

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Lake City, Florida

December 10, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Harvey Budd, City of Gainesville
Beth Burnam, Hamilton County
Jim Catron, City of Madison
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Ken Cornell, Alachua County
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
William Hunter, Hamilton County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Patricia Patterson, Taylor County
Everett Phillips, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
DeLoris Roberts, City of Hawthorne
Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Helen Warren, City of Gainesville
Randy Wells, City of Gainesville

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT

Barney Bennett, Florida Department
of Transportation
Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Russell Simpson, Florida Department
of Environmental Protection

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Ed Braddy, City of Gainesville
Craig Carter, City of Gainesville
Jason Evans, High Springs
Scarlet Frisina, Columbia County
Jason Holifield, Dixie County
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Doug Jones, City of Archer
Timothy Marden, City of Newberry
Lee Pinkoson, Alachua County
Carolyn Spooner, City of Starke
David Sullivan, City of Perry
James Tallman, Union County
Daniel Webb, Union County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Mike Williams, Madison County
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Bennett
Mary Nell Bryant
Sandra Buck-Camp
Allen Cherry
David Cobb
Diana Davis
Chris Doolin
Ralph Kitchens
Ginger Morgan
Christa Pribble

STAFF PRESENT

Steven Dopp
Carmelita Franco
Scott Koons
Jean Strong

Board Members names are bolded
Gubernatorial Members names are italicized

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Riddick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation given by Mayor Davis and a pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chair Riddick stated that there was a quorum of the Council.

Chair Riddick welcomed and introduced Allen Cherry, County Coordinator from Madison County and member of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee; Tim Bennett, City Manager for the City of Madison; Christa Pribble, from Columbia County Arts Community; Sandra Buck-Camp, and Ralph Kitchens, members of the Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board; Ginger Morgan, a Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; David Cobb from Florida Power and Light; Diana Davis, wife of Council member Louie Davis; and Mary Nell Bryant; wife of Council member LaBarfield Bryant.

Chair Riddick asked Ginger Morgan, Biology Scientist from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to make a few remarks. Ms. Morgan stated that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is available to assist local governments with conservation issues concerning comprehensive plan amendments.

Chair Riddick also asked that Item II.B.2., Christa Pribble from Columbia Arts Community be added to the agenda.

Chair Riddick asked that Item VI. B.7., #20 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment; which was received subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packet, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Catron made the motion with a second by Councilperson Bryant to add Item II.B.2., Christa Pribble from Columbia Arts Community and Item VI.B.7., #20 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft. The motion carried unanimously.

II. GUEST SPEAKER - Chris Doolin, Legislative Consultant
Small County Coalition

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Chris Doolin, the Legislative Consultant Small County Coalition. Mr. Doolin stated that the Coalition's agenda was to give small counties a collective voice when dealing with the Legislature. He then spoke about the upcoming legislative session and issues impacting local governments in the north central Florida region. Chair Riddick thanked Mr. Doolin for his comments.

Christa Pribble, from Columbia County Arts Community gave a presentation about the benefits of local arts councils. Chair Riddick thanked Ms. Pribble for her presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 22, 2015

Chair Riddick asked that the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Councilperson Bryant made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. Monthly Financial Report - October 2015
- B. North Florida Economic Development Partnership - Experience North Florida Sponsorship
- C. Florida Department of Transportation District 2 -Local Government Transportation Summit Sponsorship
- D. Agency Regulatory Plan - Fiscal Year 2015-16
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Community Transportation Coordinator - Selection for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program - Local Coordinating Board Appointment of Chair for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

Chair Riddick asked if there were any questions regarding any of the items on the Consent Agenda as amended and requested that these items be approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Patterson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation -
 - 1. Curtis Hamlin
 - 2. Bucky Nash

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Councilperson Bryant to approve Resolution of Appreciation for Curtis Hamlin and Bucky Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Executive Director Elected Treasurer of the National Association of Development Organizations

Chair Riddick congratulated Executive Director Scott Koons for recently being elected Treasurer of the National Association of Development Organizations. He stated that the Association was founded in 1967 and provides advocacy, education, networking and research for the network of 540 regional development organizations. He also stated that the organization also promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery and comprehensive strategies.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None

B. Clearinghouse Committee

Mr. Montgomery, gave the Clearinghouse Committee report. He stated that the Clearinghouse Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed seven local government comprehensive plan amendments.

- #13 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #14 - City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #15 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment
- #16 - City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment
- #18 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments
- #19 - City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment

Mr. Montgomery stated that subsequent to the distribution of the Council meeting packets, the Council received the following late-arriving item which requires action prior to the next meeting. The item received was #20, City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment. He noted that a copy of the staff report for the late-arriving item was handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Committee finds that, with the exception of item #14, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, are not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjoining local governments and with regards to item #14, City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, the Committee finds that the local government comprehensive plan, as amended, is not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities or adjoining local governments.

