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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 **March 28, 2024**. 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.

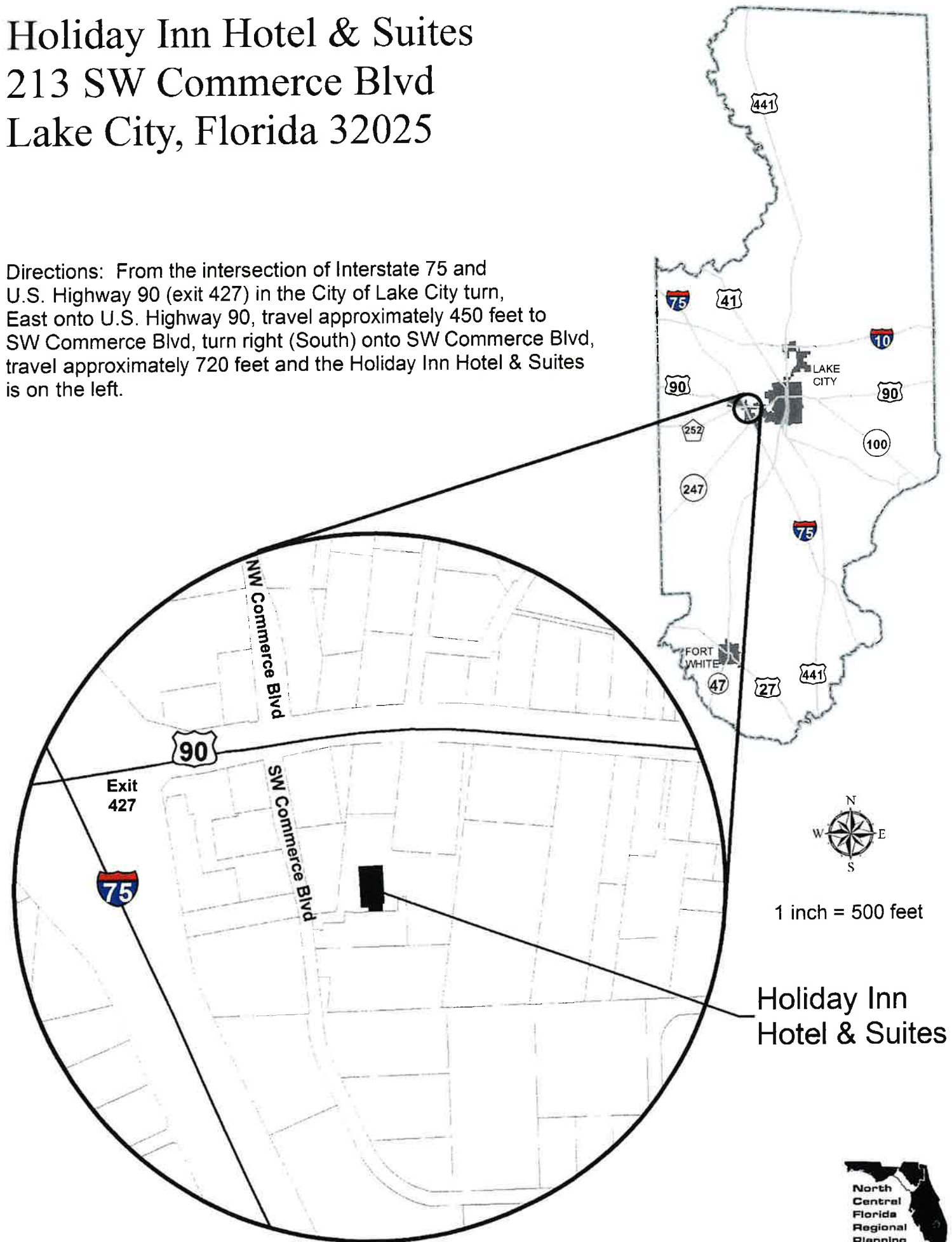
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*Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on **Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets**, then click on **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet**.)*

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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

March 28, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life of the Region's citizens,  
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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  
Via Communications Media Technology

February 22, 2024  
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**  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper  
**Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer**  
Donna Jackson, Union County  
**Janice Mortimer, City of Starke**  
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County  
Edward Potts, City of Alachua  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville  
Byron Poore, City of Madison  
Anna Prizzia, Alachua County  
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler

