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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 22, 2023**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

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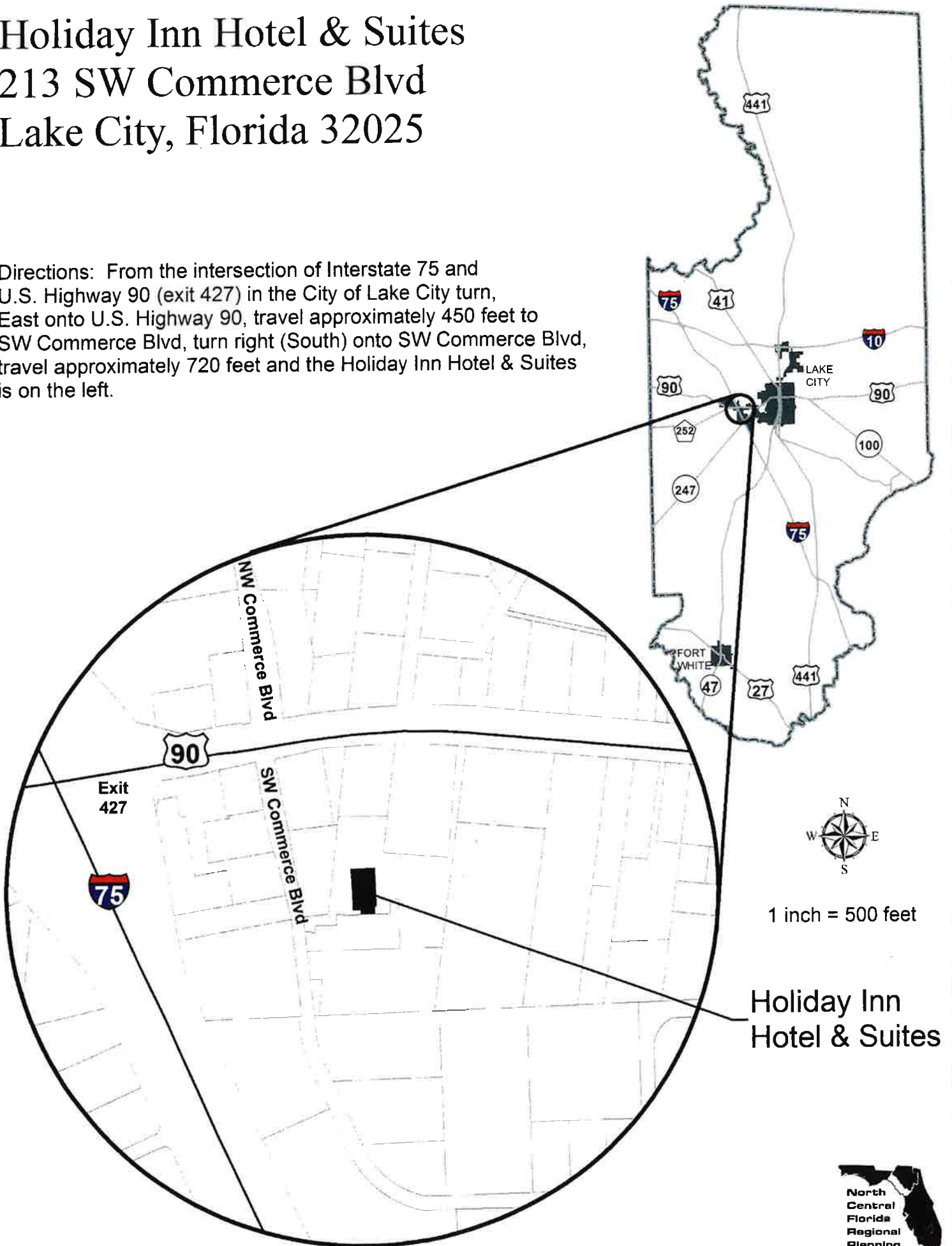
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by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources,
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Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

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AGENDA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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

June 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

IV.A.

