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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 **September 26, 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.

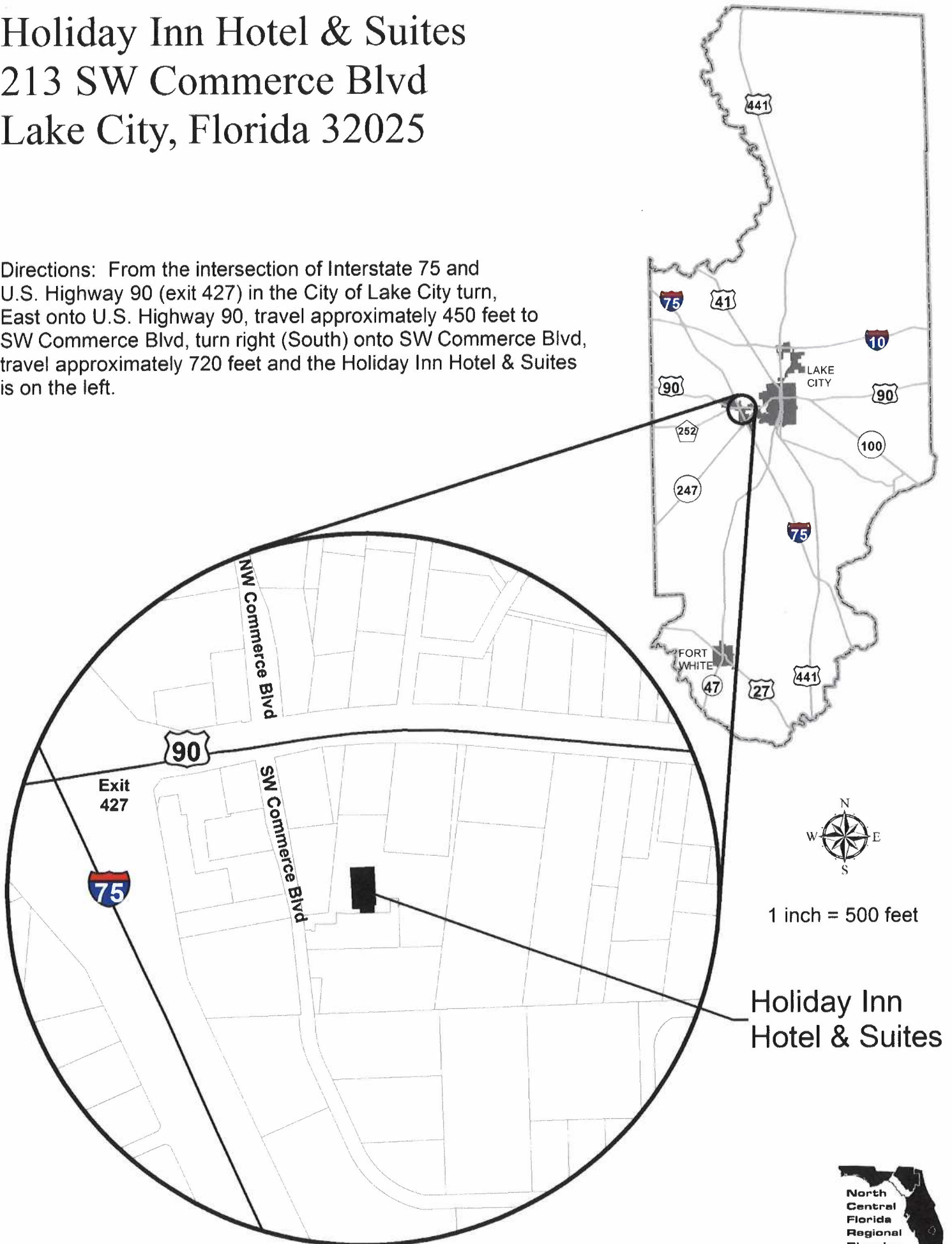
*Please email koons@ncfrpc.org by September 25, 2024 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting **in-person** or via communications media technology. **THANK YOU.***

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

September 26, 2024
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. 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 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

August 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Mary Alford, Alachua County
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Shirley Hampton, City of Perry
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Edward Potts, City of Alachua
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Tony Mazon, City of Newberry
Byron Poore, City of Madison
Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
NON-VOTING DELEGATE ABSENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Rocky Ford, Columbia County
Donna Jackson, Union County
John Meeks, Levy County
Anna Prizzia, Alachua County
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Roberson, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River
Water Management District- In-Person

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

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

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members

I. INVOCATION

Chair Fletcher Hope noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Chair Hope 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 Hope welcomed Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the consent agenda be approved.