MEMBERS PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY  
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT  
VIA COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County  
Rick Coleman, City of Newberry  
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak  
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville  
Rocky Ford, Columbia County  
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry  
**John Meeks, Levy County**  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County  
Byran Williams, City of High Springs  
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Troy Roberts, Suwannee River  
Water Management District - In-Person  
Will Hinton, Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission - Virtual  
Amy Roberson, Florida Department of  
Transportation - In-Person  
William White, St. Johns River  
Water Management District - Virtual

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis - In-Person  
Stew Lilker - In-Person  
Sheridan Meek - Virtual

STAFF PRESENT

Lynn Franson-Godfrey - In Person  
Scott Koons - In Person

**Executive Committee Members names are bold**  
*Gubernatorial Members*

I. INVOCATION

Chair Janice Mortimer noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Perkins 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 Mortimer welcomed Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis; and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Mortimer asked that the consent agenda be approved.

**ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Adams, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

A. Minutes - January 25, 2024

B. Monthly Financial Reports - December 2023 and January 2024

C. Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Program Grant Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2024-25

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Mortimer asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Sheridan Meek, Senior Research Economist  
Florida Chamber Foundation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Sheridan Meek, Senior Research Economist, Florida Chamber Foundation. Ms. Meek made a presentation concerning economic trends, the Florida Scorecard and the 2030 Florida Blueprint initiative. Chair Mortimer thanked Ms. Meek for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT - None

Chair Mortimer welcomed the following new member to the Council.

A. New Member

1. Anna Prizzia, Alachua County

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.

#14 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ESR)

#15 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-3ESR)

#17 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

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 FloridaCommerce.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #14 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ESR); Item #15 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-3ESR); and Item #17 - City of Starke Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Roberson, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Environmental Management Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the District will be conducting Construction Career Days on February 27, 2024 and February 29, 2024 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

Troy Roberts, Communications and Outreach Manager, Suwannee River Water Management District, stated that April is Springs Protection Awareness Month and Water Conservation Month.

Will Hinton, 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.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council website, Council meeting calendar and regional rural transportation.

## 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 January 2024 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the January 2024 report.

### B. 2022-23 Florida Regional Council Association Annual Report

Mr. Koons presented the 2022-23 Annual Report of the Florida Regional Councils Association that was included in the Council meeting packet. He stated the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide association of all ten regional councils in Florida. Mr. Koons noted it is governed by a Policy Board made up of three representatives (county, municipal, gubernatorial) from each Council who are in turn advised by the Executive Directors Advisory Committee comprised of all ten executive directors. He stated the following members of the Council currently serve on the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board: Charles Chestnut IV, Past Chair; Janice Mortimer, Chair; and Lorene Thomas, Past Chair. In conclusion, Mr. Koons stated the activities of the Council are featured on pages 2, 4, 9 and 11 of the annual report.

### C. 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 February 2024 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

### D. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2024 Legislative Session convened on January 9, 2024 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 8, 2024. He reported on the status of bills of interest to the Council and member local governments.

## XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mortimer announced that the Bradford County Fair will be held March 5-10, 2024 in Starke.

## XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Mortimer stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on March 28, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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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  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - February 2024

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for February 2024. 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 five months is 35 percent of budget.

**Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of five months are 32 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)**  
**February 29, 2024**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,467,067
Accounts Receivable	566,925
Other Current Assets	53,361
Total Current Assets	<u>3,087,353</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>3,087,353</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	14,216
Other Current Liabilities	113,323
Total Liabilities	<u>127,539</u>
Equity	<u>2,959,814</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>3,087,353</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**February 29, 2024**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	1,629,100	2,322	573,230	35%
<b>Expenses</b>	1,629,100	96,260	524,677	32%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**February 29, 2024**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	61,700	2,322	49,004	79%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,065	100%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	102,800	0	3,200	3%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	70,000	0	7,300	10%
Hazards Analyses	0	0	0	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	234,000	0	168,982	72%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	248,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	26,000	0	6,893	27%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	216,500	0	80,541	37%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	62,493	54%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	7,768	21%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	0	51,000	74%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	0	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	19,921	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	0	46,063	19%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	0	0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>573,230</b>	<b>35%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**February 29, 2024**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2023-24</b>	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	29,000	4,794	23,304	80%
Contractual Services	20,000	2,660	25,086	125%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	31,000	492	23,057	74%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	0	7,717	31%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	701	2,023	18%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	3,000	1,158	2,385	80%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,633	6,402	32%
Office Supplies	13,000	0	13,213	102%
Personnel	1,164,900	81,561	367,528	32%
Postage	5,000	313	2,246	45%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	10,000	0	545	5%
Telephone	4,000	446	2,011	50%
Travel	30,000	1,297	9,736	32%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	1,205	39,424	57%
Contingency	149,300	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,629,100</b>	<b>96,260</b>	<b>524,677</b>	<b>32%</b>



