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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 **April 23, 2026**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

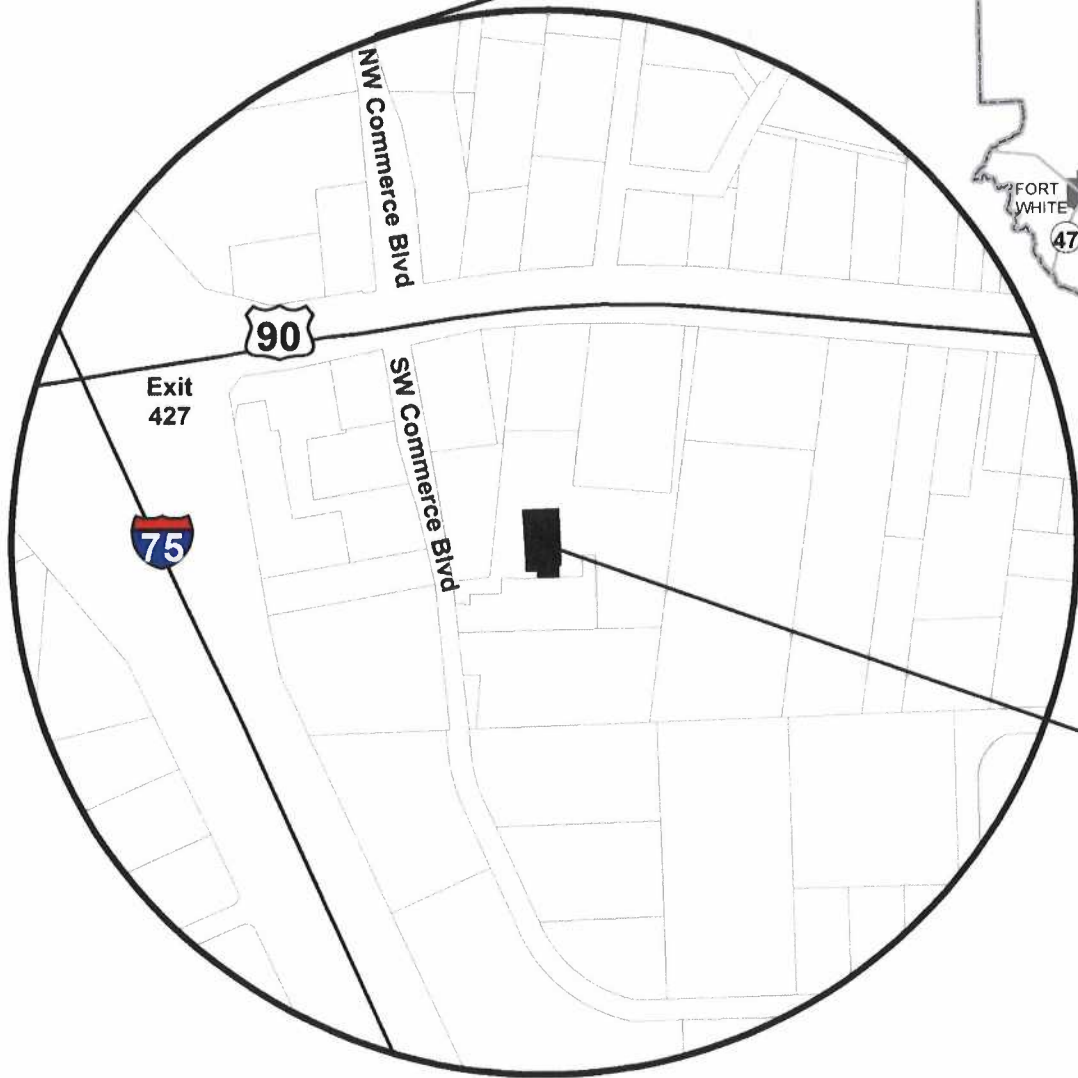
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Please be advised that the Council meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Full Packet.)

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213 SW Commerce Blvd
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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

April 23, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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

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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

March 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

IN PERSON

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
Thomas Demps, Taylor County
Don Hale, Suwannee County
Jhelecia Hawkins, City of Jasper
Fletcher Hope Jr., City of Archer
James Howell, Hamilton County
Diane Landry, City of Perry
Kirk Marhefka, Town of Cross City
Melissa McNeal, Union County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Kevin Parnell, Columbia County
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County

MEMBERS PRESENT

VIA COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

(FOR QUORUM)

Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak
Bryan Eastman, City of Gainesville
Johnny Hiers, Levy County
James Ingle, City of Gainesville

MEMBERS PRESENT

VIA COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

(NOT FOR QUORUM)

James Carter Jr., City of Lake City

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

VIA COMMUNICATIONS

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

Executive Committee Members names are bold

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wayne Bloodsworth Jr., City of High Springs
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
Rick Davis, Madison County
Melissa Hendrix, City of Lake Butler
Donald Long, City of Newberry
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Dayna Williams, City of Alachua

