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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 **December 12, 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.**

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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DIAL IN NUMBER: **Toll Free: 1.877.309.2073**

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

*Please email koons@ncfrpc.org by December 11, 2024 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting **in-person or via communications media technology**. **THANK YOU.***

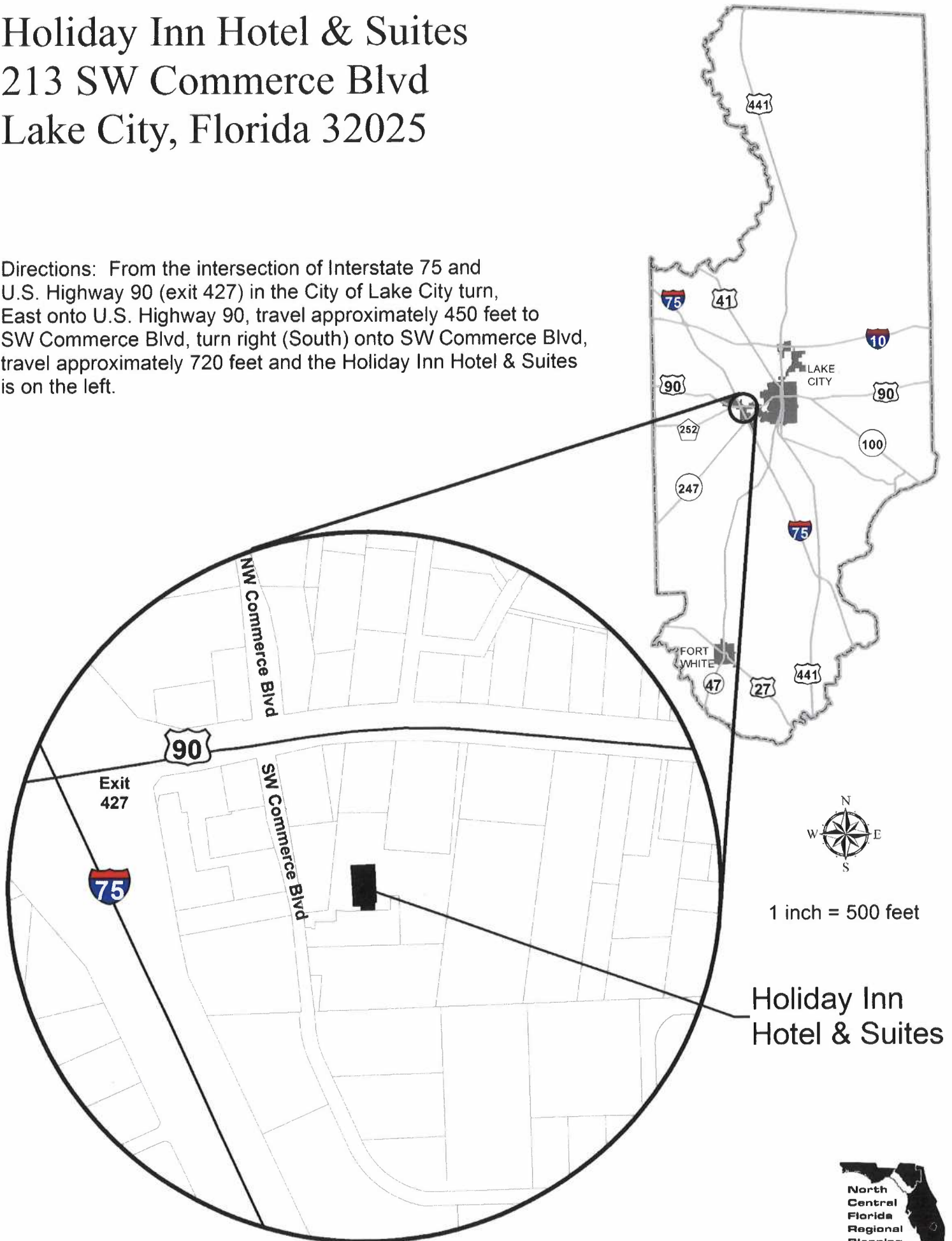
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AGENDA

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 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard
 Lake City, Florida and
 Via Communications Media Technology

