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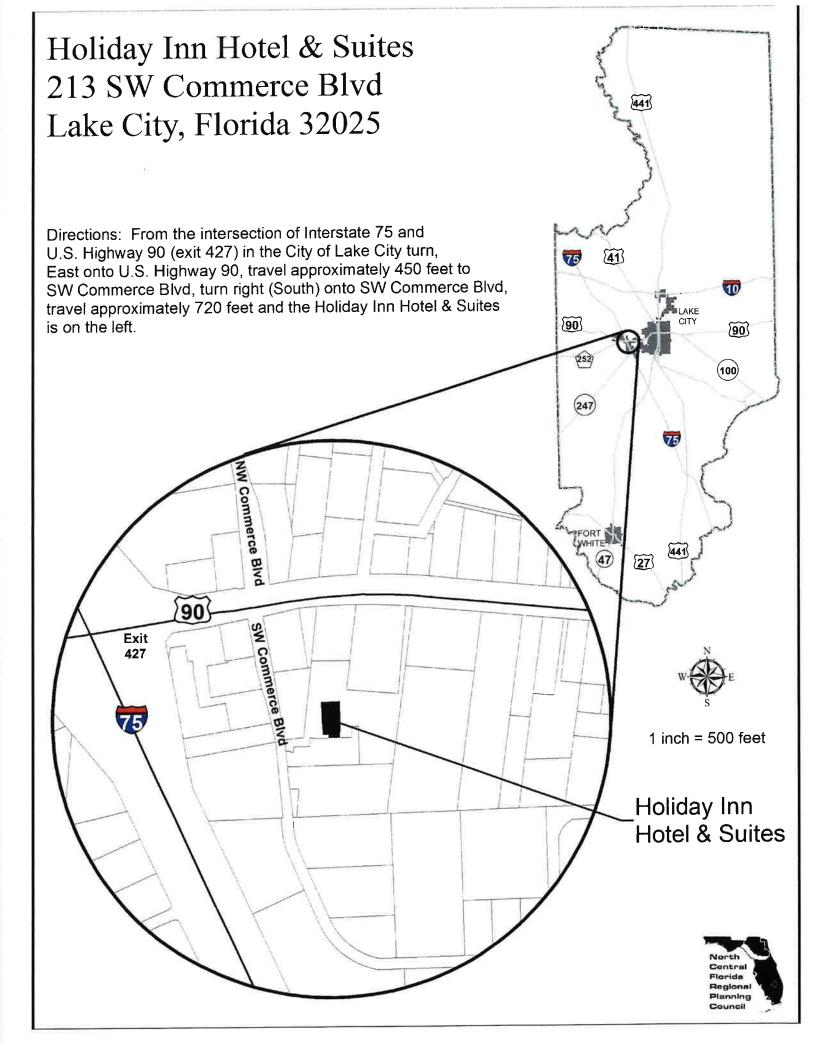
MEETING NOTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on March 28, 2024. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Santa Fe Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology at 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

March 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.

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V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Committee welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Committee on any matter not included on the agenda. This is not a question or answer time, it is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about Council personnel. If you would like to address the Committee, please complete a form, come forward when you are called, and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

See Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Lake City, Florida and Via Communications Media Technology February 22, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Immediate Past Chair Robert Brown, Treasurer

Fletcher Hope, Vice-Chair Janice Mortimer, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT John Meeks, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT Scott Koons - In Person

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer - In Person Jonathan Wershow, Council Attorney - Virtual

VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)
None

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)
None

Noting a quorum being present, Chair Mortimer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 25, 2024

ACTION: Commissioner

Commissioner Brown made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Adams, to approve the minutes for the January 25, 2024 Executive Committee meeting as written and circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

- II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS None
- III. PROGRAM REPORT
 - A. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Program Grant Resolutions Fiscal Year 2024-25

ACTION:

Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Brown, to recommend that the Council approve resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Planning Grant Applications for Bradford County; Columbia Hamilton Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County and Union County and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreements for Bradford; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie; Gilchrist; Lafayette; Levy; Madison and Union Counties. The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION None
- V. OTHER BUSINESS None
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

3/28/24 Date



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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director STCK

SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$5,530.50.

The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. model is based upon an input-output engine and provides the Council, our local governments, economic development agencies and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. It uses national data calibrated for the region, but also can accept local data sets to enhance its accuracy. This model can review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, include economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region of any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include a hotel and a redevelopment project in the City of Gainesville, a recreational vehicle resort in the City of Hawthorne, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center, manufacturing facilities and sports complex in Columbia County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County.

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

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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director $\leq \mathbb{Z}^{k}$

SUBJECT:

Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement

Fiscal Year 2023-24 City of Cedar Key

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2023-24 agreement with the City of Cedar Key to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$3,500.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the City of Cedar Key to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance to prepare public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments. The amount of the agreement will be \$3,500.