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Austin Burgess, Florida Fish and
Wildlife Commission - Virtual
David Tyler, Florida Department of
Transportation - Virtual

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow - Virtual

OTHERS PRESENT

Tory Adams - Virtual
Joel Addington - Virtual
Cindy Barber - Virtual
Jayne Buck - Virtual
Moses Clepper - In-Person
LaDonna Combs - Virtual
Remi Gifford - Virtual
Daryle Gray - Virtual
Emily Floore - Virtual
Alec Jarboe - Virtual
Gayle Hall - Virtual
Hailey Hall - Virtual
Stew Lilker - In-Person
Ronnie Little - In-Person
Morgan McMullen - In-Person
Megan Maloney - Virtual
Julianna Moore - Virtual
Sheridan Morby - Virtual
John Quartermann - Virtual
Layne Schultetus - In-Person
Greg Sheppard - Virtual
Dana Simpson - Virtual
Christopher Sweeny - In-Person
Joe Waas - In-Person
Barry Waldron - In-Person

STAFF PRESENT

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

I. INVOCATION

Chair Mary Alford noting a quorum being present called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Don Hale 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 Alford welcomed Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Alford asked that the consent agenda be approved.

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

A. Minutes - February 26, 2026

B. Financial Reports - October 2025, November 2025 and December 2025

C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

D. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Gant Resolutions - Fiscal Year 2026-27

E. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Membership Certifications.

F. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Designations - Dixie County, Gilchrist County and Union County

G. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Community Transportation Coordinator Designation for Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Alford asked that the regular agenda be approved.

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKER – Sheridan Morby - Senior Research Economist
Florida Chamber Foundation

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Sheridan Morby, Senior Research Economist, Florida Chamber Foundation. Ms. Morby made a presentation concerning Florida Chamber Foundation initiatives, including the 2030 Blueprint project. Chair Alford thanked her for her presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT

A. Resolution of Appreciation

1. Judy Townsend - City of Madison

ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to authorize the Chair to sign a Resolution of Appreciation for former Council member Judy Townsend, City of Madison. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Committee Appointments

ACTION: Mayor Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Parnell, to ratify the appointment of Commissioner James Howell as Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee; Vice-Mayor Kirk Marhefka to the Clearinghouse Committee; Vice-Mayor Kirk Marhefka to the Program Committee; Vice-Mayor Diane Landry as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Committee; and Commissioner Donald Long to the Regional Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14

Mr. Koons discussed the Suwannee River Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District regional initiative, the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project. He noted that the project is designed to return more than 40 million gallons of water per day to the Floridan Aquifer system to maintain minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and the Ichetucknee River Basin.

Mr. Koons reported that the Water First North Florida partnership proposes to take reclaimed wastewater and further purify it through a natural wetland filtration system to recharge into the aquifer. He stated that the proposed wetland filtration system would be located in Duval County. Mr. Koons reported that the filtrated wastewater would be transmitted via a pipeline to a recharge site located in Baker County, Bradford County, Columbia County, Hamilton County or Union County in the north central Florida region.

Mr. Koons stated that both Districts jointly approved the project after determining it was the most cost-effective and environmentally beneficial solution to meet area water needs. He noted that staffs evaluated more than 100 potential projects.

Mr. Koons reported that the estimated cost of the project is \$1.0 billion. He stated that the Jacksonville Electric Authority has pledged \$400 million and the St. Johns River Water Management District has pledged \$150 million for the project. Mr. Koons noted that an alternative desalinization project is estimated to cost between \$2.0 billion and \$3.0 billion.

Mr. Koons reported that the Executive Committee recommends adopting Resolution No. 2026-14 opposing the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project and recommending the implementation of the alternative water desalinization project.

Layne Schultetus spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Joseph Waas spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Chris Sweeny spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Barry Waldron spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Moses Clepper spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Ronnie Little spoke in favor of Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project Resolution No. 2026-14.

Following discussion by the Council, the following action was taken concerning the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hale to adopt Resolution No. 2026-14 opposing the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project and recommending the implementation of the alternative water desalinization project, and send a copy of the adopted resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the north central Florida Legislative Delegation, the Suwannee River Water Management District, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Jacksonville Electric Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Daniel Riddick, 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.

#20 - Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER)

#21 - City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER)

#22 - City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-1ESR)

Commissioner Riddick 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 the Florida Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Commissioner Riddick made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Bouie Hutchinson, to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item - #20 Town of Inglis Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER); Item - #21 City of Chiefland Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (FC No. 25-1ER); and Item -#22 City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Program Committee - No report.

D. Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Update

Mr. Koons reported the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force met virtually on March 18, 2026 and received a report on activities conducted during 2025 concerning the Task Force's purpose and discussed the Water First North Florida Aquifer Water Recharge Project. He stated that, at their meeting held on March 18, 2026, the Task Force unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the Water First North Florida Aquifer Water Recharge Project and recommending the implementation of the alternative desalinization project to contribute towards achieving minimum flows and levels in the Ichetucknee River Basin and Lower Santa Fe River Basin.

