

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCFRPC)**  
**MEETING NOTES (UNOFFICIAL)**  
**June 21, 2018**

**ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 23, 2018**

**ROBERT W. WILFORD, COMMISSIONER**  
**(ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION DELEGATE TO NCFRPC)**

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**Commissioner Wilford Note:** The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) is comprised of the following twelve counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union.

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**Call to Order**

***Mayor Davis, City of Waldo, Chair,*** declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Quorum**

A quorum was met in accordance with the Council's bylaws.

**Invocation**

***Commissioner Demps, Taylor County,*** delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

***Attendees*** recited the pledge to the flag in honor of the United States of America.

**Introduction of Guests**

***Mayor Davis*** recognized the guests in attendance.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

***The*** following consent agenda items were ***approved unanimously:***

**Approval of Minutes**

***Minutes*** of the May 24, 2018, meeting.

**Financial Report for May 2018**

***Revenues*** and expenditures are within budget for the first eight months of the fiscal year. The financial condition of the Council remains sound.

## **Transportation Disadvantaged Local Program Administrative Support Grant Resolutions - FY 18/19**

*The* NCFRPC is the designated official planning agency for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, and Union Counties. As such, these resolutions authorize the Chair to sign said grant resolutions with the Community Transportation Coordinators in the region.

### **Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments**

*According* to **Rule 41.2.012, Florida Administrative Code**, NCFRPC, serving as the designated official planning agency, is responsible for appointing members to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards. The following individuals were recommended for appointment: (1) Bonnie Burgess, Voting Florida Department of Education Representative, Lafayette County, and (2) Hannah Engle, Voting Florida Department of Education Representative, Madison County.

### **Approval of Regular Agenda**

*Regular* agenda was **approved unanimously**.

**Citizen Comments** - None.

### **Guest Speaker - Jerry Parrish, Chief Economist and Director of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation**

*Mr. Parrish* provided an overview regarding the activities of the Florida Chamber Foundation including the “Six Pillars (**See Executive Director Report**)” and highlighted the following information:

- Income migration into the state is \$879,000 per hour.
- Florida, if viewed as a country, is the 17th largest economy in the world.
- In the past two years, the Foundation conducted “Year 2030” town hall meetings in each of the state’s 67 counties:

Citizens Engaged - 10,000+

Miles Traveled - 20,000+

Recorded Hours of Conversation about Florida’s Future - 150

Business, Chambers, and Foundation Partners - 200+

- Florida ranked 18th in the country with more jobs in 2016 than in 2007.
- A total of 180,200 jobs were created in Florida in the past 12 months:

Professional and Business Services - 39,200.

Leisure and Hospitality - 37,200.

Construction - 31,300.

Education and Health Services - 24,500.

Financial Activities - 17,200.

Trade, Transportation, and Utilities - 15,400.

Manufacturing - 12,100.

Government - 1,200.

Other - 2,100.

- The top 10 states with net people moving to Florida in the past year were:

New York - 36,957  
New Jersey - 23,567  
Pennsylvania - 17,320  
Ohio - 14,568  
Connecticut - 10,656  
Illinois - 10,298  
Virginia - 10,046  
Massachusetts - 8,587  
Maryland - 6,761  
Wisconsin - 6,056

## **Chair Report**

### **Resolution of Appreciation for Mayor Garth “Sonny” Nobles**

**Mayor Davis** recommended that a “Resolution of Appreciation” be approved for Mayor Nobles for serving on the Council since August 1992. Mayor Nobles also received a gift for his faithful service for such a long period of time on the Council having served as the council’s Chair, and in other officer positions, on several occasions. Motion was approved ***unanimously***.

### **Ratification of Committee Appointments for 2018-2019**

**Mayor Davis** recommended that the committee appointments be ratified for 2018-2019. Emphasis on appointment to committees is placed on a broad geographic representation throughout the region and council attendance record by each appointee. Motion was approved ***unanimously***.