December 12, 2024
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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

October 24, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
Robert Brown, Hamilton County
Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua 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 Mortmer, City of Starke
Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

Ed Book, City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Tony Mazon, City of Newberry
Casey Willits, City of Gainesville

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

Joe Stephenson, City of Lake Butler

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
NON-VOTING DELEGATE ABSENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Rocky Ford, Columbia County
Shirlie Hampton, City of Perry
John Meeks, Levy County
Byron Poore, City of Madison
Edward Potts, City of Alachua
Anna Prizzia, Alachua County
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Byran Williams, City of High Springs
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

David Tyler, Florida Department of
Transportation - In-Person
Tyler Winburn, Suwannee River
Water Management District- Virtual

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis - In-Person
Stew Lilker - In-Person
Christopher O'Kelley - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In-Person
Lauren Yeatter - In-Person

Executive Committee Members names are bold
Gubernatorial Members names are italic

I. INVOCATION

Chair Fletcher Hope noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 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 Hope asked that the consent agenda be approved.

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

- A. Minutes - August 22, 2024
- B. Monthly Financial Report - August 2024
- C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services Agreement
Fiscal Year 2024-25 - City of Lake City
- D. Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services Agreement
Federal Fiscal Year 2022 - Town of Mayo
- E. Agreement with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for
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- F. Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for
Regional Resiliency Meetings - Fiscal Year 2024-25
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Hope asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKER - Christopher O'Kelley, Director
Office of Rural Initiatives, FloridaCommerce

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Christopher O'Kelley, Director, Office of Rural Initiatives, FloridaCommerce. Mr. O'Kelley made a presentation concerning the Office of Rural Initiatives, FloridaCommerce. Chair Hope thanked Mr. O'Kelley for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

1. Anthony Jennings

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Waldrep to authorize the Chair to sign a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board member Anthony Jennings, alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative, Lafayette County and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee -

1. Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as Community Planning Month

Chair Hope stated that the month of October 2024 has been designated to celebrate National Community Planning Month. He noted 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. Chair Hope also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council join in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month in north central Florida.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 2024 as Community Planning Month in the north central Florida region, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Proclamation Declaring October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week

Chair Hope stated that the Florida League of Cities has designated the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week. He stated that 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. Chair Hope also stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council join in the recognition of city government by proclaiming the week of October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week in north central Florida.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 21-27, 2024 as Florida City Government Week in the north central Florida region, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution Recognizing 200th Anniversary of Alachua County

Chair Hope reported that the Alachua County is celebrating its 200th Anniversary in 2024. He stated that the Executive Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-12 recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the County.

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 recognizing the 200th Anniversary of Alachua County, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. Members

Mr. Koons reported that the Articles of Incorporation of the small business loan company, the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., require that the Council make appointments of its members. He noted that these appointments are to be made on even numbered years for two-year terms. Mr. Koons presented the slate of individuals to be appointed to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. as recommended by the Executive Committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Perkins, to appoint Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Mary Alford, Alachua County; Edwin Book, Alachua County; Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Alachua County; Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County; Frank Davis, Suwannee County; Louie Davis, Alachua County; Thomas Demps, Taylor County; Rocky Ford, Columbia County; Jhelecia Hawkins, Hamilton County; Fletcher Hope, Alachua County; Donna Jackson, Union County; John Meeks, Levy County; Janice Mortimer, Bradford County; Maurice Perkins, Suwannee County; Byron Poore, Madison County; Edward Potts, Alachua County; Daniel Riddick, Bradford County; Kevin Sheilley, Marion County; Jody Stephenson, Dixie County; Joe Stephenson, Union County; Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County; Lorene Thomas, Dixie County; Donnie Waldrep, Madison County; and Casey Willits, Alachua County for two-year terms effective October 24, 2024 to the North Central Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation

Chair Hope stated that 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. He noted the contract further specifies that the annual review and evaluation of the Executive Director shall be conducted by the Executive Committee. Chair Hope stated the contract 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.