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS -

Austin Burgess, Senior Biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, discussed the impact of the current drought on fish and wildlife in the north central Florida region.

Tyler Winburn, Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported the District held an open house concerning the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project at the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, North Florida Research and Education Center in Live Oak on March 19, 2026. He stated that the District Governing Board has issued a Phase II Water Shortage Order, due to persistent drought conditions and below-average rainfall in the north central Florida region.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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 February 2026 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the February 2026 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the March 2026 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons stated the 2026 Legislature Session convened on January 13, 2026 adjourned on March 13, 2026. He reported that the legislative interim Committee schedule was, as follows:

- Week of October 6-10, 2025
- Week of October 13-17, 2025
- Week of November 3-7, 2025
- Week of November 17-21, 2025
- Week of December 1-5, 2025
- Week of December 8-12, 2025

Mr. Koons reported on bills of interest to Council members and local governments.

D. Job Growth Fund Grant Fund Award

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Job Growth Fund is an economic development program that provides funds for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment. He noted that \$3,000,000 in Florida Job Growth Fund funding was recently awarded to the Bradford County School District to construct a certified driver license training facility in Starke.

Mr. Koons announced that Commissioner Stephenson and Commissioner Thomas recently both had open heart surgery and were currently recovering at this time.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Alford requested that county managers announce, at county commission meetings, the opportunity for citizens to serve on transportation disadvantaged local coordinating boards in their respective counties.

Mayor Hawkins announced that Grace's Farm Kitchen, a buffet-style restaurant, recently opened in downtown Jasper.

Mr. Koons announced, on behalf of Commissioner Davis, that the North Florida Pro Rodeo will be held on March 27, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. and March 28, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. in Lee.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Alford stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 23, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

4/23/26
Date

Resolution

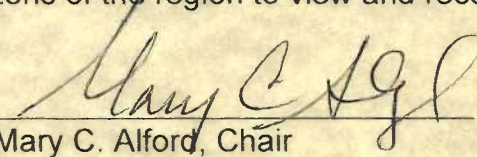
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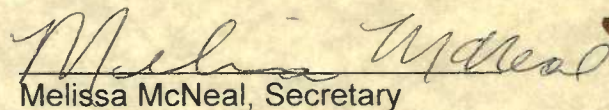
WHEREAS, Judy Townsend has been representing the City of Madison on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since March 2025;

WHEREAS, Judy Townsend 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 Judy Townsend 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 Judy Townsend.


Mary C. Alford, Chair


Melissa McNeal, Secretary

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF MARCH 26, 2026.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL OPPOSING THE WATER FIRST NORTH FLORIDA AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE WATER DESALINIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Floridan Aquifer, Ichetucknee River, Santa Fe River and 116 freshwater springs are designated as Natural Resources of Regional Significance by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the water quality of the freshwater springs, rivers and the Floridan Aquifer is critical to the economic vitality of eco-tourism, agriculture and recreation in the north central Florida region; and

WHEREAS, the lowering of the potentiometric surface of the Floridan Aquifer by water users located outside of the north central Florida region has contributed to lower flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of achieving minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin as necessary to protect north central Florida region natural resources and the Council's interest in maintaining a high quality of life for its citizens and enjoyment of the area for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida local water sources first policy suggests that water users located outside of the north central Florida region should develop alternative water supplies, such as desalination; and

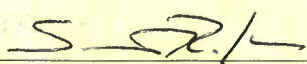
WHEREAS, the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project would discharge 40 million gallons per day of treated wastewater from outside the north central Florida region into the Floridan Aquifer in either Baker County, Bradford County, Columbia County, Hamilton County or Union County in the north central Florida region.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council that:

1. The Council opposes the Water First North Florida Aquifer Recharge Project.
2. The Council recommends the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management District re-evaluate the alternative local water sources first desalination project for water users located outside of the north central Florida region as a means to contribute towards achieving minimum flows and levels in the Lower Santa Fe River Basin and Ichetucknee River Basin.

RESOLVED this 26th day of March 2026, by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in regular session.

Attest:



Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
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Mary C. Alford, Chair



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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for January 2026. 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 four months is 32 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of four months are 30 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.