**NOTE:** The following individuals will represent Alachua County and Member Municipalities on the committees:

#### **Executive Committee (5 Members)**

Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo, Chair  
Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Charles Chestnut, IV, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Member

#### **Program Committee (9 Members)**

Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua, Chair  
Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Member

#### **Clearinghouse Committee (9 Members)**

Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Member  
Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City of Archer, Member  
Commissioner Helen Warren, City of Gainesville, Member

#### **Finance Committee (3 Members)**

Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Vice Chair

Regional Planning Committee (9 Members)

Commissioner Helen Warren, City of Gainesville, Chair  
Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Member  
Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City of Archer, Member

Nominating Committee (3 Members)

Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo, Member

Representatives to the Florida Regional Councils Association (3 Representatives)

Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua, Designee

**Executive Committee Report** - None.

**Clearinghouse Committee Report**

***Commissioner Adams, Lafayette County, Chair***, presented the report and stated that the Committee recommends the following “Comprehensive Plan Adopted and Draft Amendments” be approved: City of Archer ***adopted*** amendment, City of Chiefland ***two draft*** amendments, Dixie County ***draft*** amendment, City of Gainesville ***adopted*** amendment, and Union County ***adopted*** amendment. Motion was ***approved unanimously***.

**Regional Planning Committee Report**

***Commissioner Warren, City of Gainesville, Chair***, stated that the Committee recommends approval of the proposed “Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)-based” amendments to the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan. At its December 14, 2017, meeting, the Council voted to schedule public workshops pursuant to ***Chapter 120, Florida Statutes***, to receive public comment regarding proposed amendments to the subject plan. Public workshops were held by Council staff on March 13, 2018, in Bronson, and in Gainesville on March 15, 2018.

Comments were received from the Alachua County Growth Management Department and the Levy County Planner which identified editorial changes. In addition, the Alachua County Growth Management Department recommended that additional text be added to the “Affordable Housing Element Conditions and Trends Statement.” The Committee recommends these editorial changes and additional text items be added to the EAR-based amendments to the subject plan. The Committee also recommends that local government-owned conservation and recreation properties either 100 acres in size or located adjacent to an existing “National Resource of Significance” in Levy and Suwannee Counties be added to the subject plan as “Planning and Management Area Natural Resources of Regional Significance” to the proposed EAR-based amendments.

In addition, the Committee reviewed a request from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners that all lands classified as “Priority 3” within the “Florida Ecological Greenways Map of Regionally Significance Natural Resources,” or at least all such lands within Alachua County be added. At its March 22, 2018, meeting the Committee agreed to add all “Priority 3” lands in Alachua County. At its next meeting on May 24, 2018, the Committee voted to reconsider its action concerning this matter. At this meeting, the Council’s attorney advised the Committee that pursuant to ***Chapter 186, Florida Statutes*** and ***Rule 27-E5, Florida Administrative Code***, which govern strategic regional policy plans, the Council must be consistent throughout the region in the identification of “Regional Ecological Greenways as a Natural Resource of Regional Significance.” He recommended that the Council either include all lands within the region identified as “Priority 3” or only all lands identified as “Priority 1 and 2.” Based on the advice of the Council’s attorney, the Committee voted to recommend that the “Map” include only lands within the region as “Priority 1 and 2” in the subject plan.

Finally, the Committee recommended that the Council authorize advertising a public hearing pursuant to **Chapter 120. Florida Statutes**, regarding the adoption of the proposed EAR-based amendments to the regional plan as recommended by the Committee. After a lengthy discussion regarding "Greenway Maps," the Committee made a recommendation to authorize advertising a public hearing to adopt the proposed "North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan" which was **approved with Commissioner Meeks, Levy County Board of County Commissioners, dissenting.**

#### **Ex-Officio Member Reports**

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO)** - No report.

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)** - No report.

**Barney Bennett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 2** - No report.

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** - No report.

**Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)** - No report.

**St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)** - No report.

**Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)** - Mr. Glass stated that a public hearing will be held on July 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the District's offices in Live Oak, to receive citizen input regarding a "Water Supply Assessment" through 2035. He stated that this type of process is required every five years.

#### **Executive Director Report**

**Mr. Koons** briefed the council on the following items:

##### **Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Monthly Activity Report**

FRCA is the statewide organization which is comprised of ten regional planning councils. The mission of the Association is to strengthen Florida's regional planning councils and its partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improve the consistency and quality of regional planning councils to ensure they add value to state, regional, and local initiatives. Denise Imbler, FRCA Statewide Coordinator, advises and supports NCFRPC in fulfilling its mission.