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

A. Minutes - July 25, 2024

B. Monthly Financial Report - July 2024

C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreements
Fiscal Year 2024-25

D. Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements
Fiscal Year 2024-25

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. PRESENTATION - Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Lynn Franson-Godfrey, Senior Planner. Ms. Franson-Godfrey made a presentation concerning Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program. Chair Hope thanked Ms. Franson-Godfrey for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Hope announced that Commissioner Meeks had recently been elected 2nd Vice-President of the Florida Association of Counties.

A. Florida Association of Counties - Election of Officers

1. John Meeks, 2nd Vice-President

Chair Hope welcomed the following new member to the Council.

B. New Member

1. Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Item

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.

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

#43 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-2ESR)

#45 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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 government and FloridaCommerce.

ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #42 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR; Item #43 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-2ESR; and Item #45 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted 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 Department will be conducting a public workshop concerning the development of the Florida Transportation Plan 2055 at the District Urban Office in Jacksonville on September 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. She also stated that, due to Hurricane Debby impacts, the District has rescheduled the North Florida Transportation Planning Summit to October 8, 2024 in Live Oak. Ms. Roberson also noted that an online survey concerning the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail network is now available to trail users at locations along the SUN Trail network. Finally, she reported that the Department is removing Hurricane Debby storm debris along state and local roads in Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties.

Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported on the rainfall from Hurricane Debby that occurred in the western portion of the District and noted that the rivers that were impacted by the rainfall have crested at this time. He also stated that District owned-lands impacted by Hurricane Debby are still closed to the public.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in the north central Florida region, the Council Executive Committee and travel speeds on Interstate 75.

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

B. Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Report

Mr. Koons reported that Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV and he attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board held in Tampa on August 9, 2024. He stated the Policy Board heard a presentation from Eric Frey, Director of Policy and Member Engagement, Florida Council of 100. Mr. Koons noted the Policy Board accepted Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and received a financial report. Finally, he reported the Policy Board also adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, received a legislative report, approved Articles of Incorporation for the Association and elected officers for the 2024-25 Policy Board Executive Committee.

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 August 2024 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

D. North Central Florida Regional Emergency Shelter

Mr. Koons announced that the State of Florida recently selected a 390-acre site located just north of Interstate 75 along U.S. Highway 129 in Suwannee County to house Project Summit, a regional emergency shelter for the north central Florida region. He stated that the shelter would serve north central Florida counties in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane impacting the region.

Mr. Koons noted that residents from surrounding counties, including Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison and Taylor Counties, could be housed at the site. He also stated that it will lessen the need for counties in the area to depend on school buildings as shelters during storm events. Finally, Mr. Koons stated that, during blue sky conditions, the facility could be used for other public purposes such as an indoor sports facility for basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and gymnastics events that could potentially provide beneficial economic impacts to the County and community.

E. Hurricane Debby Federal Disaster Declaration

Mr. Koons reported that, on August 5, 2024, Hurricane Debby made landfall near Steinhatchee in Taylor County as a Category 1 Hurricane with sustained winds of 85 miles per hour. He noted that the hurricane tracked north/northeast through the north central Florida region. Mr. Koons stated that heavy rainfall caused flooding throughout the area. He noted that some parts of Suwannee County received 18 inches of rain resulting in downtown Live Oak flooding.

Mr. Koons stated that, on August 10, 2024, the President declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Debby. He noted that Declaration No. DR-4806-FL makes Federal funding available to affected individuals and local governments in the north central Florida region counties of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee and Taylor.

Commissioner Perkins reported on storm impacts in Suwannee County, Commissioner Demps reported on storm impacts in Taylor County and Commissioner Waldrep reported on storm impacts Madison County.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Alford discussed a proposal by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to add golf courses, pickleball courts and lodges to several Florida state parks.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hope stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on September 26, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

9/26/24
Date



IV.B.

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September 19, 2024

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - August 2024

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for August 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 11 months is 75 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of 11 months are 71 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

August 31, 2024

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	2,160,893
Accounts Receivable	921,960
Other Current Assets	71,545

Total Current Assets	<u>3,154,398</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,154,398</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	11,945
Other Current Liabilities	169,839

Total Liabilities	<u>181,784</u>
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Equity	<u>2,972,614</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,154,398</u>
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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
August 31, 2024

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2023-24	August 2024	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,629,100	2,541	1,216,380	75%
Expenses	1,629,100	100,877	1,156,576	71%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
August 31, 2024

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2023-24	August 2024	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	61,700	2,541	64,133	104%
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	14,600	21%
Hazards Analyses	0	0	0	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	234,000	0	517,143	221%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	248,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	26,000	0	18,874	73%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	216,500	0	187,296	87%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	97,493	85%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	14,866	41%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	0	74,101	108%
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	134,688	55%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	56,000	0	0	0%
Total Revenue	1,629,100	2,541	1,216,380	75%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
August 31, 2024