Hybrid Public Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida and
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May 25, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Rocky Ford, Columbia County
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Edward Potts, City of Alachua
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville
James Catron, City of Madison
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ward Ketring, City of Perry

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT
MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Coleman, City of Newberry
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
William Mitchell V, City of Jasper
James Tallman, Union County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Craver, Florida Department of
Environmental Protection - Virtual
Ben Glass, Suwannee River
Water Management District - In-Person
Luzette Musen, Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission - In Person
David Tyler, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis - Virtual
Ryan Fulford - In-Person
Stew Lilker - In Person
Paul Martin - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In Person
Lauren Yeatter - In Person

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION

Chair Anthony Adams noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Demps gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Adams welcomed Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; Paul Martin, citizen Dixie County; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer. Councilman Ryan Fulford, Town of Cross City, was also in attendance at the meeting.

Chair Adams also welcomed new Council members Commissioner Rocky Ford, Columbia County; and Commissioner Edward Potts, City of Alachua, to the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adams asked that the consent agenda be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the consent agenda, as amended, changing the date of the December 2023 Council meeting to December 14, 2023 on Item IV.E. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2023-24. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes - April 27, 2023
- B. Monthly Financial Report - April 2023
- C. Agency Regulatory Plan Fiscal Year 2023-24
- D. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24
- E. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2023-24

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Adams asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION
YEAR 2022

Scott Koons, Executive Director, gave a presentation which reviewed Council activities during the past year in the Regional Planning, Public Safety, 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 Adams thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT - None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met in person and virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

1. #39 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-4ESR)
2. #40 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
3. #43 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR)
4. #46 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
5. #47 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
6. #48 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
7. #49 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ESR)
8. #50 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-3ESR)
9. #52 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR)

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #39 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-4ESR); Item #40 - Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR); Item #43 - Gilchrist County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR); Item #46 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR); Item #47 - Town of Lee Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR); Item #48 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR; Item #49 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-2ESR; Item #50 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 22-3ESR; and Item #52 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 23-2ESR. The motion carried 22 Yeas, 1 Nay.

C. Program Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Janice Mortimer, Council Vice-Chair and Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. She stated that the Program Committee met on March 23, 2023 to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. She stated that this document is used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Commissioner Mortimer stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Meeks to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overall Program Design as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Commissioner Fletcher Hope, Council Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, gave the Finance Committee Report. He stated that the Finance Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 17, 2023 to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. He stated, the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$1,629,100 which is (\$76,100) less than the current year budget. Commissioner Hope also stated, almost all funds to be expended by the Council are received through contracts for services and grants. He stated there is one exception: Member local governments pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$0.30 per capita for the 42nd year, and will produce approximately \$171,700.

Commissioner Hope noted that the most significant policy decision that must be made with respect to the budget is related to personnel. There is provision for a total of seven full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is one less full-time staff position 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 of the salary budget for merit increases for all employees, except the Executive Director.

ACTION: Commissioner Hope made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2023-24 Election of Officers

Commissioner Thomas Demps, Council Immediate Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, gave the Nominating Committee report. He stated that the Nominating Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 16, 2023 to prepare, for the Council's consideration, recommendations concerning officers for Program Year 2023-24.

He stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations for officers are, as follows:

Chair - Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Vice-Chair - Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
Treasurer - Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Secretary - John Meeks, Levy County
Immediate Past Chair - Anthony Adams, Lafayette County

Chair Adams asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, he closed the nominations.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler to elect the slate of nominees for officers to a one-year term for Program Year 2023-24 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, discussed the 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary designations. He stated that the District will be providing local governments technical assistance concerning this matter during the coming months.

Luzette Musen, Land Use Planning Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Region, stated that the Commission offers wildlife conservation planning services to landowners and local governments throughout the region.

