marion County to the membership of the Council, the existing member local governments will need to amend the interlocal agreement.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Council recommend the following amendments to the interlocal agreement to the member local governments. These amendments include the following provisions.

1. Geographic area;
2. Governance structure;
3. Additional representatives; and
4. Dues credit.

The first amendment adds Levy County and Marion County to the list of counties within the geographic area of the north central Florida region.

The second amendment changes the governance structure by eliminating the population-based representation for member local governments. Based on the current structure, Levy County would be entitled to two local elected representatives and Marion County would be entitled to ten local elected official representatives. Along with one additional gubernatorial representative from Levy County and five additional gubernatorial representatives from Marion County, the total number of representatives to the Council would increase from 48 to 66. By eliminating the population-based representation for member local governments provision, the total number of representations to the Council would decrease from 48 to 39.

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The third amendment deletes the additional representatives provision for minority population. The current interlocal agreement provides for a member local government to appoint additional representatives if requested by the Council to ensure representation of minority population.

The fourth amendment deletes the dues credit provision for minority population. The current interlocal agreement includes a provision for a dues credit to certain local governments of an amount equal to one percent of funds expended on planning activities during the preceding fiscal year. However, the dues credit cannot lower the dues assessment to an amount less than \$20,000. Currently, only Alachua County and the City of Gainesville are eligible for this dues credit. For Fiscal Year 2015-16, the dues credit for Alachua County is (\$10,268) and the City of Gainesville is (\$15,735). In addition, Marion County would also be eligible for a dues credit of (\$12,953).

Finally, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council recommend to the member local governments several other administrative amendments and technical amendments as statutory and administrative code citations, and aligning the powers and duties of the Council to confirm to the powers and duties as listed in Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended.

Please find attached a strike-through underline version of the proposed interlocal agreement amendments. Language deleted is struck through and language added is underlined in the attached proposed interlocal agreement amendment document.

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

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**PROPOSED AMENDED**  
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE  
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

THIS AMENDED AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 1st day of June 1975, with subsequent amendments to become effective the 1st day of December 1980, the 1st day of October 1984, ~~and~~ the 1st day of March 1990, and the 1st day of October 2015 pursuant to the authority of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, as amended, by and between the units of general purpose local government passing resolutions to that effect, all of which being located within the ~~3rd Comprehensive Planning District as defined by Rule 22E-1.01 of the Administrative Regulations of the State of Florida,~~ North Central Florida Regional Planning Council district as defined in Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended, or as revised pursuant to an executive order issued by the Governor of the State of Florida said ~~District~~ district currently being the geographic area including the Counties of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee, Taylor and Union, hereinafter referred to as the ~~North Central Florida Region~~ or Region.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to make the most efficient use of their powers to cooperate for mutual advantages to provide services and facilities in an effort to optimize the employment of human, economic and natural resources in an effort to optimize economic, natural resources, social, land use, transportation and public safety development and by qualifying under and accepting the powers, duties and responsibilities provided by Chapter 186, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01(4), Florida Statutes provides "a public agency of the State of Florida may exercise jointly with another public agency of the State, or of the United States Government any power, privilege or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately."

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises, covenants, benefits to accrue and agreements herein contained and set forth, the parties signatory hereto do hereby establish the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, a separate legal entity, and do further agree, as follows:

1. Purpose: The purpose of this Amended Interlocal Agreement is:
  - a. To provide a means of exercising the rights, duties and powers of a regional planning agency set forth by Chapters ~~23~~, 163, 186 and 380, Florida Statutes, including as well as those functions enumerated in other applicable ~~Florida~~, federal, state and local laws;
  - b. To serve as regional coordinator for the Region;
  - c. To exchange, interchange and review various programs of the individual members units of general purpose local government, herein after referred to as member units, which have a relationship to regional problems;
  - d. To promote communication between the members units for the conservation and compatible development of the member counties and member municipalities; and
  - e. To cooperate with federal, state, local and non-governmental agencies to accomplish these objectives.
2. Effective Date, Duration, Termination, and Withdrawal:

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a. The member units of the Council will include those units of local general purpose **local** government as may agree into this Amended Interlocal Agreement by resolution, provided such units of **general purpose** local government (a) are located within the Region: and (b) meet the requirements set forth in Section 3 herein. Officers shall be elected and bylaws adopted and the Council shall be deemed to be in effect at that time. The organizational meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the existing North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as established under Chapter 160, Florida Statutes, and notice of the time and place thereof shall be given the chief elected official of the **member** units of local government signatory hereto in writing by regular mail postmarked at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for said organizational meeting.