Attachment

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	2,176,031
Accounts Receivable	1,112,982
Other Current Assets	21,500

Total Current Assets 3,310,513

TOTAL ASSETS 3,310,513

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	34,298
Other Current Liabilities	257,965

Total Liabilities 292,263

Equity 3,018,250

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 3,310,513

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	January 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,629,100	1,907	468,725	32%
Expenses	1,629,100	99,569	436,688	30%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2026

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	January 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	51,100	1,907	34,767	68%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,408	101%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	70,900	0	31,360	44%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	149,000	0	18,450	12%
Hazards Analyses	18,800	0	5,348	
Transportation				
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	29,300	0	7,618	26%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	234,100	0	60,396	26%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	62,611	54%
Economic Disaster Recovery	100,000	0	25,000	25%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	5,000	14%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	0	39,750	76%
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	35,204	101%
City & County Planning Services	225,200	0	72,813	32%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	206,800	0	0	0%
Total Revenue	1,453,100	1,907	468,725	32%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
January 31, 2026

EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	Janaury 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	19,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	42,000	2,004	8,860	21%
Contractual Services	103,000	2,873	34,082	33%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	42,000	35,095	44,889	107%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	38,000	0	9,020	24%
Legal Services & Public Notices	15,000	1,290	2,558	17%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	69	1,327	27%
Meeting Expenses	25,000	1,633	4,900	20%
Office Supplies	17,000	2,179	7,354	43%
Personnel	972,100	38,403	269,785	28%
Postage	5,000	336	934	19%
Printing	5,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	4,000	0	534	13%
Telephone	3,000	286	960	32%
Travel	30,000	3,537	11,258	38%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	11,864	40,227	77%
Contingency	50,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,453,100	99,569	436,688	30%



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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - February 2026

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for February 2026. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

Revenue

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of five months is 32 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of five months are 37 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.

Attachment

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
February 28, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	2,126,550
Accounts Receivable	1,068,271
Other Current Assets	21,640
Total Current Assets	<u>3,216,461</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,216,461</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	17,436
Other Current Liabilities	268,354
Total Liabilities	<u>285,790</u>
Equity	<u>2,930,671</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,216,461</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
February 28, 2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	February 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,629,100	1,706	470,431	32%
Expenses	1,629,100	94,722	531,411	37%

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REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	February 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	51,100	1,706	36,473	71%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,408	101%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	70,900	0	31,360	44%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	149,000	0	18,450	12%
Hazards Analyses	18,800	0	5,348	
Transportation				
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	29,300	0	7,618	26%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	234,100	0	60,396	26%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	62,611	54%
Economic Disaster Recovery	100,000	0	25,000	25%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	0	5,000	14%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	0	39,750	76%
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	35,204	101%
City & County Planning Services	225,200	0	72,813	32%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	206,800	0	0	0%
Total Revenue	1,453,100	1,706	470,431	32%

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EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	February 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	19,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	42,000	2,538	11,399	27%
Contractual Services	103,000	1,284	35,366	34%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	42,000	7,868	52,758	126%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	38,000	0	9,020	24%
Legal Services & Public Notices	15,000	1,364	3,922	26%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	1,258	2,585	52%
Meeting Expenses	25,000	1,633	6,533	26%
Office Supplies	17,000	0	7,354	43%
Personnel	972,100	70,577	340,362	35%
Postage	5,000	300	1,234	25%
Printing	5,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	4,000	0	534	13%
Telephone	3,000	321	1,280	43%
Travel	30,000	2,142	13,400	45%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	5,437	45,664	87%
Contingency	50,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,453,100	94,722	531,411	37%



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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - March 2026

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for March 2026. 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 six months is 49 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of six months are 47 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.

Attachment

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking / Savings	2,245,463
Accounts Receivable	1,063,011
Other Current Assets	13,755

Total Current Assets	<u>3,322,229</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS

3,322,229

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	21,395
Other Current Liabilities	307,166

Total Liabilities	<u>328,561</u>
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Equity	<u>2,993,668</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

3,322,229

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2026

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	March	2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	1,629,100		234,576	719,007	49%
Expenses	1,629,100		150,983	682,396	47%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
March 31, 2026

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	March 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	51,100	1,890	38,363	75%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	70,408	101%
Regional Mitigation Resiliency	70,900	0	31,360	44%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	0	0%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	149,000	42,180	61,680	41%
Hazards Analyses	18,800	5,348	10,696	
Transportation				
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	29,300	3,223	10,841	37%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	234,100	34,674	95,071	41%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	80,111	70%
Economic Disaster Recovery	100,000	25,000	50,000	50%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	36,500	5,000	10,000	27%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	26,748	66,498	127%
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	35,000	0	35,204	101%
City & County Planning Services	225,200	52,813	125,625	56%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	206,800	20,200	33,150	16%
Total Revenue	1,453,100	234,576	719,007	49%

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EXPENDITURES

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26	March 2026	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	19,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	42,000	3,072	14,471	34%
Contractual Services	103,000	3,119	38,485	37%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	42,000	1,070	53,828	128%
Furniture & Equipment	25,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	38,000	9,020	18,040	47%
Legal Services & Public Notices	15,000	1,161	5,083	34%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	2,585	52%
Meeting Expenses	25,000	1,635	8,168	33%
Office Supplies	17,000	6,090	13,444	79%
Personnel	972,100	115,724	456,086	47%
Postage	5,000	763	1,998	40%
Printing	5,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	4,000	820	1,354	34%
Telephone	3,000	101	1,381	46%
Travel	30,000	2,254	15,655	52%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	52,500	6,154	51,818	99%
Contingency	50,500	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	1,453,100	150,983	682,396	47%



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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: U. S. Economic Development Administration
Partnership Planning Grant Application 2026-28

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning Investment grant to the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$210,000 and authorize the Executive Director to execute 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. Every three years the Council applies for and receives a planning grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to fund a portion of the Council's economic development program.

The Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Economic Development Administration has invited the Council to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning investment grant in the amount of \$210,000. Based upon the Administration's preliminary analysis of the economic distress of the region, this invitation in the amount of \$210,000 will require a local match of \$52,500.

This program consists, in part, of the preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and preparation of economic impact reports for economic development projects in the region.

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

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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Diana Burgos Garcia as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**
- **Appoint Summer Jones as the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**
- **Appoint Casey Polmueller as the alternate Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Diana Burgos Garcia be appointed the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Summer Jones be appointed the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Casey Polmueller be appointed the alternate Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Mary C. Alford, Chair
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Dayna Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Dayna Williams.

BACKGROUND:

As a token of appreciation for service on the Council since May 2025 and in recognition of commitment and concern for the growth and development of the north central Florida area, the attached resolution of appreciation is recommended for approval by the Council.

Attachment

Resolution

OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Dayna Williams has been representing the City of Alachua on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since May 2025;

WHEREAS, Dayna 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 Dayna 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 Dayna Williams.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

Melissa McNeal, Secretary

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING
OF APRIL 23, 2026.





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April 16, 2026

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 Eva Bolton.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Eva Bolton served as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on 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, Eva Bolton has served as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since December 2017; and

WHEREAS, Eva Bolton. ably discharged the duties as the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on 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 Eva Bolton 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 Eva Bolton.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

April 23, 2026

Date



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April 16, 2026

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 Sheryl Dick-Stanford.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Sheryl Dick-Stanford served as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sheryl Dick-Stanford has served as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since January 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sheryl Dick-Stanford. ably discharged the duties as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union 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 Sheryl Dick-Stanford for dedicated service rendered to the Alachua County; Bradford County; Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee; Dixie County; Gilchrist County; Lafayette County; Levy County; Madison County; and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Alachua County, Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County, Union County, and the State of Florida; and

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

Mary C. Alford, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Certificate of Service - Jonathan Wershow 50 Years

Jonathan Wershow served as Council Attorney for the past 44 years. Prior to serving as Council Attorney, Mr. Wershow was a member of the Council from Alachua County serving from 1975 to 1982 and served as Chair of the Council in 1976-77 and 1977-78. As a token of appreciation for 50 years of service to the Council and in recognition of dedicated service to the Council, the attached certificate of service is being presented to Mr. Wershow.

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

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Certificate of Service

has been awarded to

Jonathan F. Wershow

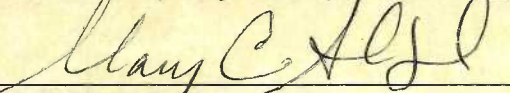
as an expression of appreciation for 50 years of dedicated service to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as a representative of Alachua County from June 1975 to April 1982 and as Council Attorney from April 1982 to March 2026.

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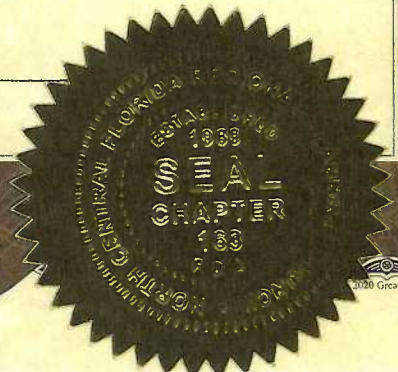
Years

Witness the Seal of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the signatures of its duly authorized chair and executive director thereunto affixed.

Given this 23rd day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Six.


Mary C. Alford, Chair


Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director





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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026 as County Government Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as County Government Month.

BACKGROUND

County Government Month is celebrated each April by counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

Counties participate in County Government Month by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay or art contests, meetings with business and community leaders and adoption of resolutions.

The National Association of Counties encourages counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services throughout the month.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by building infrastructure, maintaining roads and bridges, providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, running election, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

WHEREAS, counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in effective and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, America's counties provide transportation and infrastructure services that play a key role in everything from daily commutes to shipping goods around the world; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has designated April as County Government Month and encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their programs and services to the public they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby proclaims April 2026 as ***County Government Month*** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Melissa McNeal, Secretary

Mary C. Alford, Chair



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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026 as Springs Protection Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Springs Protection Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Springs Protection Awareness Month in Florida. With over 450 documented springs, the north central Florida region is home to the largest concentration of freshwater springs in North America. The springs of the area have significant environmental, historical, economic and recreational value to local communities.