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2023-24	August 2024	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	18,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	29,000	2,981	50,655	175%
Contractual Services	20,000	2,087	39,821	199%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	31,000	295	36,130	117%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	5,340	21%
Insurance & Bonding	25,000	0	20,777	83%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	280	5,289	48%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	3,000	1,158	4,701	157%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	1,633	15,486	77%
Office Supplies	13,000	4,465	27,023	208%
Personnel	1,164,900	81,428	854,346	73%
Postage	5,000	288	3,668	73%
Printing	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	10,000	0	3,245	32%
Telephone	4,000	416	4,613	115%
Travel	30,000	2,799	23,511	78%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	68,900	3,047	61,971	90%
Contingency	149,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,629,100	100,877	1,156,576	71%




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September 19, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2024-25 City of Lake City

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chair to execute a Fiscal Year 2024-25 agreement with the City of Lake City to provide local government comprehensive planning assistance services in the amount of \$23,500.

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the City of Lake City 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 \$23,500.

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 Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Christina Brown as the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Kaysona Jones as the voting Veterans Representative on the Madison 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 Christina Brown be appointed the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Keysona Jones be appointed the voting Veterans Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Anthony Jennings.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Anthony Jennings served as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Madison 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, Anthony Jennings has served as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since August 2020; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Jennings ably discharged the duties of the Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison and Lafayette 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 Anthony Jennings for dedicated service rendered to the Madison and Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Madison and Lafayette Counties and the State of Florida; and

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

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

September 26, 2024
Date



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The month of October 2024 has been designated to celebrate National Community Planning Month. The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment.

It is recommended that the Council join in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month to recognize the valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners and to extend its thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals (see attached Proclamation).

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, rural areas, regions, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October 2024 is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning and zoning boards and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners in the north central Florida region and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2024 as ***Community Planning Month*** throughout the north central Florida region in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of September 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL

Mary C. Alford
Secretary

Fletcher J. Hope Jr.
Chair



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming October 4, 2024 as Manufacturing Day

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming October 4, 2024 as Manufacturing Day in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The Fabrication and Manufacturers Association International, the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Manufacturing Institute have designated the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day.

This year October 4, 2024 has been designated to celebrate Manufacturing Day. Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our workforce.

It is recommended that the Council join in the celebration of Manufacturing Day by proclaiming October 4, 2024 as Manufacturing Day to recognize the impact manufacturing has on the north central Florida region (see attached Proclamation).

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 4, 2024 AS MANUFACTURING DAY

WHEREAS, the Fabrication and Manufacturers Association International, the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Department of Commerce Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Manufacturing Institute have designated the first Friday of October as Manufacturing Day; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Manufacturing Day are to celebrate the impact manufacturing has on the north central Florida region, increase awareness about the benefits of a manufacturing career and attract students to future manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Manufacturing Day is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our region and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our future workforce; and

WHEREAS, over 300 manufacturers provide jobs for over 12,000 citizens throughout the region and create products ranging from pulp and lumber products to orthopedic implant devices; and

WHEREAS, regional companies and education/workforce partners support manufacturing and manufacturing careers through increased collaboration and service to the regional manufacturing community; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing brings increased economic diversity to our region by providing high paying jobs at all skill levels and furthering the standard of living by focusing on technology, innovation and production.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims October 4, 2024 as ***Manufacturing Day*** in the north central Florida region and the Council urges all citizens to discover the value manufacturing brings to our economy and encourages students and educators to learn about the possibility of manufacturing as a career.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of September 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Mary C. Alford
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September 19, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week in the north central Florida region.

The Florida League of Cities has designated the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week. The League encourages cities to promote their cities through civic education activities.

Florida City Government Week is part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the League to raise public awareness about services that cities perform and to educate the public about how city government works. Cities are encouraged to involve their local schools, businesses, media and civic clubs in their Florida City Government Week activities.

It is recommended that the Council join in the recognition of city government by proclaiming the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week (see attached Proclamation).

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 21-27, 2024 AS FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to most citizens and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers important opportunity to spread the word to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of October 21-27, 2024 as *Florida City Government Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of September 2024.

Attest:

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

SUBJECT: Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

The employment contract between the Executive Director and the Council specifies that the Executive Committee shall adopt performance standards to annually review and evaluate the Executive Director. It further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. It also specifies that at its discretion, the Executive Committee is authorized to provide a merit increase to the Executive Director on an annual basis commencing October 1st of each year.

The Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director. An evaluation form incorporating these performance standards was mailed to each Executive Committee member to be completed prior to the September 26, 2024 Council meeting. The results of this evaluation have been tabulated and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on September 26, 2024. The action of the Executive Committee concerning the Executive Director annual performance evaluation and merit pay adjustment will be reported to the Council at the September 26, 2024 meeting.