b. This **Amended Interlocal** Agreement shall be effective for an initial term of one (1) year from the effective date hereof, and shall continue thereafter from year to year without the necessity of a formal renewal by any party hereto, unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

c. Amendments to this Amended **Interlocal** Agreement shall be made effective by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the governing bodies of the member units.

d. Any **member unit** party hereto may withdraw its membership, **except as provided by Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended,** by resolution duly adopted by its governing body, and upon giving ninety (90) days written notice of withdrawal to the Chairman of the governing body of each other **principal** member unit. Contractual obligations of the withdrawing member **unit** shall continue until such obligation has been satisfactorily terminated. All property, real or personal, of the Council on the effective date of withdrawal shall remain the property of the Council and the withdrawing **principal** member unit shall have no right thereto.

e. In the event there is a complete termination of ~~the agreement~~ **this Amended Interlocal Agreement** which would involve the disposition of the property of the Council, such property shall be liquidated and each current member unit holding membership at the time of termination shall be entitled to a share of the proceeds bearing the same ratio to the total proceeds as the contribution of the **principal** member unit bore to total **membership dues assessment** contributions made by all member units from the time of the creation of the Council; provided, however, the preceding provisions notwithstanding, that in the event a member **unit** withdraws as a member **unit** of the Council and subsequently rejoins at a later date, said withdrawing member **unit** shall be eligible to share in the proceeds of liquidation of property only to the extent of its proportionate share of ~~contributions-membership dues assessments~~ **contributions-membership dues assessments** made since the date it last became a member **unit** of the Council.

f. In case of a complete termination of this **Amended Interlocal** Agreement, the non-federal matching contribution to any approved federal grant shall be firm. The project shall be completed and the required reports and accounting shall be completed.

g. This **Amended Interlocal** Agreement may be terminated at any time by resolution duly adopted by the governing body of each and every member unit.

3. Membership, Representation, and Voting: All units of general purpose local governments within the Region may become members ~~units~~ **units** of the Council with allotted representation as provided in Paragraph 3.a.(1) ~~and 3.a.(2)~~ and other representatives may be appointed by the appropriate member units as provided in Paragraph 3.a. ~~(3) (2)~~. The Governor of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, may also appoint representatives as provided in Paragraph 3.a. ~~(4)(3)~~.

a. Type of Membership and Representation

(1) **Counties** - Each member county ~~and each member municipality~~ within the Region shall have ~~representation, as follows:~~ **one local elected official representative each.**

~~a) One representative for the first 37,499 population, provided that each member county shall have at least one (1) such representative;~~

~~b) two representatives for a total population of 37,500 to 62,499;~~

~~c) three representatives for a total population of 62,500 to 87,499;~~

~~d) four representatives for a total population of 87,500 to 112,499;~~

~~e) five representatives for a total population of 112,500 to 137,499;—~~



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- ~~f) six representatives for a total of 137,500 to 162,499;~~
- ~~g) seven representatives for a total population of 162,500 to 187,499;~~
- ~~h) eight representatives for a total population of 187,500 to 212,499;~~
- ~~i) nine representatives for a total population of 212,500 to 237,499; and~~
- ~~j) ten representatives for a total population of 237,500 to 262,499.~~

~~Population shall be determined as stated in Paragraph 4 d. below, and any population represented by a member municipality, shall be deducted, for purposes of computing representation, from the total population represented by the county within which said municipality is located.~~

~~(2) Municipalities – Any municipality within the Region may become a member of the Council. Municipal representation on the Council shall be determined, as follows:~~

- ~~a) One representative for the first 37,499 population, provided that each member municipality shall have at least one (1) such representative;~~
- ~~b) two representatives for a total population of 37,500 to 62,499;~~
- ~~c) three representatives for a total population of 62,500 to 87,499;~~
- ~~d) four representatives for a total of 87,500 to 112,499; and~~
- ~~e) five representative for a total population of 112,500 to 137,499.~~

~~(3) (2) Additional Representatives - In order to insure adequate representation of the Region's minority population, and also to maintain the proper proportion of local elected officials, the Council shall request selected member units of local government to appoint additional representatives as appropriate, providing:~~

