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MEETING NOTICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **March 25, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **6:00 p.m.**

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AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology
Gainesville, Florida

March 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Committee on any matter not included on the agenda. The comment period is limited to three minutes for each individual.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
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February 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Chestnut IV, Chair
Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer
Thomas Demps, Vice-Chair
Janice Mortimer, Member
Robert Wilford, Immediate Past Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Franson-Godfrey
Scott Koons

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker,
Columbia County Observer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 28, 2021

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to approve the minutes for January 28, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS

A. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$5,530.50. The motion carried unanimously.

B. American Flood Coalition Agreement to Assist with the Creation of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Vice-Chair Wilford to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to sign a grant agreement with the American Flood Coalition for \$15,000 of funding to assist with the development of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT -

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Program Grant Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2021-22

ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to recommend that the Council approve the attached resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Planning Grant Applications for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreements for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 2021-13, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 2021-14, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program -
Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford to recommend that the Council approve Resolution No. 2021-15, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator
Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to recommend that the Council authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, requested that that a competitive request for proposals process be used by the Council to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

The following action was taken concerning the motion to authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, requested that item IV. H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties be removed from the Council consent agenda and placed on the Council regular agenda.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to recommend that the Council not remove item IV. H. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties from the Council consent agenda and place it on the Council regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - Letter of Support Concerning State Road 26
(University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to sign letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS -

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed public comments on motions prior to final action by a board or commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

3/25/21
Date



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March 18, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Bradford; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie; Gilchrist; Lafayette; Levy; Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is required to annually certify membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

The attached forms certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards is established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3) of the Florida Administrative Code. These forms also certify that the membership of the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards represent, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local communities.

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

Attachments

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**BRADFORD COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 Address: 2009 N.W. 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

The Designated Official Planning Agency named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), Florida Administrative Code, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Riddick		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Sherry Ruskowski	Vacant	6/30/2024
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2024
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2024
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeffrey Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Dewece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

**COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official Hamilton County	Commissioner Brown	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Suwannee County	Commissioner Land	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Elected Official Columbia County	Commissioner Witt	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	Vacant	John Koch	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Terri Harmon	Louie Goodin	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Audre' J. Washington	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Amanda Bryant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Dwight Law	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Dewece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Selvin Cray	No Term
Veteran Services	Jonathan Law, Jr.	Ellis Gray, III	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2022

**DIXIE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
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 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Storey		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Tim Alexander	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

**GILCHRIST COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Poitevint		No Term
Elderly	Richard Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Leslie Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Michelle Walker-Crawford	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Pastor Ralph Williams	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Dewece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Brittney Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2022

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Walker		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Joey Pearson	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Kay Tice	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Eva K. Bolton	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

**LEVY COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Brooks		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Renate Cannon	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Tammy Jean Ippolito	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Sandra Woodard	Brooke Ward	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Charles Harris, Jr.	6/30/2023
Public Education	Gary Masters	Joseph Wain	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Amy Burton	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Peter Shepis	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Dewece Ogden	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Cindy LeCouris	Dale French	No Term
Veteran Services	Robert E. Lowyns	Julie E. Rose	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022

**MADISON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
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Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Moore		No Term
Elderly	Carl Sims, Jr.	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Paula Arnold	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Melinda Richie	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Steve Russell	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Janice Presley	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	Leila Rykard	Kimberly Allbritton	6/30/2022

**UNION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
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REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Perez		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2021
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2023
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Sylvia Bamburg	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Sandra Collins	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Amanda Bryant	Frederick Johnson	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Jeff Aboumrad	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Deweece Ogden	Vacant	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Selvin Cray	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2023
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2022
Local Medical Community	John "Dan" Mann	Vacant	6/30/2022



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Matthew Ferguson as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Monique Gustafson as the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Cindy LeCouris as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Commissioner John Meeks as Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Allison Stevens as the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Larry Trowbridge as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County 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. It is recommended that Matthew Ferguson be appointed the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Monique Gustafson be appointed the alternate Florida Department of Education Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Cindy LeCouris be appointed as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Commissioner John Meeks be appointed Chair of the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Allison Stevens be appointed the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Larry Trowbridge be appointed as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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 *SRK*
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Robert Brown Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for the remainder of a one-year term ending June 30, 2021.

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 the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend to the Council a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board. At its February 17, 2021 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County, as Chair of the Board.

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: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve attached Resolution No. 2021-16 recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority’s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

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) of the Florida Administrative Code allows the selection of Community Transportation Coordinators without competitive acquisition upon the recommendation of the Designated Official Planning Agency. Therefore, the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged may designate a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to continue serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. Please find attached a resolution adopted by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority concerning designation as the Community Transportation Coordinator.

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

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, as authorized by Section 427.057(3)(e)12, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2.010(2), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is willing to provide the services necessary to serve the transportation disadvantaged population;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the key personnel, financial capacity, equipment resources, accounting system techniques, experience and qualifications for the Community Transportation Coordinator designation;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the ability to coordinate a multitude of funding and service provisions to serve the transportation disadvantaged population and the general public;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has identified specific means to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and any applicable local regulations governing disabled accessibility requirements access to transportation;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated the provision of the most economically cost effective and quality services to the transportation disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated its plans to comply with safety requirements as specified in Section 341.0161, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has demonstrated plans to comply with any state, federal and local laws relating to substance abuse testing.

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

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged the designation of Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO 2020-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR UNDER FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the authority to be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority may be designated the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties without a competitive acquisition process if the Designated Official Planning Agency determines that approach is in the best interest of the transportation disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority was created in 1974 for the purpose of operating a public transportation system for Columbia County, Hamilton County and Suwannee County residents;

WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority has the ability to provide the organizational structure needed to administer and operate public transportation; and

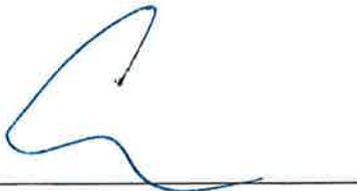
WHEREAS, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority hereby authorizes the filing and execution of the Memorandum of Agreement by the Chair of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority as the Registered Agent on behalf of the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT;

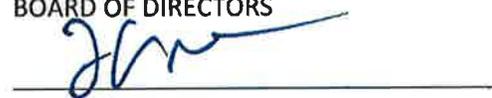
In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority requests the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority this 16th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:



SUWANNEE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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March 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring April 2021 as County Government Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 2021 as County Government Month.

BACKGROUND

County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

Counties participate in County Government Month by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay or art contests, meetings with business and community leaders and adoption of resolutions.

The National Association of Counties encourages counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services throughout the month.

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

Attachment

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, running election, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

WHEREAS, counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in effective and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, America's counties provide transportation and infrastructure services that play a key role in everything from daily commutes to shipping goods around the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has designated April as County Government Month and encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their programs and services to the public they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 2021 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

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March 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 5-9, 2021 as Community Development Week.

BACKGROUND

Community Development Week has been designated by the National Community Development Association to bring attention to the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these programs.

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

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PROCLAMATION

DECLARING APRIL 5-9, 2021 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 5-9, 2021 has been designated as National Community Development Week to recognize and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the Community Development Block Grant Program has provided funding and flexibility to local communities to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since, 1992, the HOME Program has created and preserved affordable housing for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, communities across the north central Florida region have made contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services and economic vitality of their communities using federal funding from these two programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 5-9, 2021 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