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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 August 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: August 2024

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Composed and prepared the Summer (June, July & August) *FRCA Forward Newsletter* for distribution in September.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- Updated the FRCA website and social media sites.
- To enhance partnerships, share best practices 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:
 - Resiliency Coordination Meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
 - Florida League of Cities Annual Conference as a sponsor and exhibitor, and
 - Florida Resilient Collaborative Coordinators Forum.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Hosted the August FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting and organized the August FRCA Partners Meeting.
- Hosted the Summer Policy Board Meeting that took place August 9, 2024, at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Organized and attended a workshop for the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule. Began planning process for the 2025 calendar year.
- Organized and participated in the interview process for the Association Director position.
- Prepared for the transition in position of Association Director.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national agencies and 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 of 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 September 2024 Scorecard.

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by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources,
promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.

THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

View County Data...


 TALENT SUPPLY
& EDUCATION

 INNOVATION &
ECON. DEVELOP.

 INFRASTRUCTURE &
GROWTH LEADERSHIP

 BUSINESS CLIMATE &
COMPETITIVENESS

 CIVICS &
GOVERNANCE

 QUALITY
OF LIFE

State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (What is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 09/17/2024

23,291,325



JOB CHANGE

Jobs Year Over Year Change

229,500
(Positive)

Growth Rate

2.4%
(Positive)

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

Net New Jobs Needed by
2030

1.39M



CHILDREN IN POVERTY

17.7%
(Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

737,567
(Decreasing)



3RD GRADE READING SCORES

55%
(Improving)

97,413
Not Reading at Grade Level
(Decreasing)

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100%
2030 Goal

[Florida Gap Map](#)



OPEN JOBS

404,941
(Declining)

366,000
Unemployed Persons
(Increasing)

91

Unemployed People per 100
Jobs



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

3.3%
(Unchanged)

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

Jobs Year Over Year Change

229,500

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STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

\$105.1
Billion Visitor Spending

140.6
Million Visitors



STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

11,033
Starts (Improving)

23,353
Sales (Improving)



POVERTY RATE

12.9%
(Better)

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

76.4
(Improving)



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

88.0%
(Improving)

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SALES TAX REVENUE

\$3.528
Billion per Month (Declining)



VOTER PARTICIPATION

54%
(Declining)



RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

51%/42%



LAND IN CONSERVATION

31%

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Community Development
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Talent Supply & Education

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LAND IN
CONSERVATION

31%



APRIL 1, 2022
POPULATION

22.28

Million

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VEHICLE MILES
TRAVELED

227.75

Billion (Improving)



STATE HOUSING
STARTS & SALES

11,033

Starts (Improving)

23,353

Sales (Improving)

\$416,990

Median Price (Decreasing)



ENERGY
RANKING

#50

Expenditures (Unchanged)

#45

Consumption (Decreasing)



POPULATION
ESTIMATE 2030

25.57M

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SEAPORTS CARGO

\$72.6

Billion (Declining)



CONTAINERS
(TEUS)

4.31

Million (Declining)



TRUCK
CROSSINGS

15.3

Million (Improving)



HIGH SPEED
COMMUNICATIONS

96.3%

(Unchanged)

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100%

2030 Goal





State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Business Climate & Competitiveness

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INFLATION RATE

2.5%

National (Decreasing)

2.3%

Southern Region (Decreasing)



CONSUMER SENTIMENT

76.4

(Improving)



CEO RANK

2nd

(Unchanged)



STATE LEGAL CLIMATE RANKING

46th

(Unchanged)

Top 12

2030 Goal



SALES TAX REVENUE

\$3.528

Billion per Month (Declining)



BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE

4th

#1

2030 Goal



OPEN JOBS

404,941

(Declining)

366,000

Unemployed Persons
(Increasing)

91

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.

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ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS SUITS

34,289



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CIVICS &
GOVERNANCE



QUALITY
OF LIFE

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VOTER
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54%

(Declining)



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51%/42%



INMATE
POPULATION

112,659



DEPENDENCY
RATIO

2015

56.5%

2030 Estimate

70%



GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYMENT

237.3

Thousand (State)

704.8

Thousand (Local)



VOLUNTEERISM

22.8%

of Floridians Volunteer

50th

Florida's Rank

Top 3

2030 Goal



STATE DEBT
OUTSTANDING

\$16.3

Billion



CITIZENS
INSURANCE
EXPOSURE POLICIES

\$520.3

Billion Exposure

1,213,495

Policies



UNDERFUNDED
STATE PENSION

\$1120.0

Million (Increasing)

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2025 regular Legislature Session will convene on March 4, 2025 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 2, 2025. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of December 2-6, 2024 (House)
- Week of December 9-13, 2024 (Senate)
- Week of January 13-17, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of January 21-24, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 3-7, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 10-14, 2025 (House/Senate)
- Week of February 17-21, 2025 (House/Senate)

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