~~a) That the number of Additional Representatives shall not consist of more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total number of representatives on the Council including those allotted to member units by Paragraphs 3.a.(1), 3.a.(2), and 3.a.(4) (3), and the Additional Representative;~~

~~b) a) That such Additional Representative is intended to increase the representation of the appointing member unit and will not be a substitution or replacement for the member's allocated representation of the member unit;~~

~~e) b) That the member units requested to appoint such Additional Representatives, if they choose to comply with such request, select the Additional Representative pursuant to procedures developed requirements specified by the Council; and~~

~~d) c) That member units may appoint Additional Representatives only if requested to do so by the Council and that the Council shall make such periodic requests in such manner as to insure ensure broad representation throughout the Region, with consideration being given to proper representation (1) from both counties and cities, and (2) from rural as well as urban areas, and (3) according to minority population distribution when the request is to appoint an additional Minority Representative.~~

~~(4) (3) As provided within and in accordance with Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Governor of the State of Florida shall appoint representatives to the Council equaling one-half (1/2) of the total representatives appointed by the member units counties and municipalities or one-third (1/3) of the total number of representatives on the Council.~~

b. Term of Representatives and Representation Composition

~~(4) (1) Terms - Terms of representatives allotted by Paragraphs 3.a.(1), 3.a.(2) and 3.a.(3), and 3.a. (4) shall be as determined by each appointing member unit county, member municipality and the Governor, respectively, with such determination being stipulated to the Council in writing at the time of initial appointments and at such times as such determinations are amended.~~

~~(2) Composition - At least two-thirds (2/3) of the representatives serving on the Council shall be local elected officials elected to serve serving on the governing body of member units of general purpose local government or other county elected officials chosen by the said governing bodies or the Governor. The Council shall adopt rules to insure the maintenance of this composition.~~

c. Voting

Each representative shall have one (1) vote on matters considered by the Council.

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4. Finances:

a. On or before **June July** 1st of each year, the Council shall ~~adopt a budget and certify a copy thereof to~~ **establish the member unit dues assessment for the subsequent fiscal year and shall notify** the chief administrative officer of the governing body of the member units **of such member unit dues assessment**. Each member unit shall include in its annual budget an amount sufficient ~~to fund the proportionate share of each member unit of~~ **to pay such member unit dues assessment** ~~the Council budget~~.

b. The fiscal year of the Council shall commence on the first day of October and end on the last day of September in each year. **On or before September 30th of each year, the Council shall adopt a budget for the subsequent fiscal year.**

c. The Council shall have the right to receive and accept in furtherance of its functions, funds grants and services from federal, state and local governments or their agencies and from private and community sources, and to expend therefrom such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary from time to time for attainment of its objectives.

d. ~~The proportionate share of the general budget of the Council shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the total budget as the population of each member unit bears to the total population of all member units, such~~ **Any member unit dues assessment based upon a per capita formula shall use the** population being determined annually by the ~~Department of Administration Florida Office of Economic Demographic Research or its successor agency~~ **Florida Office of Economic Demographic Research or its successor agency** pursuant to ~~Section 23.019 Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended,~~ **Section 23.019 Chapter 186, Florida Statutes, as amended,** for the year preceding **the member unit annual dues assessment**; each budget determination; provided, however, that the minimum ~~contribution member unit dues assessment~~ **member unit dues assessment** due from any member unit shall be \$750, ~~and further provided, that said membership fee shall be reduced by one (1) percent of funds expended by a member for local planning activities during the preceding fiscal year, but such reduction shall not reduce the total fee to an amount which is less than \$20,000.00.~~ Any cost incurred by the Council in providing special services to member units shall be the sole responsibility of the member unit receiving such services.

5. Powers: The Council shall have all powers granted by law, including but not limited to the powers granted by Chapters ~~23,~~ 163, 186 ~~and~~ 380, Florida Statutes, as ~~now existing or as, from time to time,~~ amended; and furthermore, shall have the specific powers:

a. To adopt ~~rules of procedure and~~ bylaws, **for** the regulation **of** its affairs and the conduct **of its business and to elect from among its members a chair to serve annually; however such chair may be subject to reelection; including the ability to establish minimum requirements for attendance at Council meetings by member representatives and representatives appointed by the Governor;**

b. To adopt an official **name and** seal;

c. ~~Because of the concentrations of planning activities in areas with high population density~~ **To maintain an** office(s) in ~~those~~ an urban center(s) designated as ~~standard~~ metropolitan statistical area(s) by the United States Office of Management and Budget;