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that the comments received by the District concerning updated Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Santa Fe River Watershed have been submitted by the District to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Kathryn Craver, Outreach/Communications Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District, discussed funding for conservation land acquisition approved by the Legislature in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget concerning the Florida Wildlife Corridor and Florida Forever Program. She also stated that the Northeast District is available to assist local governments and individuals concerning permit applications and Department regulatory compliance issues.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council meeting calendar, Council meeting public notice requirements and a regional utility consortium proposed by Columbia County.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the April 2023 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the April 2023 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the May 2023 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2023 Legislature Session convened on March 7, 2023 and adjourned on May 5, 2023. He reported on bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

D. 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 that Council members must file a financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfills this requirement. Mr. Koons noted that local elected officials are required to file the form online this year and all other filers will be required to file the form online next year. He stated gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Mr. Koons noted gubernatorial members will be receiving a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the next few weeks.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Meeks announced that the Florida Association of Counties will be conducting a webinar on June 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. concerning the local elected officials electronic filing process for financial disclosure forms.

Mr. Koons presented Chair Adams with a John Moran framed landscape photograph of the Florida Trail at the Suwannee River for his service as Chair.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Adams stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on June 22, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

6/22/23
Date



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June 15, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - May 2023

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for May 2023. 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 81 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 are 54 percent of budget.

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.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
May 31, 2023

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,587,646
Accounts Receivable	189,414
Other Current Assets	28,239
Total Current Assets	<u>2,805,299</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,805,299</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	4,057
Other Current Liabilities	86,299
Total Liabilities	<u>90,356</u>
Equity	<u>2,714,943</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,805,299</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
May 31, 2023

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	May 2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,705,200	2,271	1,374,595	81%
Expenses	1,705,200	89,612	925,520	54%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
May 31, 2023

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	May 2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	37,500	2,271	52,910	141%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,012	100%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	87,000	0	0	0%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	223,103	379%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	123,200	0	17,000	14%
Hazards Analyses	14,800	0	0	0%
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	299,400	0	334,972	112%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	244,100	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	25,600	0	8,466	33%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	205,500	0	84,282	41%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	80,008	70%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	17,258	47%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	67,500	0	90,197	134%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,003	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	0	320,024	131%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	53,860	96%
Total Revenue	1,705,200	2,271	1,374,595	81%

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Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
May 31, 2023

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2022-23	May 2023	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	110,000	1,983	36,265	33%
Contractual Services	88,000	2,025	26,983	31%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	40,000	320	32,848	82%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	32,828	131%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	0	10,866	43%
Legal Services & Public Notices	8,000	2,186	5,920	74%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	7,000	0	2,620	37%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,443	10,116	51%
Moving Expense	10,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	25,000	1,144	19,035	76%
Personnel	1,163,600	74,100	639,213	55%
Postage	9,000	384	3,489	39%
Printing	2,000	0	2,250	113%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,459	7,991	40%
Telephone	8,000	494	3,895	49%
Travel	30,000	2,078	17,417	58%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	67,500	1,996	73,784	109%
Contingency	27,100	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,705,200	89,612	925,520	54%



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Kenyatta Smith the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Dixie and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint Latarsha Hampton the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Dixie and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Kenyatta Smith be appointed the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Dixie and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Latarsha Hampton be appointed the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Dixie and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint the following individuals to three-year terms ending June 30, 2026:

- **Reappoint Lee Abersold as the alternate Veterans Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Richard Esseck as the voting Elderly Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Barbara Fischer as the voting Veterans Representative on the Bradford and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Reappoint John Koch as the voting Elderly Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Jonathan Law Jr. as the voting Veterans Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Tiffany McKenzie as the voting Community Action Agency Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Matthew Pearson as the voting Florida Association for Community Action Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Carolyn Ruff-Looney as the alternate Community Action Agency Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Alvin Swilley as the voting Veterans Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Reappoint Olajuwan White as the voting Veterans Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

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 Board members' terms of appointment expire on June 30, 2023. The above Board members are willing to serve an additional three-year term of reappointment to the Boards.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County Local Elected Official, Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for a one-year term ending June 30, 2024.