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



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March 21, 2024

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 County; Columbia Hamilton Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County 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 County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County. 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: Address:	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council 2009 N.W. 67th Place Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603
The Designate	d 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:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Riddick		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	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	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Phyllis Marty	Anna Mendoza	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Iana Patterson	Vacant	6/30/2025

COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

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 Phillips	Not Applicable	No Term
Elderly	John Koch	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Louie Goodin	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Daniel Taylor	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Quana Perry	Stephanie Harden	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Bruce Evans	Dwight Law	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley	Reeda Harris	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Elizabeth Wetherington	No Term
	Jonathan Law, Jr.	Lee Abersold	6/30/2026
Veteran Services	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Local Mass Transit	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Private Transportation Industry Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2025

DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Storey		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	John Wisker	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Lisa Payne	Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Elizabeth Wetherington	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/202
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Matthew Ferguson	Vacant	6/30/2025

GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Langford		No Term
Elderly	Richard Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Leslie Esseck	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	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	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Elizabeth Wetherington	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Brittny Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2025

LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair	

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Byrd		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Stephen Clark	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Arlene Dix	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	Lisa Payne	Latarsha Hampton	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Anthony Jennings	No Term
Veteran Services	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025

LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Mills		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Tammy Jean Ippolito	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Tiffany McKenzie	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Joseph Wain	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	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	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Larry Trowbridge	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Olajuwon White	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025

MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Moore		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Paula Arnold	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Renee Demps	Ferron Perry	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Donna Hagan	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Matthew Pearson	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Melinda Richie	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Steve Russell	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Elizabeth Blakely	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	Alvin Swilley	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Shanetha Mitchell	Vacant	6/30/2025

UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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2.	The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.
Signature:	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM ENDING
Local Elected Official/Chair	Commissioner Jackson		No Term
Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2027
Children at Risk	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Florida Association for Community Action	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2026
Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sheryl Stanford	Diana Burgos-Garcia	No Term
Florida Department of Transportation	Angela Gregory	Lauren Adams	No Term
Florida Department of Children and Families	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Libby Murphy	Vacant	No Term
Florida Department of Education	Vacant	Vacant	No Term
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Reeda Harris	Pamela Hagley	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Elizabeth Wetherington	Vacant	No Term
Veteran Services	Barbara Fischer	Vacant	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	John "Dan" Mann	Vacant	6/30/2025



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TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Donna Jackson Chair of the Union 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 Commissioner Donna Jackson be appointed Chair of the Union 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

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 as County Government Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2024 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



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 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, administrating 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 2024 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

John M. Meeks, Secretary	Janice D. Mortimer, Chair	
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ATTEST:		



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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 as Springs Protection Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Springs Protection Awareness Month in Florida. With over 450 documented springs, the north central Florida region is home to the largest concentration of freshwater springs in North America. The springs of the area have significant environmental, historical, economic and recreational value to local communities.

The north central Florida region is home to 21 of the 33 first-magnitude springs in Florida. First-magnitude springs discharge more than 65 million gallons of water per day. Springs are natural windows into the Floridan Aquifer and reflect groundwater conditions, which serves as the primary source of drinking water in the north central Florida region.

Springs Protection Awareness Month kicks off a month-long outreach initiative by water management districts to bring attention and awareness to one of Florida's most critical ecosystems and what is being done to protect them.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state;

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs;

WHEREAS, north central Florida region has the highest concentration of springs in the United States;

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs;

WHEREAS, groundwater in the north central Florida region is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy;

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species; and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2024 as *Springs Protection Awareness Month* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

Attest:	NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Proclaiming April 2024 as Water Conservation Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Water Conservation Month in Florida. Conserving water year-round is an integral part of managing and protecting the water supply of the north central Florida region today and for future generations. Water management districts proactively develops long-term water supply plans to monitor, evaluate and identify water sources and projects to meet the future water needs.

During Water Conservation Month, water management districts join with local governments to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and the ways we can reduce our water use all year long.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to north central Florida region residents, visitors, economy and environment;

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile;

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the north central Florida region;

WHEREAS, water conservation is a strategic priority;

WHEREAS, water conservation is encouraged and supported through public awareness efforts;

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources;

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, north central Florida local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2024 as *Water Conservation Month* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Proclamation Proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 as Community Development Week

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 1-5, 2024 as Community Development Week.

BACKGROUND

Community Development Week has been designated by the Natural 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

PROCLAIMING APRIL 1-5, 2024 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-5, 2024 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 Investment Partnership 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 1-5, 2024 as National Community Development Week in the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 28th day of March 2024.

ATTEST:	
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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Resolution Recognizing 100th Anniversary of the Town of Cross City

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Cross City.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Cross City, the attached resolution is recommended for approval by the Council.

The Town of Cross City was incorporated in 1924. The first settlers from North Carolina arrived in the area in 1820. The Town took its name from the cross roads, where the Old Spanish Trial met the Old Salt Road that leads to Horseshoe Beach. The Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, now transformed into the Nature Coast Trail, also crossed through the Town.

The railroad played an important role in the forest economy of the area. It transported lumber as well as guests and lumber company executives. In 1927, the owner of the Putnam Lumber Company, specializing in cypress and longleaf pine timber milling, built the Putnam Lodge, a 36-room retreat.

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

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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City, was incorporated on April 20, 1924; and

WHEREAS, the first settlers arrived in the Town of Cross City area from North Carolina in 1820; and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City took its name from the cross roads, where the Old Spanish Trial met the Old Salt Road that leads to Horseshoe Beach;

WHEREAS, the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, now transformed into the Nature Coast Trail, also crossed through the Town of Cross City; and

WHEREAS, the railroad played an important role in the forest economy of the Town of Cross City area; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the owner of the Putnam Lumber Company, specializing in cypress and longleaf pine timber milling, built the Putnam Lodge, a 36-room retreat in the Town of Cross City area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cross City annually hosts the Cross City Fly-In and Air Show.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates the Town of Cross City on its 100th Anniversary.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 28th day of March 2024.

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Attest:

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

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March 21, 2024

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director SR

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 2024-10 Honoring James Catron for 40 Years as Elected Official

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution honoring James Catron for 40 years as elected official.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Commissioner James Catron as a recipient of the 40 Years of Service Award as an Elected Official. The award was presented at a recent meeting of the City of Madison City Commission.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy.

Commissioner Catron served as a member of the Council from April 2012 to December 2023.