d. To employ and compensate ~~staff members and~~ **such personnel,** consultants, ~~including an executive director,~~ and **technical and professional assistants as it** ~~others such as planning specialists clerical personnel, attorneys, engineers, as the Council~~ deems necessary **to exercise the powers and perform the duties set forth in this Amended Interlocal Agreement, and desirable for the performance of its duties and exercise of its rights and powers.** Compensation to staff members shall be consistent with that which is provided in pay plans adopted by **general purpose** local governmental units in the vicinity of Council's offices having similar positions;

e. ~~To utilize staff members employed by member units as agreed by the member units and determined by the Council to be desirable to solve regional and local problems and establish Council policies;~~ **To accept gifts, grants, assistance, funds or bequests;**

f. To hold public hearings and sponsor public forums **in any part of the Region** whenever **the Council deemed** ~~deems it~~ necessary or useful in the execution of ~~the~~ its other functions ~~of the Council;~~

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g. To acquire, own, **hold in custody** operate, maintain, lease ~~and~~ **or** sell real or personal property and hold title thereto in the name of the Council;

h. ~~To fix and determine by resolution rules and regulations relating to advertisement for bids, manner of bidding and a maximum amount, below which same will not be required~~ **To dispose of any property acquired through the execution of an interlocal agreement under Section 163.01 Florida Statutes, as amended;**

i. To sue and be sued, ~~implead and be impleaded, complain and defend in all courts~~ **in its own name;**

j. ~~To accept and receive in furtherance of its functions, receive and accept from any federal or state agency grants, funds, grants and services from the federal government or its agencies, for or in aid of the purposes of the Council~~ from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of municipal or local government, ~~as~~ **or** from private or civic sources;

k. To receive and expend such sums of money as shall be, from time to time, appropriated ~~of~~ **for** its use by any member unit ~~of government~~ **when approved by the Council and act as an agency to receive and expand federal funds for planning;**

l. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements, ~~and do and perform all acts deeds~~ necessary and incidental to the performance of its duties and the ~~exercise~~ **execution** of its powers **under this Amended Interlocal Agreement;**

m. To incur debts, liabilities or obligations which do not constitute the debts, liabilities or obligations of any of the parties of this **Amended Interlocal Agreement agreement;**

n. To act in advisory capacity to ~~the~~ **its** constituent local governments in regional, metropolitan, county and municipal planning matters;

o. To cooperate, in the exercise of its planning functions, with federal and state agencies in planning for ~~disaster preparedness~~ **emergency management;**

p. To fix and collect membership dues, rents, or fees where appropriate;

q. To conduct studies of the ~~Region's~~ **resources of the Region;**

r. To participate with other governmental agencies, educational institutions and private organizations in the coordination or conduct of its activities; ~~and~~

s. To enter into contracts to provide, at cost, such services related to its responsibilities as may be requested by local governments within the Region and which the Council finds feasible to perform;

**t. To select and appoint such advisory bodies as the Council may find appropriate for the conduct of its activities;**

**u. To provide technical assistance to local governments on growth management matters;**

**v. To perform a coordinating function among other regional entities relating to preparation and assurance of regular review of its regional plan, with the entities to be coordinated determined by the topics addressed in its regional plan;**

**w. To coordinate land development and transportation policies in a manner that fosters regionwide transportation systems;**

**x. To use personnel, consultants, or technical or professional assistants of the Council to help local governments within the geographic area covered by the Council conduct economic development activities; and**

**y. To provide consulting services to a private developer or landowner for a project, if not provided in a review capacity in the future, except that statutorily mandated services may be provided by the Council regardless of its review role.**

6. Amendments: It is expressly understood that the terms and conditions of this Amended **Interlocal** Agreement shall be effective between and among all members of the Council; and that the validity, force and effect of the ~~this~~ **this** Amended **Interlocal** Agreement shall not be affected by one (1) or more of the parties named hereinbefore; not approving this Amended **Interlocal** Agreement, so long as not less than three-quarters (3/4) of the governing bodies of the member units have affirmatively voted to approve and executed this Amended **Interlocal** Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amended Interlocal Agreement to be executed and their signatures to be affixed on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

ATTEST: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
  
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County Clerk BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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County Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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County Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

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County Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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County Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF ARCHER, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager/Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