Chair Hope stated that the Executive Committee has adopted performance standards to review and evaluate the Executive Director and that each Committee member performed their review prior to the October 24, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. He reported that the review resulted in an overall average score of 4.5 on a 5.0 scale. Chair Hope stated that, based upon this review, the Executive Committee awarded the Executive Director a five percent merit pay adjustment. He reported that Mr. Koons requested that his merit pay increase for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 be deferred until Fiscal Year 2026. Chair Hope further reported that the Executive Committee approved Mr. Koons' request concerning his merit pay increase deferrals.

No Council action was required on this item.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Waldrep, Vice-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.

- #48 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #49 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #50 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-3ESR)
- #51 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)
- #52 - City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ER)

Commissioner Waldrep 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. He stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and FloridaCommerce.

ACTION: Commissioner Waldrep made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #48 - Madison County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR; Item #49 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR; Item #50 - City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment FC No. 24-3ESR); Item #51 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR); and Item #52 - City of Cedar Key Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 24-1ER). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Amended Budget

Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV, Finance Committee Vice-Chair, reported that the budget amendment that the Council adopts each year takes into account action taken by the Council during the past year to accept work under contracts and additional grants which were not anticipated when the original budget was prepared as well as changes in anticipated revenues and expenditures. He stated that Florida Statutes provides for governmental agencies to adopt an amended budget within 60 days following the end of a fiscal year. Finally, Commissioner Chestnut reported that the Committee recommends that the Council authorize the Committee to review and adopt on behalf of the Council an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to authorize the Finance Committee to review and adopt on behalf of the Council an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee - Annual Strategy Review

Lauren Yeatter, Senior Planner, stated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee appointed by the Council includes representatives of the private sector, public officials and workforce development boards. She stated that the Committee is responsible for the development of the strategy and recommendation of the strategy to the Council for adoption.

Ms. Yeatter also stated that the Committee met virtually on October 15, 2024 to review activities conducted during the past year to support the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. She reported that the Committee does not recommend any amendments to the Strategy at this time and recommends that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Waldrep to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 concerning the annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027 as recommended by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, which has been attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

David Tyler, Rural Transportation Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, reported that the Department will be conducting a public hearing concerning the Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2030 at the District Urban Office in Jacksonville on November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the deadline for local governments to submit Transportation Alternatives and Shared Use Non-Motorized SUNTrail grant applications for bicycle and pedestrian projects to the Department is December 19, 2024. Mr. Tyler also reported that Small County Road Assistance Program grant applications, Small County Outreach Program grant applications, Transportation Regional Incentive Program grant applications and County Incentive Grant program grant applications will be due to the Department in January 2025. Finally, he reported that the Department is currently removing Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton storm debris along state and local roads in Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Council website, the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board and highway safety.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Reports

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 August 2024 and September 2024 activity reports included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the August 2024 and September 2024 reports.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the October 2024 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2025 Legislature Session will convene on March 4, 2025 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 2, 2025. Mr. Koons reported that 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)

D. Hurricane Helene Federal Disaster Declaration

Mr. Koons reported that, on September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall near the Aucilla River in Taylor County as a Category 3 Hurricane with sustained winds of 140 miles per hour. He noted that an estimated 17-foot storm surge caused catastrophic damage in the coastal communities in Dixie County, Levy County and Taylor County. The hurricane tracked north/northeast causing significant damage to the agriculture, aquaculture and silviculture industries in the north central Florida region.

Mr. Koons reported that on September 28, 2024, the President declared that a major disaster existed in the State of Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Helene beginning on September 23, 2024, and continuing. He stated that Declaration No. DR-4828-FL made Federal funding available to affected individuals in the north central Florida region counties of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union.

Commissioner Adams reported on storm impacts in Lafayette County, Commissioner Alford reported on storm impacts in Alachua County, Commissioner Brown reported on storm impacts in Hamilton County, Commissioner Demps reported on storm impacts in Taylor County, Commissioner Jackson reported on storm impacts in Union County, Commissioner Perkins reported on storm impacts in Suwannee County, Commissioner Riddick reported on storm impacts in Bradford County, and Commissioner Waldrep reported on storm impacts in Madison County.

Mr. Koons reported that the Council website and email server was not available at this time. He stated that the website and email server was currently be repaired by an information technology service company.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Mayor Louie Davis announced that the Waldo Fall Festival will be held on October 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at City Square in Waldo.