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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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   
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: 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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**

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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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 Agency for Health Care Administration	Pamela Hagley	Reeda Harris	No Term
Regional Workforce Development Board	Diane Head	Elizabeth Wetherington	No Term
Veteran Services	Jonathan Law, Jr.	Lee Abersold	6/30/2026
Local Mass Transit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Term
Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	6/30/2025
Local Medical Community	Sandra Buck Camp	Vacant	6/30/2025

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

Name: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
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Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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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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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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	Brittany Keeling	Krishna Stemple	6/30/2025



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

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 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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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 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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  
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 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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	<u>Diana Burgos-Garcia</u>	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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March 21, 2024

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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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Janice D. Mortimer, Chair  
SUBJECT: Commissioner Catron Receives 40 Years of Service Award as an Elected Official

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.

Congratulations Commissioner Catron.

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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Mac Johns.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Mac Johns served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Mac Johns has served as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2023; and*

*WHEREAS, Commissioner Mac Johns ably discharged the duties as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Commissioner Mac Johns for dedicated service rendered to the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Union County and the State of Florida; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Commissioner Mac Johns.*

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*Janice D. Mortimer, Chair*

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

March 28, 2024

*Date*






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March 21, 2024

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.

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# 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, 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 2024 as County Government Month throughout the north central Florida region.

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

ATTEST:

SEAL

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John M. Meeks, Secretary

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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:

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March 21, 2024

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

Attest:

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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:

SEAL

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John M. Meeks, Secretary

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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 Trail 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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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

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 Trail 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.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Janice D. Mortimer, Chair







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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL HONORING JAMES  
CATRON FOR 40 YEARS OF ELECTED SERVICE,  
RECOGNIZING HIS UNSELFISH COMMITMENT TO  
MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, America's municipal governments have long relied upon the unselfish leadership of their citizens for local self-government, and Florida's municipal governments share the time-honored role as the level of government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, this reliance places extraordinary responsibilities upon municipal elected officials as citizen legislators who make significant sacrifices of their time and energies on behalf of their citizenry, often for little to no compensation, making this commitment a true labor of love; and

WHEREAS, municipal leaders strive for excellence in the governance of their city, town or village, and commit themselves to providing quality services, governing effectively and working to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities presented the John Land Award to James Catron recognizing 40 years of elected service; and

WHEREAS, James Catron served on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as the representative for City of Madison for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, James Catron is the longest serving city commissioner in the history of the City of Madison.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates James Catron;

That James Catron is commended for his dedication to the City of Madison and is hereby recognized as an outstanding public servant in north central Florida.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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March 21, 2024

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., March 28, 2024. 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

- #20 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #21 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER)
- #24 -Town of Bronson Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 23-1ER)

***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: Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Program Committee is scheduled to meet on March 28, 2024 to develop a draft of the Overall Program Design for next year. The Overall Program Design is used as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to provide direction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year.

The Program Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 23, 2024 Council meeting.

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 *SRK*  
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 February 2024 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: February 2024

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Composed and distributed the January *FRCA Forward Newsletter*, collected articles for the February newsletter.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,350 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:
  - Quarterly Resilience Forum hosted by the Department of Environmental Protection,
  - Quarterly Economic Development Administration and RPCs meeting,
  - Quarterly RPC Finance Working Group meeting,
  - RPC GIS coordination meeting,
  - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Coordination Meetings hosted by The Nature Conservancy, and;
  - Florida Resilience Collaborative Coordinators Forum.

### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared for the March FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting.
- Developed and distributed the 2024 FRCA Bill Report weekly.
- Continued development of Articles of Incorporation for the Association.
- Attended the Southwest Florida RPC meeting.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule.
- Shared, 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 Regional Councils Association Policy Board Forum Report

Chair Janice Mortimer, Former Chair Lorene Thomas and I attended the semi-annual forum of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board via communications media technology on January 26, 2024.