The north central Florida region is home to 21 of the 33 first-magnitude springs in Florida. First-magnitude springs discharge more than 65 million gallons of water per day. Springs are natural windows into the Floridan Aquifer and reflect groundwater conditions, which serves as the primary source of drinking water in the north central Florida region.

Springs Protection Awareness Month kicks off a month-long outreach initiative by water management districts to bring attention and awareness to one of Florida’s most critical ecosystems and what is being done to protect them.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, and citizens of, and visitors to, this state;

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs, giving this state the world's highest concentration of springs;

WHEREAS, north central Florida region has the highest concentration of springs in the United States;

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than eight billion gallons of water each day, which is essential for sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has the highest concentration of first magnitude springs in Florida;

WHEREAS, the north central Florida region has 14 Outstanding Florida Springs;

WHEREAS, groundwater in the north central Florida region is the primary source for public, agricultural, business and industrial use and vital to Florida's economy;

WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be protected, as they reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species; and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 as ***Springs Protection Awareness Month*** throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April 2026.

Attest:

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming April 2026 as Water Conservation Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Water Conservation Month.

BACKGROUND

April is Water Conservation Month in Florida. Conserving water year-round is an integral part of managing and protecting the water supply of the north central Florida region today and for future generations. Water management districts proactively develops long-term water supply plans to monitor, evaluate and identify water sources and projects to meet the future water needs.

During Water Conservation Month, water management districts join with local governments to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and the ways we can reduce our water use all year long.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, clean, safe and sustainable water resources are vital to north central Florida region residents, visitors, economy and environment;

WHEREAS, droughts, development and population growth serve as reminders that Florida's ground and surface water resources such as rivers, lakes and springs are finite and fragile;

WHEREAS, permanent, year-round water conservation measures are in effect throughout the north central Florida region;

WHEREAS, water conservation is a strategic priority;

WHEREAS, water conservation is encouraged and supported through public awareness efforts;

WHEREAS, water conservation will continue to play an important role in the future protection and preservation of ground and surface water resources;

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, resident and visitor can help by conserving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, north central Florida local governments are essential in assisting in promoting water conservation awareness and implementing water conservation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 as *Water Conservation Month* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April 2026.

Attest:

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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*
SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 3-9, 2026 as Travel and Tourism Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2026 as Travel and Tourism Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The Original Florida Tourism Task Force was created as a task force of the Council 33 years ago. It is a 13-county independent tourism marketing interlocal agreement organization. The mission of the Original Florida Tourism Task Force is to "Promote the natural, historic, and cultural attractions of the north central Florida region to increase the number of visitors and extend their stay." The goal is to enhance the area's economy, image, and quality of life through expanded revenues and employment opportunities. At the same time, the region will encourage the preservation of the resources which bring focus to the area.

The week of May 3-9, 2026 is National Travel and Tourism Week as declared by the Travel Industry Association. Activities are planned throughout the United States and Florida to support and celebrate the tourism industry.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2026 as Travel and Tourism Week in north central Florida.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 3-9, 2026 AS TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, tourism brings over 143 million visitors annually to the State of Florida, generates an estimated 135 billion dollars in economic activity, an estimated 37 billion dollars in annual tax revenue and employs over two million persons;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recognizes the importance of tourism to the north central Florida regional economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, local governments, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council support tourism opportunities in north central Florida; and

WHEREAS, local governments, businesses, chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, tourist development councils and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are working together to support this vital part of north central Florida's economy and all who play a role in tourism to ensure that north central Florida continues to be a place where traditions will be created and continued for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 3-9, 2026 as *Travel and Tourism Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

SEAL

Melissa McNeal, Secretary

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proclamation Proclaiming May 4-8, 2026 as Economic Development Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation proclaiming May 4-8, 2026 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

BACKGROUND:

The International Economic Development Council has designated May 4-8, 2026 as Economic Development Week. The Council assists local governments and economic development organizations in promoting economic well-being and quality of life for communities create, retain and expand jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth and provide a stable tax base.

The International Economic Development Council is encouraging local governments and other organizations to recognize Economic Development Week.

It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached proclamation proclaiming May 4-8, 2026 as Economic Development Week in the north central Florida region.

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

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PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MAY 4-8, 2026 AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is an economic development district designated by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers working in the north central Florida region support the expansion of career opportunities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council hereby proclaims the week of May 4-8, 2026 as *Economic Development Week* throughout the north central Florida region.

DULY ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

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April 16, 2026

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Land, Warehouse and Office Building

RECOMMENDATION

Set a minimum bid sale price of \$1,711,500 for the land, warehouse and office building located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida and authorize the Executive Director to re-advertise for sealed bids to sell the land, warehouse and office building.

BACKGROUND

On August 4, 1999, the Council purchased the office building and warehouse located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida. The office building and warehouse of pre-engineered steel construction were constructed in 1980. The Council had been renting the office building and warehouse for the previous seven years beginning on November 1, 1992.