Commissioner Perkins announced that the Great Pumpkin Escape will be held on October 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Spirit of the Suwannee Park in Live Oak.

Chair Hope announced that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Wilson Robinson Park in Archer.

Commissioner Alford announced that Alachua County will hold a celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the County on January 11, 2025 at Depot Park in Gainesville.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hope stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on December 12, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

12/12/24
Date

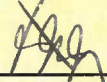
RESOLUTION

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 Boards;

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

October 24, 2024
Date



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.

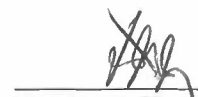
DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 24th day of October 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL


Mary C. Alford
Secretary


Fletcher J. Hope Jr.
Chair



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 24th day of October 2024.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

SEAL


Mary C. Alford
Secretary


Fletcher J. Hope, Jr.
Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ALACHUA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Alachua County, originally part of the Spanish Arredondo Grant, was formed on December 29, 1824 being among the first six counties in the Florida Territory stretching from the Georgia border on the north to Charlotte Harbor on the south; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County, was named for the word Alachua of the indigenous Timucua people meaning big jug or sinkhole; and

WHEREAS, in 1774, the British naturalist William Bartram visited Alachua County and described the region's beauty and scenic wonders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wanton, present day Micanopy, the oldest inland European settlement in Florida, was the original county seat of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, in 1906, Alachua County became the home to the University of Florida, a nationally recognized teaching and research public university; and

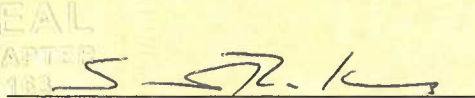
WHEREAS, Alachua County is a tourist destination featuring both natural resources and cultural events "Where Nature and Culture Meet."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council congratulates Alachua County on its 200th Anniversary.

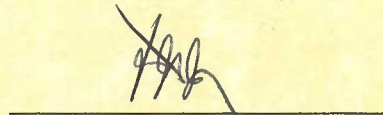
DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of October 2024.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director



Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023-2027; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council was designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration an economic development district; and

WHEREAS, economic development districts are required to prepare, adopt and maintain a comprehensive economic development strategy to guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of their region; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive economic development strategy qualifies the region and local governments located within the region for federal assistance under Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Act programs; and

WHEREAS, economic development districts are required to annually review their comprehensive economic development strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby affirms that its annual review of the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2027, dated September 2022, did not result in any amendments to the Strategy being adopted by the Council; and

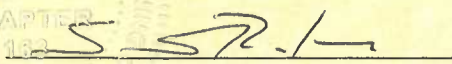
RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all resolutions or portions of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of October 2024.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Attest:


Scott R. Koons, Executive Director


Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair



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December 5, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: U. S. Economic Development Administration
Disaster Recovery Coordination Grant Application 2025-2029

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the submission of an Application for Federal Assistance for a five-year Disaster Recovery Program grant to the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$500,000 by the Executive Director and authorize the Executive Director to accept the grant award if the application is approved.

BACKGROUND:

The Council is designated by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, as an Economic Development District.

The Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Economic Development Administration has invited the Council to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a five-year grant serving as an Economic Development District to assist the north central Florida region with economic recovery due the impacts from the Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton that exacerbated the ongoing impacts of prior disasters and economic challenges. This invitation in the amount of \$500,000 of disaster recovery funds will not require any matching funds.

This program may include, but not be limited to, engagement, facilitation or otherwise involvement in the following activities.

- Support the North Central Florida Economic Development District’s economic development, recovery/resiliency role; support recovery from the ongoing impacts; assist local governments and other entities to access disaster recovery funding - including grant application assistance; project budgeting; data collection, non-construction activities supporting member jurisdictions; and other associated tasks utilizing best practices and strategies for economic recovery efforts consistent with goals set forth in the approved North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy;
- Work with cities, towns, and counties to develop short-term guidance and/or a comprehensive, long-range planning process designed to increase regional resiliency and promote intergovernmental communication in the impact area;
- Prepare resource materials needed to assist in recovery, resiliency, or stabilization efforts;
- Assess unmet needs which may include business/tourism, industry, infrastructure, environmental infrastructure and housing;