The Policy Board heard presentations from Kate Doyle, Interim Deputy Secretary, FloridaCommerce and Tim MacGregor, Director, Office of Military and Defense, FloridaCommerce.

The Policy Board also received a financial report and the 2022-23 Florida Regional Councils Association Annual Report. The Policy Board also heard a legislative report.

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March 21, 2024

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 March 2024 Scorecard.

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

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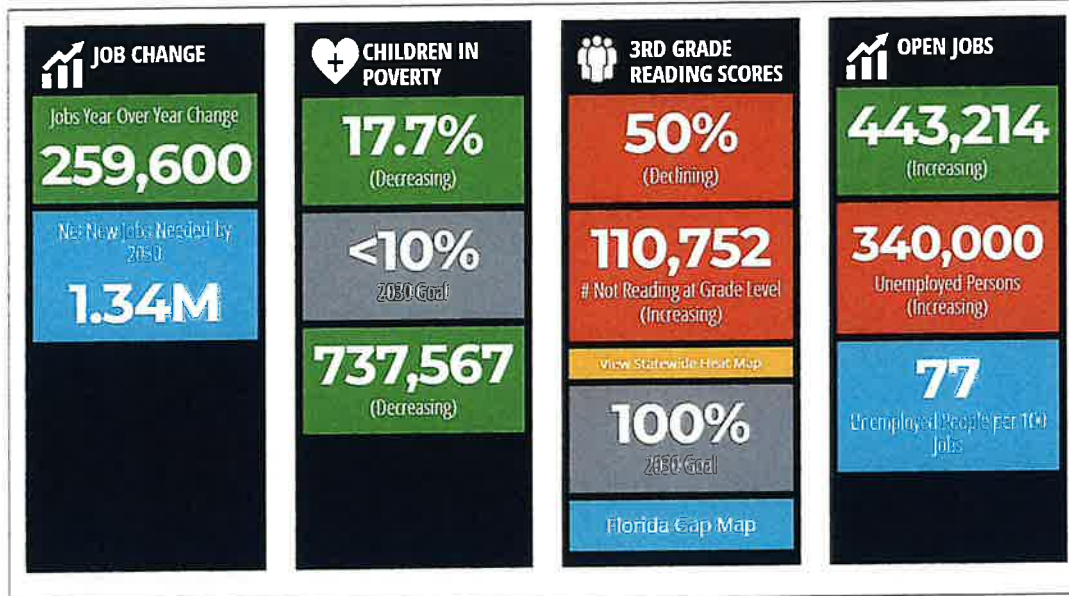
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FLORIDA POPULATION 03/20/2024

**23,087,009**

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### Talent Supply & Education

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## State of Florida Metrics (FINAL 2024)

### Innovation & Economic Development

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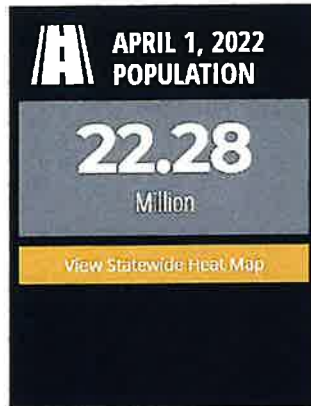
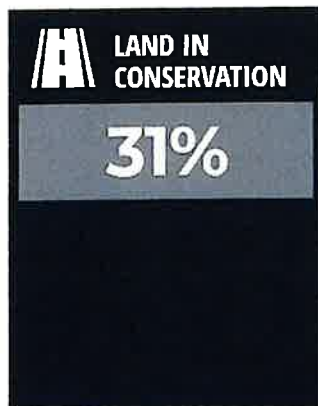


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BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS



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### Business Climate & Competitiveness