The purchase price for the 7,560 square foot office building and 1,989 square foot warehouse located on a 4.4-acre site was \$490,400. Along with \$31,400 in cash, the Council secured a 15-year promissory note from SouthTrust Bank in the amount of \$459,000 to purchase the office building and warehouse. Since the Council is a governmental agency and is prohibited from mortgaging real property to secure a promissory note, the Council pledged certain revenues to repay the promissory note.

The January 1, 2014 payment in the amount of \$3,134.95 constituted the final payment in full satisfying the promissory note. Thus, the Council currently does not have any outstanding long-term debt. The average annual building and grounds occupancy cost, including insurance; utilities; custodial services; heating, ventilation and air conditioning services; and termite and pest control services is \$37,000.

On January 13, 2020, Emerson Appraisal Company, Inc., an appraiser, consultant and market analyst company, completed an appraisal of the property. The appraised value was determined to be \$970,000. On February 20, 2020, the Council declared the land, warehouse and office building located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida to be surplus property;

The Alachua County Property Appraiser 2025 assessed value of the land is \$548,856, and the assessed value of the buildings is \$742,035. Thus, the total assessed value of land and buildings is \$1,290,891.

A commercial real estate broker has contacted Council staff indicating that potential buyers may be interested in purchasing the land, warehouse and office building owned by the Council.

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On February 26, 2026, the Council authorized the Executive Director to have an appraisal of the land, warehouse and office building completed. On March 20, 2026, Emerson Appraisal Company, Inc., an appraiser, consultant and market analyst company, completed an appraisal of the property. The appraised value was determined to be \$1,630,000.

It is recommended that the Council set a minimum bid sale price of \$1,711,500 for the land, warehouse and office building located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida and authorize the Executive Director to re-advertise for sealed bids to sell the land, warehouse and office building. The recommended minimum bid sale price is the appraised value plus five percent.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: James Howell, 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., April 23, 2026. 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

1. #23 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-1ESR)
2. #24 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-2ESR)
3. #25 - Town of Bronson Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-1ESR)
4. #26 - City of Waldo Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (FC No. 26-1ESR)

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

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Overall Program Design for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Program Committee is scheduled to meet on April 23, 2026 to develop a draft of the Overall Program Design for next year. The Overall Program Design is used as the basis for the development of a budget and is also to provide direction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year.

The Program Committee anticipates recommending the Overall Program Design to the Council for adoption at the May 28, 2026 Council meeting.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

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

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

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

Please find attached the March 2026 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: March 2026

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Coordinated and hosted March Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting
- Worked with EDAC and Executive Committee to revise structure for the monthly EDAC meetings to provide more time to review and discuss current regional planning council programs and projects.
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper and EDAC Treasurer to review January Financial Report
- Hosted meeting with FRCA's Legislative Consultants to discuss potential impacts of 2026 Legislation
- Attended meeting with ECFRPC, Legislative Consultants and partners to discuss current and potential 2026 legislation
- Completed FRCA's FY2025 Form 990
- Update and drafted new policies for FRCAs Policy Manual
- Worked to update FRCA's logo, website, marketing material and exhibit booth for upcoming conferences.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Coordinated and hosted FRCA EDAC meeting with GovAI to discuss AI policies and secure platforms for regional planning councils.
- Worked with the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Florida Representative to provide updates on the EDA Planning Grants for Regional Planning Councils for the EDAC
- Confirmed guest for FRCA's May Partners Meeting
- Outreach to other FRCA partners including the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida League of Cities



The **Florida Chamber Foundation** recently released the **Florida 2030 Blueprint Halftime Report**, which offers a comprehensive assessment of Florida's progress toward becoming a Top 10 global economy by 2030. **Florida 2030** launched in 2018 and **established 39 measurable goals**.

FRCA is one of the **Goal Leaders for Blueprint 2030** and on behalf of Florida's ten Regional Planning Councils, provided information for the report on the status of our goals.

To read the full report and FRCA's status update, you can download the report from the Florida Chambers website at: [Florida 2030 Halftime Report by Florida Chamber - Flipsnack](https://www.flipsnack.com/flchamber/florida-2030-halftime-report) or www.flipsnack.com/flchamber/florida-2030-halftime-report



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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 April 2026 Scorecard.