Disaster Recovery Coordination Grant Application

- Coordinate with non-governmental organizations, and other recovery entities to provide information to local businesses on emergency preparedness, resiliency, and recovery;
- Coordinate/collaborate with federal, state, and other recovery agencies, as applicable, to support recovery efforts;
- Work with local business communities to create a path and vision to recovery and resiliency;
- Assess the impacts of the disaster on local businesses and private citizens to determine effectiveness and perception of public response to the disaster (what went well, and what could be improved);
- Assess the past, present, and probable future impact of the disaster on local economies and communities; and
- Participate in activities that assist with post disaster economic recovery efforts, including but not limited to, meetings and training sessions for disaster management and recovery efforts.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Andrew Branch as Chair of the Lafayette 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 Andrew Branch be appointed Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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December 5, 2024

TO: Council Members
FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Robert Brown

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Robert Brown.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since January 2018 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Robert Brown has been representing Hamilton County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2018;

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

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

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

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Mary C. Alford, Secretary

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
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December 5, 2024

TO: Council Members
FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - John Meeks

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for John Meeks.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since August 2016 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, John Meeks has been representing Levy County on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since August 2016;

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

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

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

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Mary C. Alford, Secretary

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Byran Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Byran Williams.

BACKGROUND:

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

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Byran Williams has been representing the City of High Springs on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since November 2022;

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

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

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

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Mary C. Alford, Secretary

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Stephen Witt

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Stephen Witt.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since January 2006 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

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Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Stephen Witt has been representing the City of Lake City on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since January 2006;

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

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

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

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Mary C. Alford, Secretary

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TO: Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Mason Byrd.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Commissioner Byrd served as Chair the Lafayette 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, Mason Byrd has served as Chair of the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mason Byrd ably discharged the duties as Chair of the 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 Mason Byrd for dedicated service rendered to the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Lafayette 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 Mason Byrd.

Fletcher J. Hope Jr., Chair

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Removal of Surplus Property from List of Capital Assets

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare the property listed on the attached schedule to be surplus property, and authorize its removal from the Council’s list of capital assets, and disposal of it in accordance with Council policy.

BACKGROUND:

The property items listed on the attached table are telephone and computer hardware of outdated technology. It is requested that they be declared surplus property. It is further requested that approval be given to dispose of this equipment in accordance with Council policy, which will result in transporting it to the Leveda Brown Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Alachua County, donating the equipment to a governmental agency or nonprofit organization, or recycling the equipment.

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

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TO: Fixed Asset File
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Surplus Inventory

Number	Original Cost	Description	Serial Number	Purchased
3046	\$23,641.00	Axxcessory Talk 4.1 Telephone System w/Voice Mail	OUS1N701012	03/17/97
3145	\$5,419.00	Dell Server Dual Core Xeon Processor 5130	6G6QQC1	04/04/07
3161	\$2,395.72	Dell Power Edge 840 Server	4TZKMH1	10/21/08
	\$31,455.72	Sum * All fully depreciated		

The above item is either broken or of such outdated technology that it is no longer being used.
We need to have it taken off the inventory list so it can be disposed of in accordance with Council policy.

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December 5, 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., December 12, 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

#53 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 24-1ESR)

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

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: Election of Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Nominating Committee officer slate of nominees for Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the remainder of Program Year 2024-25.

BACKGROUND:

The Nominating Committee met on December 4, 2024, to develop, for the Council’s consideration, recommendations concerning the vacant Vice-Chair position and the vacant Treasurer position on the Executive Committee. Since the Committee’s recommendation involves advancing an existing officer to a new position, the Committee is also making a recommendation for that position as well.

A list of those recommendations is attached.

Also attached, for your information, are excerpts from the Bylaws which govern the election of officers. Specifically, at this time, the Council is to elect individuals to the following positions.

- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

NOTE: No more than one officer may be from representatives appointed by the same governmental unit.

In addition, if you want to make a nomination from the floor, please find attached a list of current Council members. Only local government representatives and gubernatorial appointees are eligible for election as officers.