During May, the Association: (1) organized and distributed the April 2018 FRCA newsletter, *FRCA Forward*, (2) continued to update the FRCA Facebook page, (3) continued working with the Florida Association of Counties regarding the maintenance and enhancement of the FRCA website and newsletter, (4) continued updating and maintaining the "email listserv" for the more than 2,500 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*, (5) participated in the following activities - (a) Florida Transportation Plan Implementation meeting, (b) resiliency forum which was hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, (c) coordination meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Transportation, and Greenways and Trails Foundation, (d) coastal meeting which was hosted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, (e) rural economic development initiative meeting, and (f) Florida Economic Development Council Annual Conference, (6) promoted the "Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity Webinar" which was hosted by the Economic Development Association, (7) participated in the May Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) conference call meeting, and (8) coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences - (a) National Association of Regional Councils, (b) Florida Association of Counties, (c) Florida League of Cities, and (d) Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, and (8) distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

## **Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard**

Mr. Koons reminded council members that the Florida Chamber Foundation developed the Florida Scorecard to provide state leaders with the metrics needed as a tool to secure Florida's future. In performing this task, the Florida Chamber's primary objective is to develop a 20-year statewide strategic plan which requires an ongoing commitment to measuring the state's current status toward accomplishing the stated goals of the "Six Pillars" which were established to measure trends and progress. The "Six Pillars" incorporate the strategic thinking of a diverse range of stakeholders including the Century Commission for a Sustainable Future, Florida Council of 100, Enterprise Florida, Florida State University, Workforce Florida, 1000 Friends of Florida, and others. The "Six Pillars" are:

- Talent Supply and Education.
- Innovation and Economic Development.
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership.
- Business Climate and Competiveness.
- Civic and Government Systems.
- Quality of Life and Places.

The latest "State of Florida Metrics" for June 2018 are:

### **Talent Supply and Education**

- Third Grade Scores: Reading (57% - Declining) and Math (62% - Improving).
- Eighth Grade Scores: Reading (55% - Declining), Math (46% - Declining) and Science (48% - Unchanged).
- National Fourth Grade Rankings: Math (18th - Improving), and Reading (10th - Declining).
- National Eighth Grade Rankings: Math (42nd - Declining) and Reading (32nd - Improving).
- High School Graduation Rate: 82.3 % (Improving).
- College Affordability: Second (4-Year Unchanged) and Eleventh (2-Year Unchanged).
- Educational Attainment: 46.9% (Current) - 2025 Goal is 55%.
- Educational Attainment: 37.4 % (AA - Improving).
- Educational Attainment: 27.8% (BA/BS - Improving).
- Unemployment Rate: 3.9% - Unchanged.
- Job Change of Year: 178,400 - New Jobs.

### **Innovation and Economic Development**

- Patents Granted: 4,243 - Improving.
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP): \$984.14 Billion - Improving.
- Venture Capital: \$2,139,300 - Improving.
- Visitors: 116.5 Million.
- Visitors Spending: \$111.7 Billion.
- International Visitors: 14.155 Million - Declining.
- Cruise Passengers: 16.1 Million - Improving.
- Exports: \$55 Billion - Improving.
- Imports: \$75.4 Billion - Improving.
- Top Six Importers: 31.2% Market Share (Improving).
- Top Six Importers Spending: \$15.44 Billion (Declining).
- Industry Diversification: 21st - Declining.
- Employment by Foreign Countries: 327,200 - Improving.
- Gross Domestic Product Per Capita: \$44,928 - Improving.
- Income Migration: \$879,000 Per Hour.

### **Infrastructure and Growth Leadership**

- Land in Conservation: 27%.
- Population: 20.98 Million. **Florida is third in population behind California and Texas.**
- Vehicle Miles Traveled: 214.64 Billion - Improving.
- State Housing Starts: 8,920 - Improving.
- State Housing Sales: 24,804 - Declining.
- Population Estimate for 2030 - 26 Million.
- Energy Per Capita: 60 Million BTU for Electricity - Unchanged.
- Energy Per Capita: 0.86 Million BTU for Gas - Improving.
- Seaports Cargo: \$83.2 Billion - Improving.
- Containers: 3.65 Million - Improving.
- Truck Crossings: 15.0 Million - Improving.

### **Business Climate and Competitiveness**

- Business Tax Climate: 4th.
- Consumer Sentiment: 100.6 - Improving.
- Sales Tax Revenue: \$2.460 Billion Per Month - Improving.
- Open Jobs: 244,300 - Declining.
- Unemployed Persons: 398,000 - Declining.
- State Ranking for Automobile Insurance Affordability: 47th.

### **Civic and Governance Systems**

- Voter Participation: 75% - Improving.
- Right/Wrong Direction: Right (52%) and Wrong (30%).
- Inmate Population: 120,275.
- State Government Employment: 256,000.
- Local Government Employment: 711,900.
- Volunteerism: 19.1% (Florida ranks 50th in the Country).
- State Debt: \$22.7 Billion.
- Citizens Insurance Exposure Policies: Exposure (\$109,300 Billion) and Policies (452,354).
- Underfunded State Pension: \$892.6 Million (Increasing).