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

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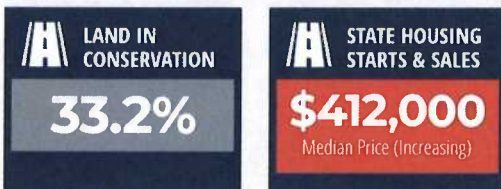
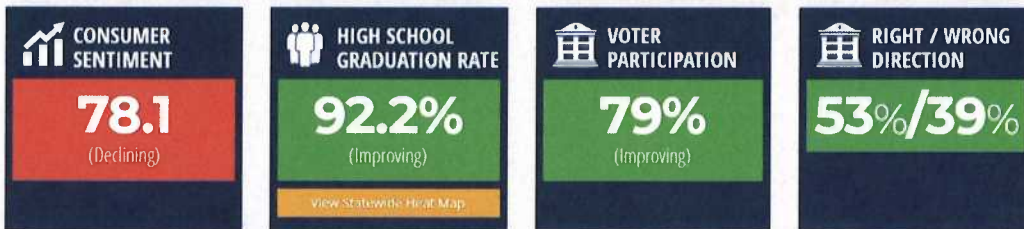
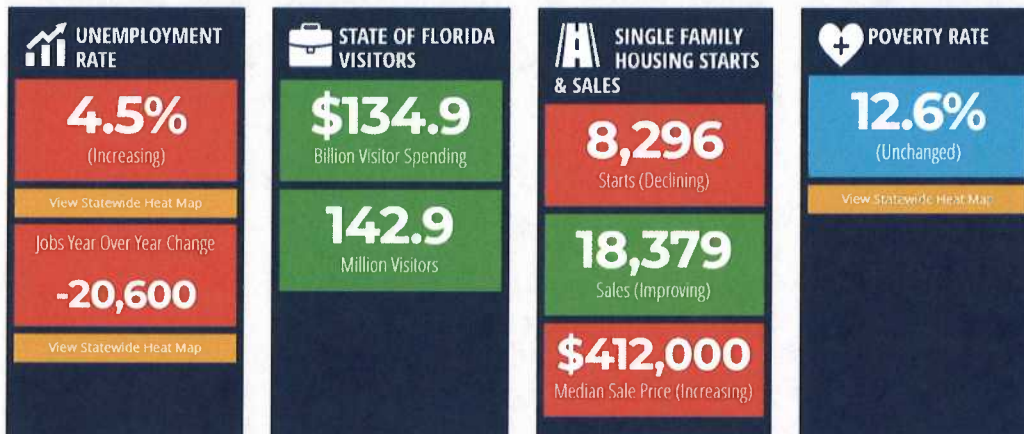
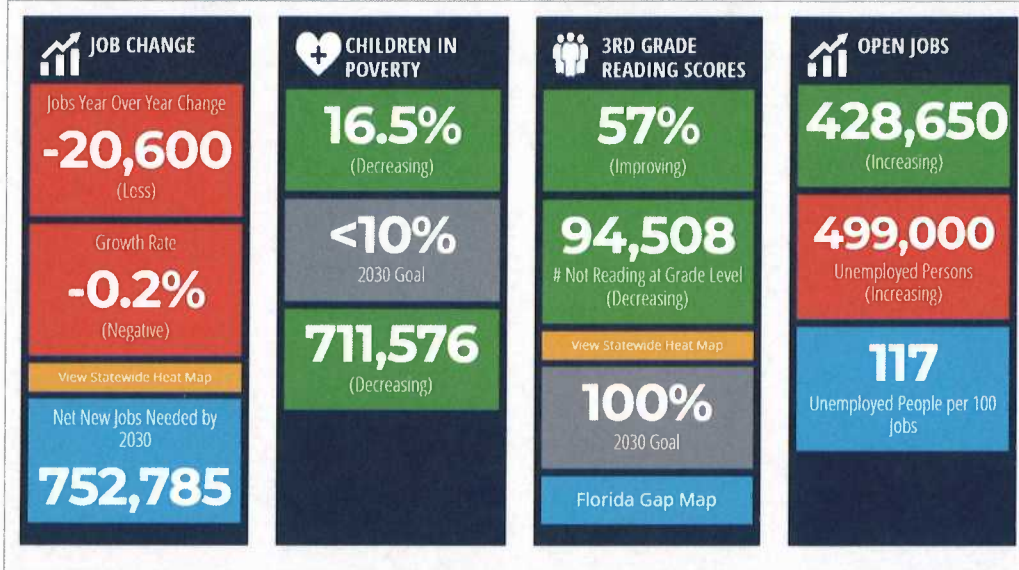
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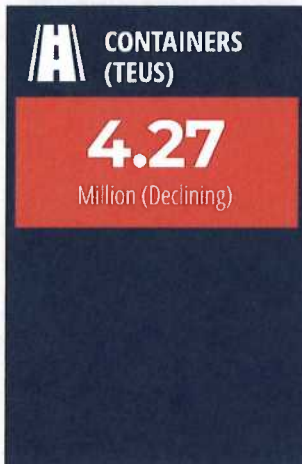
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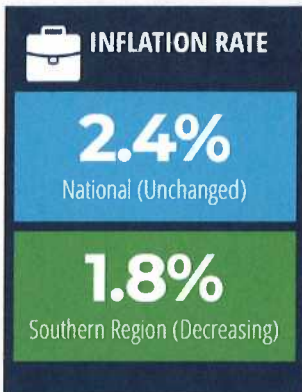
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