If you have any questions concerning the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

2024-25
December 12, 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANT POSITIONS

Mary Alford, Vice-Chair
Maurice Perkins, Treasurer
Jhelecia Hawkins, Secretary



Section 6: Officers---Duties---Term of Office.

- (1) The members of the Council shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve as officers of the Council. The officers shall be elected from among the members of the Council and may be elected or gubernatorial appointees no more than one (1) of who may be from representatives appointed by the same general purpose local governmental unit and no more than one (1) may be a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee. When a vacancy occurs among the officers, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner in which the preceding officers were originally elected.
- (2) The officers shall perform the duties enumerated below and other duties prescribed by the Council:
 - (a) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and of the Board; sign, with the counter-signature of the Secretary, or Executive Director, as authorized by the Council, any contracts or other instruments which is deemed in the Council's best interest; and perform such other duties incident to the office as may be prescribed by the Council.
 - (b) The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties, and either in the absence of the Chair or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act, shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chair.
 - (c) The Treasurer shall, see that proper financial records of the Council are maintained in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles. Further, the Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.
 - (d) The Secretary shall see that minutes of the meetings and the records of the Council are kept; attest the signatures of the Council officers; and see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law. Further, the Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties that may be assigned to him/her by the Chair or the Council.
- (3) Each member elected to an office shall serve for one (1) year or until a successor is elected, and shall not be eligible for reelection to the same officer position in a succeeding year once their service for the one (1) year term of office has been completed and provided that the immediate past-Chair shall not be eligible to be elected to another officer position until two (2) years have elapsed following the end of their term as immediate past-Chair nor shall an elected official immediate past-Chair be succeeded in the office of Chair by a representative appointed by the same general purpose governmental unit or a gubernatorial appointee from the same county as another gubernatorial appointee.
- (4) Newly elected officers shall be declared installed following the election, and shall assume the duties of office upon adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEMBERS

December 4, 2024

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

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| 1. | Anthony Adams | Lafayette County |
| 2. | Mary Alford | Alachua County |
| 3. | Charles Chestnut IV | Alachua County |
| 4. | Thomas Demps | Taylor County |
| 5. | Rocky Ford | Columbia County |
| 6. | Donna Jackson | Union County |
| 7. | Maurice Perkins | Suwannee County |
| 8. | Anna Prizzia | Alachua County |
| 9. | Jody Stephenson | Dixie County |
| 10. | Daniel Riddick | Bradford County |
| 11. | Kenrick Thomas | Gilchrist County |
| 12. | Donnie Waldrep | Madison County |
| 13. | Vacant | Hamilton County |
| 14. | Vacant | Levy County |

GUBERNATORIAL REPRESENTATIVES

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| 31. | Lorene Thomas | Dixie County |
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CITY REPRESENTATIVES

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| 15. | Ed Book | Gainesville |
| 16. | Patricia Bouie-Hutchinson | Hawthorne |
| 17. | Frank Davis | Live Oak |
| 18. | Louie Davis | Waldo |
| 19. | Desmon Duncan-Walker | Gainesville |
| 20. | Shirlie Hampton | Perry |
| 21. | Jhelecia Hawkins | Jasper |
| 22. | Fletcher Hope | Archer |
| 23. | Tony Mason | Newberry |
| 24. | Janice Mortimer | Starke |
| 25. | Byron Poore | Madiosn |
| 26. | Edward Potts | Alachua |
| 27. | Joe Stephenson | Lake Butler |
| 28. | Casey Willits | Gainesville |
| 29. | Vacant | High Springs |
| 30. | Vacant | Lake City |

NON-VOTING DELEGATE

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| Kristyn Adkins | High Springs |
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EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES

1. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
2. Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3. Florida Department of Transportation
4. St. Johns River Water Management District
5. Southwest Florida Water Management District
6. Suwannee River Water Management District

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December 5, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

Please find attached the October 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: October 2024

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Hosted the October FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) Executive Committee meeting and November FRCA EDAC monthly meeting.
- Signed agreement with Public Trust CPAs for FRCA Bookkeeping services and worked with current and new Bookkeeper to facilitate transition
- Coordinated logistics for Winter Policy Board Meeting
- On-Board new Association Director; Review FRCA files, calendars, meeting schedules, contacts, and accounts. Update FRCA contact information and review all existing accounts, sponsorships, events and other services.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Coordinated November 1st FRCA EDAC Partners meeting
- Contacted FRCA Partners to provide update on new Association Director, which will continue through November
- Began working with RPC staff on Newsletter submissions, Quarterly Data Reports, and Workgroups.
- 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:
 - Quarterly Economic Development Administration Coordination Meeting
 - Coordinated November Finance Workgroup Meeting



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December 5, 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 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 December 2024 Scorecard.