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City Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WALDO, FLORIDA

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City Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF JASPER, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA

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City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PERRY, FLORIDA

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City Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor







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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sandra Haas, Chair  
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

### I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., June 25, 2015 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 213 SW Commerce Boulevard, Lake City. 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 Amendment

#50 - City of High Springs Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)

#51 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 15-1ESR)

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

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report

In a manner similar to the process required by local governments, every five years each regional planning council is required to perform an evaluation and appraisal of its Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The evaluation and appraisal process is a two-step process. The first step involves the preparation and adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The second step involves the preparation and adoption of amendments to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

The purpose of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report is to evaluate the progress of the regional plan at achieving the goals and at implementing the policies contained in the plan. The Evaluation and Appraisal Report should identify those areas of the plan in need of revision based on new information, changes to Florida Statutes, or changing regional trends and conditions. Subsequent to the adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report, amendments may need to be prepared and considered by the Council for adoption based upon the recommendations contained in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

The Regional Planning Committee met on May 28, 2015 to continue its review of the plan focusing on the Natural Resources of Regional Significance Element. The Committee will meet on June 25, 2015 to discuss the Regional Transportation Element.

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

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June 17, 2015

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.

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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 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.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. 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. Please find attached the June 2015 Scorecard.

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

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# THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

The Metrics that Help Florida Leaders Secure Florida's Future

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## Since 2010, Florida's Private Sector Businesses Created 651,300 Jobs for Florida Families

**DID YOU KNOW?** Florida job creators added 12,800 private-sector jobs over the month of September which helped lower Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 6.1%, down two basis points to one of the lowest since the recession began. Nine of the ten major industries across Florida experienced positive over the year job growth through September, with only government employment showing a decline over the year. In September, 66 of Florida's 67 counties saw unemployment drop.



Employment - Monthly

Since December of 2010, Florida has added 651,300 private-sector jobs and we have dropped five percentage points in unemployment, reducing Florida's unemployment rate from 11.1% to 6.1%. Our state has experienced 50 consecutive months of positive job growth and Florida's annual job growth rate has been better than the nation's rate since April of 2012.

Forecasts from the July meeting of the Florida Economic Estimating Conference suggest that, assuming no significant changes, Florida is forecasted to add approximately 200,000 over the year as it marches back to its peak employment by 2016.

As we project forward to 2030, population growth and demographic changes are going to play a big part in Florida's future workforce. Based on Florida Chamber Foundation estimates, we will need to create close to two million net new jobs across the state to maintain a six percent unemployment rate. "The kind of jobs we create will define the kind of Florida we live in," said Chamber Foundation Executive Vice President Tony Carvajal. "As the global landscape continues to evolve and Florida positions itself as the leading place for talent and economic opportunity, we will need to maintain a focus on the diversification of our economy in every community in order to achieve global competitiveness, high wage jobs, and vibrant and sustainable communities."

Is your community experiencing the benefits of the economic recovery of the last four years? What kind of activities would you like to see the state continue, or avoid, as we continue our growth? How is your community and industry preparing for the economy of tomorrow? [Tell us your story](#)

### Florida Net 12-Month Job Creation



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## FLORIDA JOBS

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## Ranking Florida

### Key Indicators



#### Home Foreclosures

As Florida continues to recover from the housing market collapse, trends in home foreclosures provide insight into Florida's progress through the extended recovery...



#### Consumer Confidence

The Florida Consumer Confidence Index measures residents' perceptions of personal finances now compared to a year ago and expectations of U.S....



#### Population

Florida has the 4th largest population in the U.S., estimated at just over 19 million in April 2012...



#### Unemployment Rate

Florida has an labor force of over 9 million, ready to meet the workforce needs of businesses...





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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2015 regular Legislature session convened on March 3, 2015 and the House of Representatives adjourned on April 28, 2015 and the Senate adjourned on April 30, 2015. The 2015 special Legislative session convened on June 1, 2015 and is scheduled to adjourn on June 20, 2015. The legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of January 5, 2015
- Week of January 20, 2015
- Week of February 2, 2015
- Week of February 9, 2015
- Week of February 16, 2015

The following paragraph provides a summary of bills of the budget.