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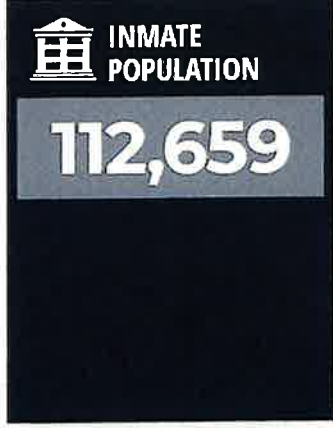
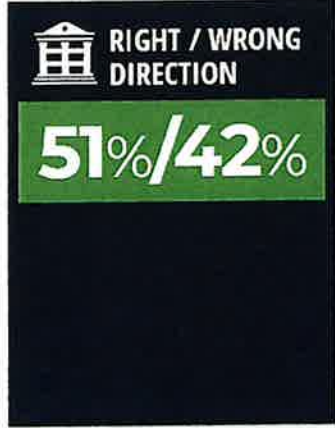
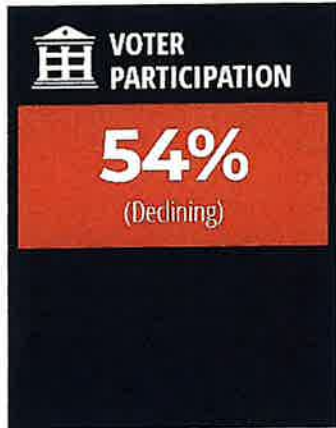


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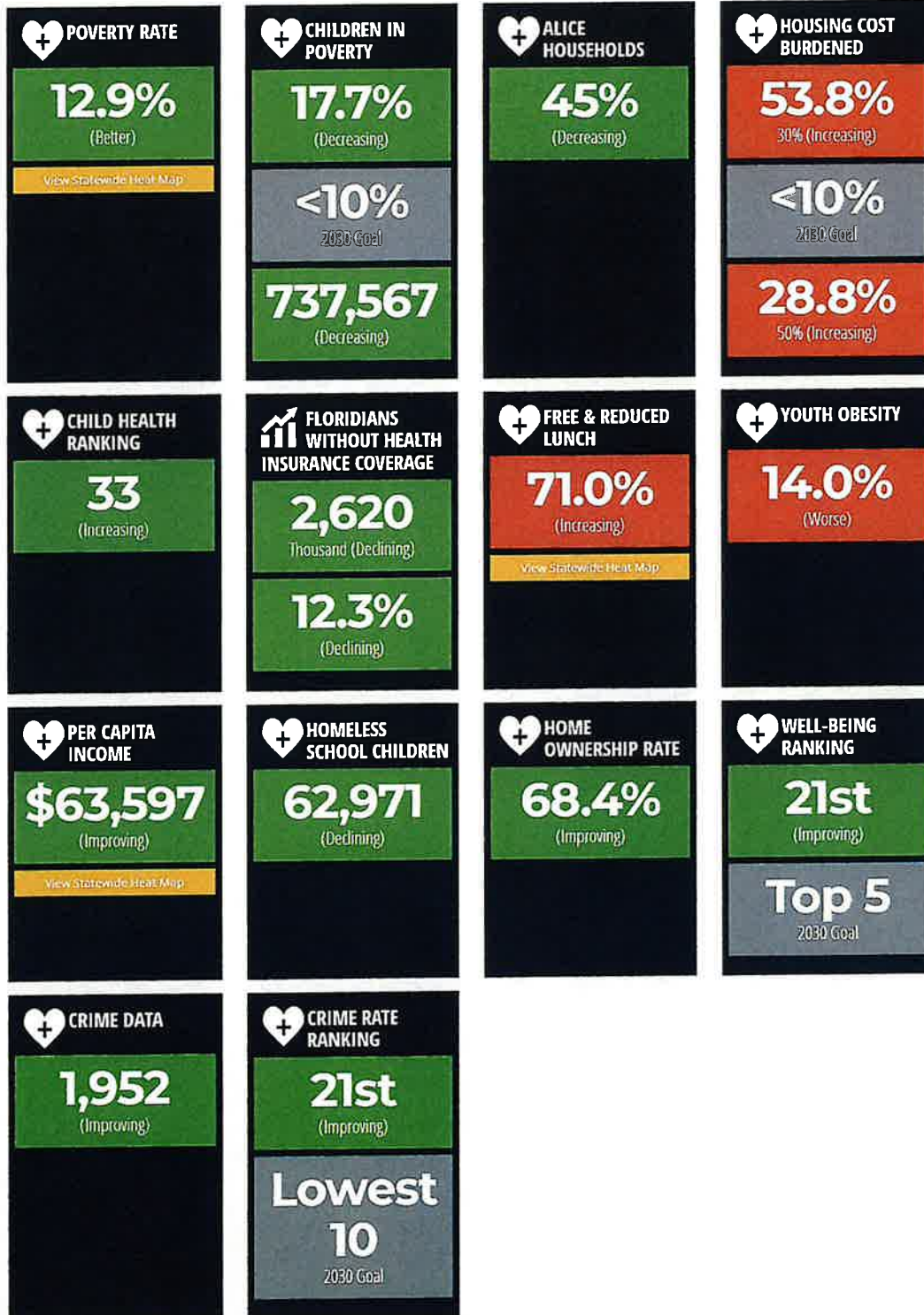