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 June 7, 2023 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: Janice D. Mortimer, Chair
 SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Dayna Miller

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Dayna Miller.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since June 2022 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

Attachment

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Dayna Miller has been representing the City of Alachua on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since June 2022;

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

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

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

Janice D. Mortimer, Chair

ATTEST:

John Meeks, Secretary

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF June 22, 2023.





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TO: Council Members
 FROM: Janice D. Mortimer, Chair
 SUBJECT: 2023-24 Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify 2023-24 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Council, each year the Chair makes appointments to the various committees of the Council. These appointments provide for a broad geographic representation throughout the region 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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2023-24
June 22, 2023

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, 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 22, 2023. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting conducted both in-person and via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #53 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)
- #55 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 23-1ESR)

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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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

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

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

Please find attached the May 2023 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

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

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: May 2023

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Developed the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the email lists for and maintain the email listserv for approximately 2,700 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
 - Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Summit
 - Florida Housing Coalition/Sadowski Coalition Working Group
 - Coordination calls with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and RPC Resiliency and GIS Staff

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized, hosted and attended working group sessions for RPC staff in program areas including Resiliency, Finance and Geographic Information Systems.
- Organized and participated in the May FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting.
- Continued to coordinate logistics and prepare for the 2023 summer conference schedule.
- Distributed the final FRCA Bill Report, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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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 following Six Pillars.

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

Please find attached the June 2023 Scorecard.

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

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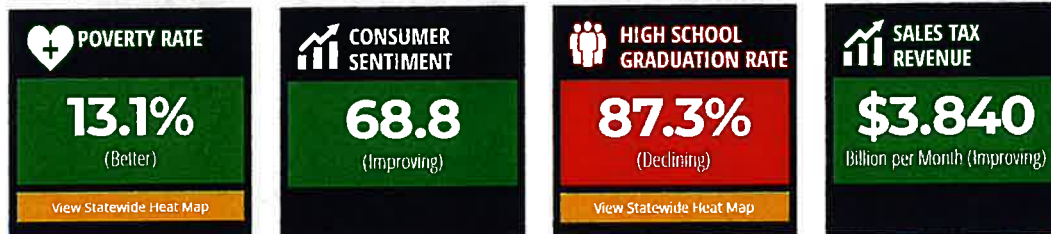
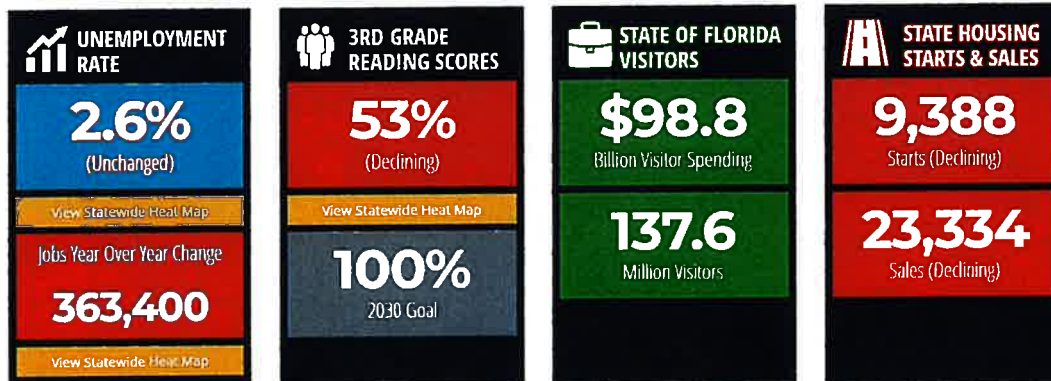
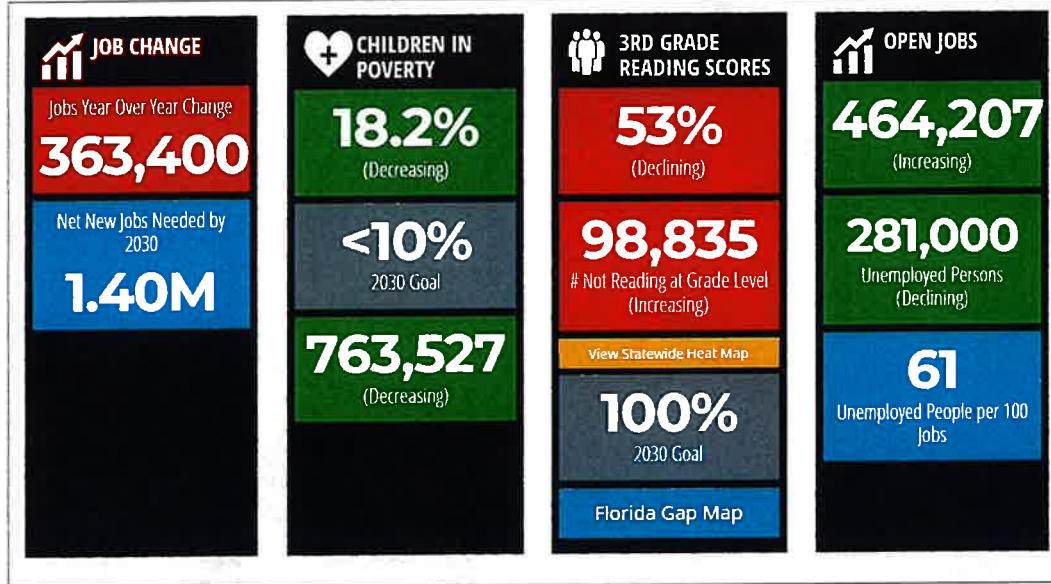
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FLORIDA POPULATION 06/13/2023