Mr. Montgomery further stated that however, the item may result in significant adverse impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the City retain a 75-foot buffer for lots of record prior to 2008. The Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

ACTION: Mr. Montgomery made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Patterson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendation concerning #13 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, #14 City of Dunnellon Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, #15 City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment, #16 City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment, #18 City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments, #19 City of Fanning Springs Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment and #20 City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regional Planning Committee -Evaluation and Appraisal Report of North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan

Commissioner Wells, Regional Planning Committee Chair, reported that the Committee has been meeting since January 2015 to prepare an Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the regional plan. He further stated that the Committee concluded its work on the report at its September 2015 meeting. Commissioner Wells stated that the Committee presented the Report to the Council at the last Council meeting in October. The report is based on the progress of the region toward attainment of strategic regional policy plan goals using the regional indicators of the plan. He also stated that the Report is required to identify plan amendments which may be necessary as a result of changing regional conditions, changes to the State Comprehensive Plan, or other statutory changes.

Commissioner Wells emphasized that this Report does not amend the regional plan, rather it serves as a basis for developing future regional plan amendments, which the Committee anticipates presenting to the Council for its consideration next year. He summarized the recommendations of the report by the following subject areas of the regional plan: Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Emergency Preparedness; Natural Resources of Regional Significance; Regional Transportation; and Regional Significant Facilities and Resources.

Commissioner Wells stated that the Report also includes a recommendation that regionally significant facilities and resources identified in the Withlacoochee Strategic Regional Policy Plan which are located in either Levy County or Marion County be considered for inclusion as Regionally Significant Facilities and Resources of the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

ACTION: Commissioner Wells made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Cornell to approve the Evaluation and Appraisal Report and forward it to the Executive Office of the Governor. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that the 2016 Local Government Transportation Summit will be held January 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City. He also stated that the summit is designed for local government public works professionals, county administrators, planners and grant specialists involved in project solicitation and development.

Carlos Herd, Suwannee River Water Management District stated the joint water resources plan for the Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns Water Management District is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016.

Russell Simpson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection stated that the Department would be conducting its Annual Large Hazardous Waste Quantity Generator Workshop at the Florida Coastal School of Law located adjacent to the Northwest Florida District office of the Department in Jacksonville on January 15, 2016.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 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. 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. He stated that the activities of the Association's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Martha Lord are reported each month to the Council. He also highlighted several of the activities listed in the October and November 2015 activities report in the Council meeting packet. Mr. Koons also reported that Martha Lord's last day of employment with the Association will be December 11, 2015.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons stated that 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 develop 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. He further stated that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the Six Pillars benchmarked to the other 49 states. The Six Pillars are Talent Supply and 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 December 2015 Scorecard™ included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Florida Competitive Partnership Program

Mr. Koons stated that several years ago, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity established the Competitive Florida Partnership Program to help rural communities value and market local assets and challenge them to set realistic goals for advancing their economic development vision. He noted that each year, the Department selects four rural communities to assist with designing and developing innovative strategies that promote partnerships, community design and a viable local economy thorough asset-based economic development. Mr. Koons reported that the City of Madison has recently been selected as one of the four rural communities to participate in the third year of the Competitive Florida Partnership Program. He further stated that the Newberry, Starke and White Springs were previously designated Competitive Florida Partnership Program communities. He finally noted that Council staff was a participating stakeholder in the processes with those communities.

D. Proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments

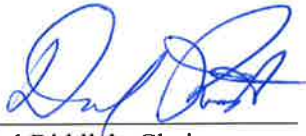
Mr. Koons gave an update on the status on the proposed Interlocal Agreement Amendments. He stated that staff has attended 16 member local government county and city commission meetings to date to make presentations concerning the Council and the proposed interlocal agreement amendments. He noted that all 16 of those local governments have adopted the proposed amendments to the Interlocal Agreement and that the amendments would become effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Koons also indicated

that staff will be attending county and city commission meetings for the remaining eight member local governments in December 2015.

E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Transportation Disadvantaged Program received an award for Outstanding Planning Agency of the Year from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. He stated that this award was presented at the Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Training and EXPO held in Daytona Beach on October, 26 - 28, 2015. The award recognizes the planning agency that went beyond the scope of their work to implement coordinated transportation. The award was based on the success of the Council in staffing local coordinating boards, developing service plans, preparing needs assessments and assisting in the evaluation of community transportation coordinators.

Chair Riddick informed the Council that the next Council meeting will be held on January 28, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Lake City. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Daniel Riddick, Chair

1/28/16

Date