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### Quality of Life and Quality Places

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TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2024 regular Legislative Session convened on January 9, 2024 adjourned on March 8, 2024. The Legislative Interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of September 18-22, 2023 (House)
- Week of October 9-13, 2023 (Senate)
- Week of October 16-20, 2023 (House/Senate)
- Week of November 6-9, 2023 (House/Senate)
- Week of November 13-17, 2023 (House/Senate)
- Week of December 4-7, 2023 (House/Senate)
- Week of December 11-15, 2023 (House/Senate)

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS**

**Senate Bill 684** by Senator DiCegle requires certain governing bodies, by a date certain, to create a program to expedite the process for issuing residential building permits before a final plat is recorded; requires a governing body to issue a certain number or percentage of building permits requested in an application when certain conditions are met; requires local jurisdictions to reduce permit fees by a certain percentage under certain circumstances; and revises the timeframes for approving or denying certain building permits. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Fiscal Policy Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs committee. **This bill laid on table.**

**House Bill 267** by Representatives Esposito and Giallombardo requires governing bodies to create program to expedite process for issuing residential building permits; authorizes use of private providers; authorizes temporary parcel identification numbers; provides vested rights to applicants; prohibits substantive changes to preliminary plat; requires applicant to hold harmless and indemnify certain entities and persons; revises provisions and timeframes relating to acquiring building permits for residential dwellings; and reduces permit fees; authorizes local governments to use certain fees for certain technology upgrades. Referred to Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. Passed by Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee; and Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee. **PASSED SENATE 36 YEAS, 0 NAYS. PASSED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 83 YEAS, 29 NAYS.**

**EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS**

**Senate Bill 812** by Senator Ingoglia requires certain governing bodies, by a date certain, to create a program to expedite the process for issuing residential building permits before a final plat is recorded; requires certain governing bodies, by a date certain, to update their programs to conform to the Florida Building Code; and requires a local building official and a local governing body to mail a signed, certified letter with specified information to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Florida Department of Commerce, respectively, after the governing body creates the program. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee; and Regulated Industries Committee. **PASSED SENATE 40 YEAS, 0 NAYS. PASSED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 89 YEAS, 25 NAYS.**

**House Bill 665** by Representative McClain requires governing bodies to create or update program to expedite process for issuing residential building permits; authorizes applicants to use private provider; authorizes governing body to issue addresses and temporary parcel identification numbers; requires governing body to issue specified number or percentage of building permits; provides applicant has vested rights when conditions are met; prohibits governing body from making changes to preliminary plat without written consent; and requires applicant to indemnify and hold harmless certain entities and persons. Referred to Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. Passed by Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill laid on table.**

**ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS IN PROPERTY RIGHTS DISPUTES**

**Senate Bill 702** by Senator Martin defines the term property rights; and requires courts to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to a prevailing defendant in certain civil actions under specified circumstances. Referred to Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. Passed by Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. **PASSED SENATE 40 YEAS, 0 NAYS. PASSED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 115 YEAS, 0 NAYS.**

**House Bill 1167** by Representative Yarkosky requires courts to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to prevailing defendant in certain civil actions relating to property rights. Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee, Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Judiciary Committee. Passed by Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee. **This bill laid on table.**

**AGRITOURISM**

**Senate Bill 696** by Senator Rodriguez prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances, regulations, rules, or policies that require certificates of use for certain agricultural lands, facilities, and venues or that limit certain activities associated with agritourism; provides for the termination, expiration, extension, and renewal of specified local government ordinances, rules, and measures. Referred to Agriculture Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Rules Committee. **This bill died in Agriculture Committee.**