22,770,322

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Talent Supply & Education

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 Innovation & Economic Development

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BUSINESS STARTUPS #1 Business Startup Ranking #1 2016 Goal 58,260 April 2023 (Increasing)	BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #1	HISPANIC-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #2	WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES #2
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT \$1.44 Trillion (Improving)	STATE GDP RANKING #4 (Unchanged) #1 2030 Goal	GDP PER CAPITA \$57,520 (Improving)	PERCENT SMALL BUSINESS 29.4% (Decreasing)
PATENTS GRANTED 4,955 (Declining)	PATENTS ISSUED RANKING #10 (Declining) Top 3 2030 Goal	VENTURE CAPITAL \$7,239 Million (Improving)	STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS \$98.8 Billion Visitor Spending 137.6 Million Visitors
IMPORTS & EXPORTS \$67.5 Billion Exports (Improving) \$112.0 Billion Imports (Decreasing)	TOP 6 IMPORTERS 30.4% Market Share (Declining) \$17.63 Billion (Declining)	INTERNATIONAL VISITORS 9.812 Million (Improving) Top 10 Countries	CRUISE PASSENGERS 10.9 Million (Improving)
FLORIDA EXCHANGE RATE 86.81	EMPLOYMENT BY FOREIGN COMPANIES 353.8 Thousand (Declining)	INCOME MIGRATION \$4.48M Per Hour	OVERSEAS VISITORS 1st (Unchanged) #1 2030 Goal
TECHNOLOGY JOBS 4th (Unchanged) Top 3 2030 Goal	VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 7th (Unchanged) Top 3 2030 Goal	MANUFACTURING JOBS 419,800 (Decreasing) Annual Growth Rate 11th (Declining) Top 5 2030 Goal	FLORIDA MANUFACTURING Share of Jobs 5.0% (Decreasing) Annual Wages \$70,005 (Increasing) Wage Share 5.1% (Decreasing)
GDP FOR RURAL COUNTIES 3.21% (Increasing) 6.21% 2030 Goal	FLORIDA-ORIGIN EXPORTS \$67.5 B (Increasing) \$114.4 B 2030 Goal	RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FUNDING #41 (Declining) Top 3 2030 Goal	SERVICES EXPORTS \$43.3 B (Increasing) \$129.9 B 2030 Goal