#### **REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDING**

The Governor did not recommend any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The House of Representatives adopted budget does not include any funding for regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Senate adopted budget includes \$200,000 in funding for all 11 regional planning councils for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Council's share of the \$200,000 in funding would be approximately \$15,000. The Legislature did not pass the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget during the regular session. The budget will be addressed during the special session scheduled to start June 1, 2015 and end June 20, 2015. The tentative budget agreed to by the House of Representatives and Senate for Fiscal Year 2015-16 includes \$2.5 million for all 10 regional planning councils. The Council's share of the \$2.5 million in funding would be approximately \$215,000.

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

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Disclosure Report Filing

All members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year.

The financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

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

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June 17, 2015

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Check Fraud Status Report

On March 20, 2013, a fraudulent check in the amount of \$49,523.00 that was written on the Council's bank account was processed and paid by Wells Fargo. Also on March 20, 2013, Council staff filed an affidavit of check fraud concerning this matter with Wells Fargo. On March 25, 2013, Council staff filed a crime report concerning this matter with the Gainesville Police Department.

On March 28, 2013, Council Attorney Jonathan Wershow and Council staff briefed the Executive Committee concerning this matter. On April 18, 2013, the Council Attorney sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting that Wells Fargo remit to the Council within 30 days the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's account. On April 25, 2013, Council staff briefed the Council concerning this matter. On June 3, 2013, attorneys for Wells Fargo responded via letter to Mr. Wershow's letter stating that Wells Fargo will not reimburse the Council for the \$49,523.00 released from the Council's account by Wells Fargo.

On July 25, 2013, the Council authorized the Council Attorney to file a lawsuit against Wells Fargo to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 and designate Scott Koons, Executive Director, as the Council's representative concerning all matters related to such lawsuit. In addition, the Council authorized the Council Attorney and the Executive Director to contact federal and state law enforcement agencies to discuss the fraudulent check processed and paid out of the Council's bank account by Wells Fargo.

On August 5, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and I met with Mr. William Cervone, State's Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to discuss the check fraud incident. Mr. Cervone offered the assistance of his staff to work with the Gainesville Police Department to secure the bank records relating to the check fraud incident.

On August 6, 2013, Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Council Stanley Cushman filed a five-count lawsuit in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to recover the unauthorized \$49,523.00 released by Wells Fargo from the Council's bank account.

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On September 9, 2013, Wells Fargo responded to the complaint by filing a Motion to Compel Arbitration. Wells Fargo alleges that disputes related to the Council's checking account are to be resolved by an arbitrator. Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman responded to the motion stating arbitration does not apply to the dispute.

A hearing was scheduled for October 30, 2013 in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida on the Motion to Compel Arbitration filed by Wells Fargo to resolve the dispute between the Council and Wells Fargo. However, the hearing was rescheduled for January 24, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Circuit Court granted the Motion to Compel Arbitration.

A letter was sent to Wells Fargo on May 13, 2014 requesting additional information concerning the disputed check. On September 24, 2014 a Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim was filed with the American Arbitration Association by Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman on behalf of the Council. On October 14, 2014 attorneys from Wells Fargo filed a Respondent's Answering Statement to the Statement of Claim.

Council Attorney Wershow and Co-Counsel Stanley Cushman have coordinated with the attorney of Wells Fargo on the selection of an arbitrator and on January 8, 2015 mutually agreed to American Arbitration Association Arbitrator Robert Cowles of Jacksonville, FL. On February 2, 2015 a preliminary arbitration conference was held via teleconference. The arbitrator and parties agreed to schedule the arbitration hearing for May 11, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. However the arbitrator and parties agreed to reschedule the arbitration hearing for June 22, 2015 in Gainesville, FL.

On March 3, 2015 a press release concerning the check fraud incident was issued to regional and state news media. An arbitration hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2015 and was rescheduled for June 22, 2015 due to a conflict interest by the expert witness from Wells Fargo.

Please find attached a summary of legal fees incurred to date concerning the lawsuit.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
Wells Fargo Lawsuit  
Legal Fees

June 17, 2015

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2013	\$1,383
September 2013	\$2,253
October 2013	\$3,445
November 2013	\$180
December 2013	\$0
January 2014	\$2,760
February 2014	\$1,410
March 2014	\$2,502
April 2014	\$2,669
May 2014	\$2,970
June 2014	\$6,515
July 2014	\$330
August 2014	\$420
September 2014	\$810
October 2014	\$3,429
November 2014	\$0
December 2014	\$2,295
January 2015	\$454
February 2015	\$2,978
March 2015	\$765
April 2015	<u>\$7,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,568</b>