**House Bill 339** by Representative Roth prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances, regulations, rules, or policies that require certificates of use for certain agricultural lands, facilities, and venues or limit certain activities associated with agritourism; and provides for termination, expiration, extension, and renewal of specified local government ordinances, rules, and measures. Referred to Agriculture, Conservation and Resiliency Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Infrastructure Strategies Committee. **This bill died in Agriculture, Conservation and Resiliency Subcommittee.**

### **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**Senate Bill 1110** by Senator DiCeglie revises the scope of power and responsibility of municipalities and counties under the Community Planning Act; revises exceptions from provisions governing credits against local impact fees; revises procedures regarding local government review of changes to previously approved developments of regional impact; authorizes changes to multimodal pathways, or the substitution of such pathways, in previously approved developments of regional impact if certain conditions are met. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Transportation Committee; and Rules Committee. **This bill died in Agriculture Committee.**

**House Bill 1177** by Representative Duggan revises scope of power and responsibility of municipalities and counties under Community Planning Act; modifies requirements for local governments implementing transportation concurrency system; clarifies circumstances under which local government or special district must credit contributions toward collection of impact fee; removes provision that exempts water and sewer connection fees from Florida Impact Fee Act; authorizes changes to multimodal pathways, or substitution of such pathways, in previously approved developments of regional impact; and specifies certain changes to comprehensive plan policies and land development regulations do not apply to development of regional impact that has vested rights. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; Ways and Means Committee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee. **This bill died on second reading.**

### **LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

**Senate Bill 1184** by Senator Ingoglia revises the types of data upon which comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based; requires that future land use plans be based on data that includes elements related to the amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth for specified types of development and the amount of certain land located outside of urban service areas; and requires local land development regulations to establish minimum lot sizes in certain districts and infill development standards for specified housing units. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rules Committee. **This bill died in Community Affairs Committee.**

**House Bill 1221** by Representative McClain revises mechanisms by which owners of agricultural lands apply for and are granted rezonings; revises requirements for use by local governments in reviewing applications for agricultural enclaves; revises types of data that comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based on; revises means by which application of methodology used in data collection or whether particular methodology is professionally accepted and evaluated; revises criteria for adopting small scale development amendment; revises content requirements for local land development regulations; and revises mechanisms by which applications for infill development must be administratively approved. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and Commerce Committee. **This bill died on second reading.**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS**

**Senate Bill 1628** by Senator Collins revises applicability provisions for the enactment or adoption of and legal challenges to county and municipal ordinances, respectively; requiring local governments to seek to minimize or eliminate the potential negative impacts of a local government action; and authorizes affected entities to submit written requests to the appropriate departments for impact reviews under certain circumstances. Referred to Community Affairs Committee; and Fiscal Policy Committee. Passed by Community Affairs Committee. **PASSED SENATE 30 YEAS, 1 NAY. PASSED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 84 YEAS, 30 NAYS.**

**House Bill 1547** by Representative McClure revises applicability provisions for enactment or adoption of and legal challenges to county and municipal ordinances, respectively; requires local governments to seek to minimize or eliminate potential negative impacts of local government action; authorizes affected entities to submit written requests to appropriate departments for impact reviews; requires department to issue impact review within specified timeframe and to consider specified potential impacts; requires local governments to hold specified meetings upon receipt of impact review; prohibits additional impact reviews for same local government action; requires appropriate departments to consult with each other regarding certain guidelines and procedures; authorizes Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Public Service Commission to adopt emergency rules; requires Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit report to Governor and Legislature by specified date; and provides requirements for report. Referred to Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee; and State Affairs Committee. Passed by Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee. **This bill laid on table.**

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Federal Disaster Economic Recovery Support Function

The United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration has a long history of successfully supporting disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. The role of the Administration in disaster recovery is to facilitate the timely and effective delivery of federal economic development assistance to support long-term community economic recovery planning and project implementation, redevelopment and resilience. The Administration is uniquely positioned to coordinate federal support for regional disaster recovery efforts in partnership with economic development districts, such as the Council, and other stakeholders in designated impact areas.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established the National Disaster Recovery Framework to facilitate coordinated interagency capacities across all disaster-related mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. The Administration serves as the coordinating agency for the Economic Recovery Support Function. In this capacity, the Administration provides leadership, coordination and oversight for primary and support agencies, all of which share a role in the provision of grants, loans, training and other forms of assistance to support economic recovery efforts in disaster-impacted communities and regions.