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Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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Business Climate & Competitiveness

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

68.8
(Improving)

CEO RANK

2nd
(Unchanged)

STATE LEGAL CLIMATE RANKING

46th
(Unchanged)

Top 12
2030 Goal

SALES TAX REVENUE

\$3.840
Billion per Month (Improving)

BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE

4th

#1
2030 Goal

OPEN JOBS

464,207
(Increasing)

281,000
Unemployed Persons
(Declining)

61
Unemployed People per 100
Jobs

STATE RANKING FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY

#49

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY

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

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS SUITS

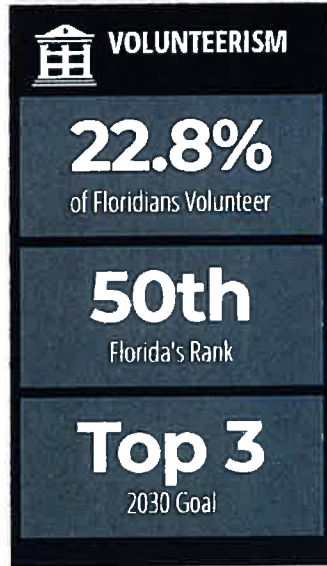
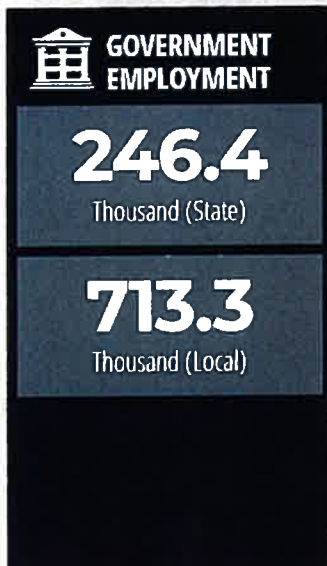
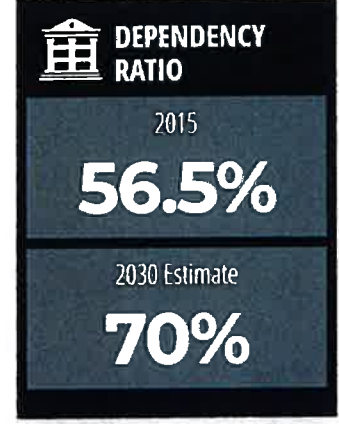
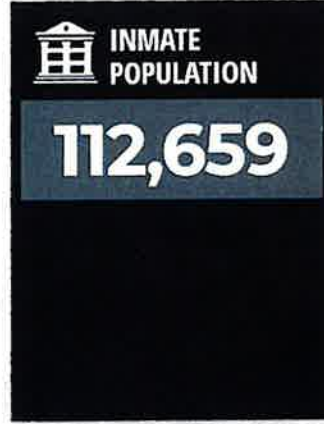
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Quality of Life and Quality Places

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June 15, 2023

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Broadband Opportunity Grant Program

On May 26, 2023, the third set of awards through the Broadband Opportunity Grant Program was made to expand access to broadband internet for underserved communities. A total of \$60 million was awarded for 22 projects in 19 counties for broadband internet expansion that will impact nearly 58,000 unserved residential, educational, business and community locations.

These awards are in addition to the \$144 million awarded on February 2, 2023 and \$22 million awarded on April 10, 2023, bringing Florida's total investment to \$226 million for the expansion of broadband Internet in Florida's rural communities. The first set of awards included \$47,882,642 for 14 projects in the north central Florida region. The second set of awards included \$15,000,000 for three projects in the north central Florida region.