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

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State of Florida Metrics

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

FLORIDA POPULATION 12/04/2024

23,379,252

Florida FutureCast

<p> JOB CHANGE</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>133,200 (Gain)</p> <p>Growth Rate</p> <p>1.4% (Positive)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <p>1.42M</p>	<p> CHILDREN IN POVERTY</p> <p>17.7% (Decreasing)</p> <p><10% 2030 Goal</p> <p>737,567 (Decreasing)</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>55% (Improving)</p> <p>97,413 # Not Reading at Grade Level (Decreasing)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> OPEN JOBS</p> <p>380,976 (Declining)</p> <p>369,000 Unemployed Persons (Increasing)</p> <p>97 Unemployed People per 100 Jobs</p>
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<p> UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <p>3.3% (Unchanged)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>133,200</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</p> <p>\$105.1 Billion Visitor Spending</p> <p>140.6 Million Visitors</p>	<p> STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <p>9,165 Starts (Declining)</p> <p>18,617 Sales (Declining)</p>	<p> POVERTY RATE</p> <p>12.9% (Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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<p> CONSUMER SENTIMENT</p> <p>78.3 (Improving)</p>	<p> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</p> <p>88.0% (Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> SALES TAX REVENUE</p> <p>\$3.528 Billion per Month (Declining)</p>	<p> VOTER PARTICIPATION</p> <p>79% (Improving)</p>
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<p> RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</p> <p>53%/39%</p>	<p> LAND IN CONSERVATION</p> <p>31%</p>	<p> STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <p>\$415,000 Median Price (Increasing)</p>
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State of Florida Metrics (what is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

Talent Supply & Education

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State of Florida Metrics (2024 H1 DATA)

State of Florida Futurecard

Innovation & Economic Development

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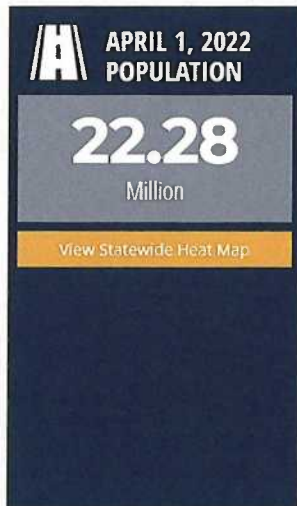
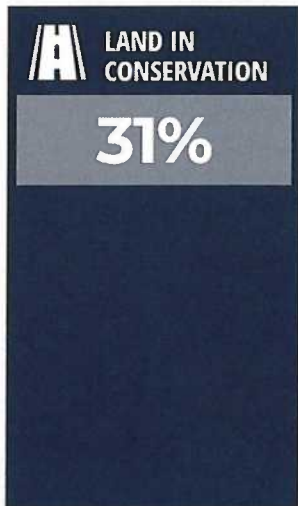


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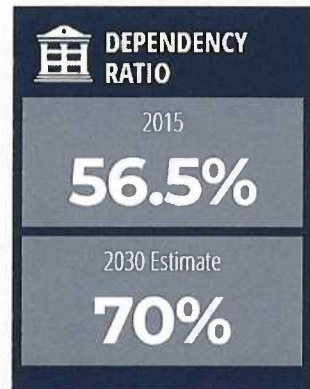
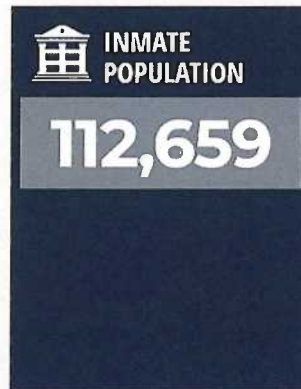
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December 5, 2024

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)

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