On November 8, 2023, the Council hosted a north central Florida regional listening session, along with FloridaCommerce, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. at Big Bend Technical College in Perry. Federal representatives from the Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration were present to hear first-hand from local government officials and economic development organizations about the impacts from Hurricane Idalia.

As a follow-up to the regional listening session, federal representatives returned to the north central Florida region on February 28, 2024 and March 11-14, 2024 to meet with local government officials and economic development professionals in each of the counties impacted by Hurricane Idalia. These follow-up sessions identified both short-term and long-term economic recovery needs and federal resources to address the needs. Council staff participated each of the follow-up sessions in the following north central Florida counties.

- Dixie County;
- Gilchrist County;
- Hamilton County;
- Lafayette County;
- Levy County;
- Madison County;
- Suwannee County; and
- Taylor County.

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March 21, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Rural Infrastructure Fund Grants

On February 23, 2024, more than \$5 million through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program was awarded to nine rural communities impacted by Hurricane Idalia by strengthening public infrastructure and expanding job opportunities for employers and families in rural communities.

Hurricane Idalia impacted the north central Florida region and communities across the region have received resources for recovery and long-term economic growth. These awards add to the more than \$24 million awarded this year through the Rural Infrastructure Program to drive economic development and strengthen local infrastructure.”

Administered by the FloridaCommerce, 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.

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 \$5,033,221 in funding was awarded to the following local government in the north central Florida region through the Rural Infrastructure Fund program.

- **Cedar Key Water and Sewer District (\$2,500,000)** to rehabilitate 17 lift stations, including raising control panels above storm surge levels to safeguard essential water and sewer services for the community and local industries.
- **City of Live Oak (\$601,000)** to design and install a gravity sewer collection system and water services along the 68th Terrace corridor to support current and future commercial developments.
- **Lafayette County (\$400,000)** to construct a 3,000 square foot commercial building in the Lafayette County Industrial Park.
- **Town of Cross City (\$337,721)** to evaluate three potable wells, including addressing declining water quality and developing recommendations for repair or improvements.
- **Taylor County (\$304,500)** to construct new concrete infrastructure and install a 15,000 gallon aviation fuel tank system at the Perry-Foley Airport.

- **City of Perry (\$300,000)** to conduct a study on stormwater management throughout the City to address stormwater at the Gram's Legacy Grove Site and complete preliminary engineering for water, wastewater and natural gas.
- **City of Jasper (\$300,000)** to conduct a comprehensive sanitary sewer evaluation survey to systematically investigate, televise and map the entire sewer collection system, including gravity sewers and lift stations.
- **Town of Lee (\$290,000)** to analyze and develop design plans to improve the existing water and sanitary sewer systems serving the County Road 255 corridor and the Madison County Industrial Park.

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TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

On March 7, 2024, more than \$9.2 million was awarded to Hurricane Idalia impacted Madison County, Suwannee County and Big Bend Technical College in Taylor County through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for infrastructure improvements and to expand workforce education. Since 2019, more than \$206 million has been awarded through the Job Growth Grant Fund.

These awards build on Florida’s commitment to investing in infrastructure and workforce development opportunities that attract businesses and fuel local economies. The investments are critical following Hurricane Idalia for the long term in the north central Florida region.

The awards will help complete projects that were put on hold following Hurricane Idalia and create new high-wage jobs and 180 new advanced manufacturing-trained graduates in the north central Florida region.

Public infrastructure projects can include transportation and utilities needed to support economic development. Workforce training projects will provide Floridians with transferable, sustainable workforce skills applicable to many employers.

A total of \$9,217,633 in funding was awarded to the following local government in the north central Florida region through the Florida Job Growth Fund program.

- **Big Bend Technical College (\$5,000,000)** to assist in workforce recovery by offering postsecondary and dual-enrolled instruction and training, among other specialized continuing workforce training, by building a 10,000 square foot advanced manufacturing teaching facility.
- **Suwannee County (\$2,218,000)** to support four new business opportunities and two expansion projects by constructing a wastewater plant at the Suwannee County Catalyst Site.
- **Madison County (\$1,999,633)** to widen and resurface Bisbee Loop and construct an associated turn lane on County Road 255, allowing for tractor trailers and other commercial traffic to have access to the area.

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