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Broadband Opportunity Program funds the installation and deployment of broadband internet infrastructure in unserved communities, providing valuable access to telehealth, economic, educational and workforce development opportunities.

A total of \$14,973,800 in funding was awarded to the following four projects in the north central Florida region through the Broadband Opportunity Program:

- **Cities of Cedar Key and Chiefland, and the Towns of Inglis and Otter Creek (\$5,000,000)** - to add 1,097 miles of fiber optic cable to provide 1,238 unserved locations within Dixie County and Levy County with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 gigabit per second.
- **Cities of Fanning Springs and Trenton (\$4,948,800)** to add 100 square miles of fixed wireless coverage to provide 1,981 unserved locations within Gilchrist County with minimum download speed of 100 megabits per second and upload speed of 20 megabits per second.
- **Cities of Hampton and Starke (\$5,000,000)** to add 89 miles of fiber optic cable to provide 960 unserved locations within Bradford County with symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 gigabit per second.
- **City of Williston (\$25,000)** to add 20 square miles of fixed wireless coverage to provide 1,000 unserved locations within Levy County with minimum download speed of 100 megabits per second and upload speed of 30 megabits per second.

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June 15, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Rural Infrastructure Fund Grants

On May 31, 2023, more than \$15 million was awarded to five rural communities through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program to support community economic development projects that will strengthen public infrastructure and expand job opportunities for residents.

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Rural Infrastructure Fund program facilitates the planning, preparing and financing of infrastructure projects in rural communities. Funded projects encourage job creation, capital investment and the strengthening and diversification of rural economies.

During Fiscal Year 2022-23, \$32.5 million has been awarded to rural communities through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program. On October 27, 2022, nearly \$5 million was awarded for infrastructure in rural communities. On December 20, 2022, more than \$7.1 million was awarded to support rural communities through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program. On March 28, 2023, more than \$5.4 million was awarded to four small and rural communities.

Strategic investments in small and rural communities through programs like the Rural Infrastructure Fund and the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund provide regional benefits that are critical to strengthening communities for generations to come.

A total of \$9,600,000 in funding was awarded to the following local government in the north central Florida region through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program.

- **Suwannee County (\$9,600,000)** - to construct a wastewater treatment plant and install collection lines to create 269 jobs. The Suwannee County award through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program is in conjunction with the more than \$1.9 million awarded last year to Suwannee County through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for infrastructure expansion in August 2022, and more than \$760,000 awarded to Suwannee County through Rural Infrastructure Fund in December 2022 for infrastructure to support economic development opportunities.

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June 15, 2023

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Commissioner Janice Mortimer Receives Home Rule Hero Award

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Commissioner Janice Mortimer, City of Starke, as a recipient of a 2023 Home Rule Hero Award. This prestigious award was presented for tireless efforts to advance the Florida League of Cities legislative agenda and help protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2023 Legislative Session.

In addition, the following municipal officials in the north central Florida region were also 2023 Home Rule Hero Award recipients.

- Councilman Jake Hill Jr., City of Lake City
- Commissioner Danny Nugent, City of Starke
- Vice-Mayor Ross Ambrose, City of High Springs
- Commissioner Matthew Surrency, City of Hawthorne

“The League and its legislative team appreciate the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state,” said Florida League of Cities Chief of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. “Home rule heroes are some of our biggest advocates for protecting local decision-making. These League members stand out for their high level of participation, knowledge, and effectiveness. This year’s home rule heroes continuously advocated for their communities throughout the 2023 legislative session.”

Home rule is the ability for a city to establish its own form of government and enact ordinances, codes, plans and resolutions without prior state approval. The Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League’s request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

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.

Congratulations Commissioner Mortimer.

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June 15, 2023

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. Gubernatorial members will be receiving a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the next few weeks.

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