### **Quality of Life and Quality Places**

- Free and Reduced Lunch: 60.5% - Increasing.
- Youth Obesity: 12.3% - Worse.
- Per Capita Income: \$46,858 - Improving.
- Homeless School Children: 69,596.
- Poverty Rate: 14.8% - Better.
- Home Ownership Rate: 65.5% - Improving.
- Floridians without Health Insurance Coverage: 2,544 Thousand (12.5%) - Declining.

### **Annual City-County Managers Meeting**

Each year, Council staff meets with city and county managers and selected staff members from throughout the region to discuss growth management legislation and review Council programs. The meeting was held on June 15, 2018, at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City.

### **Alligator Warrior Festival**

This festival is organized by Alligator Festival of Lake City Florida, Inc., which is a volunteer nonprofit public charity. Several members from this group were in attendance. This group is dedicated to teaching and celebrating local history. The festival is held annually in October to commemorate the years between 1800 and 1859, when Lake City was still known as Alligator, Florida, and to celebrate the memory of its most famous resident, Alligator Warrior, who was the Seminole Commander. In addition, the festival includes a reenactment of the 1836 Battle of San Felasco Hammock. It is also held to celebrate Native American and immigrant American cultures with music and dancing, living history camps, demonstrations of historic skills, traders, craftspeople, and food vendors. This year's festival will be held on October 19, 2018, through October 21, 2018, at O'Leno State Park, in High Springs.

### **Financial Disclosure Report Filing**

Mr. Koons reminded members of the Council to file the required statement of financial disclosure by July 1, 2018. He indicated that the financial disclosure form filed by county and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfills this requirement for membership on the Council. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Election office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have already received a copy of this form.

### **Next Meeting**

*The* next meeting of the Council will be held on July 26, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Lake City beginning at 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings, if applicable, will precede the Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

*Mayor Davis* declared the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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### **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Mission Statement**

*To improve the quality of life of the Region's citizens by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development, and providing technical services to local governments.*

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 Sandra Joseph, Senior Planner, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 111)  
 Lauren Yeatter, AICP, Senior Planner, Geographic Information Systems (Extension 113)  
 Carmelita Franco, Planning Administrative Assistant, Local Government Comprehensive Planning (Extension 125)  
 Jean Strong, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director (Extension 134)  
 Tara Tucker, Secretary II (Extension 100)

**Alachua County Representation on NCFRPC**

David Arreola, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 Patricia Bouie, Commissioner, City of Hawthorne  
 Charles Chestnut, IV, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Rick Coleman, Commissioner, City of Newberry  
 Ken Cornell, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Louie Davis, Mayor, City of Waldo  
 Fletcher Hope, Commissioner, City of Archer  
 Robert Hutchinson, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
 Gigi Simmons, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 Helen Warren, Commissioner, City of Gainesville  
 William Whitelock, Non-Voting Delegate, City of High Springs  
 Robert Wilford, Commissioner, City of Alachua

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**Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Mission Statement**

*Fosters regional strategies, solutions, and partnerships to support economic growth and improve quality of life; promotes a standard of excellence in the delivery of regional planning council programs and technical professional assistance and expertise; and, advocates for the role of regional planning councils as the state’s primary organizations to address problems that are of greater-than-local concern.*

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**There** are ten (10) regional planning councils in Florida which serve the state’s sixty-seven (67) counties. They are:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Number of Counties Served</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)	7	Pensacola
Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)	9	Tallahassee
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)	12	Gainesville
Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NEFRPC)	7	Jacksonville
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)	8	Altamonte Springs
Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)	5	Bartow
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)	6	Pinellas Park
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)	6	Fort Myers
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)	4	Stuart
South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)	3	Hollywood

**Membership** on regional planning councils consists of one-third of the total representatives being gubernatorial appointees with the remainder being member local government appointees. Two-thirds of council representatives must be locally-elected officials. Regional councils provide a large variety of services to benefit its local governments in addition to coordinating regional planning and review activities. Services include: technical planning assistance, grant and loan planning assistance, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities.

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**COMMISSIONER WILFORD NCFRPC APPOINTMENTS (CURRENT AND PAST)**

Vice Chair (Current)

Secretary/Treasurer (Past)

Executive Committee (Current)

Finance Committee (Chair - Past)

Program Committee (Chair - Current)

Regional Planning Committee (Past)

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

North Central Areawide Development Company (ADCO - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

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