

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCFRPC)
MEETING NOTES (UNOFFICIAL)
OCTOBER 25, 2018

ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2018

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

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.

Call to Order

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

Quorum

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

Invocation

Commissioner Wilford, City of Alachua, 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 September 27, 2018, meeting.

Financial Report for September 2018 - Refer to the Finance Committee report regarding the FY 17/18 amended budget.

Hazardous Analyses Services Agreement for FY 18/19 for Alachua County

Florida Statutes require each county in the state on an annual basis to update hazardous analyses for facilities for which have an extremely hazardous substance present in amount of greater than the threshold planning quantity. The Florida Division of Emergency Management is providing funding to Alachua County to update hazards analyses for locations which contain extremely hazardous substances which if released could cause off-site injuries. To adhere to this state-mandated requirement, the Alachua County Emergency Management Department has requested technical assistance from the Council for the current update cycle for a fixed fee basis of **\$6,446**.

2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program

The United States Census Bureau recently invited local governments to participate in the 2020 “Census Participant Statistical Areas Program.” Participation in this program provides an opportunity to review and update census tracts, block groups, census designated areas, and when applicable, census county divisions. The federal government allocates **\$675 billion** federal funds annually for infrastructure and programs and services based on census bureau data. It also provides local governments with valuable information which aids in making policy decisions concerning education, health services, and housing. It is recommended that Council staff be authorized to assist North Central Florida Region local governments with the preparation of the 2020 “Participant Statistical Areas Program” by reviewing and updating data.

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

As the designated “Official Planning Agency,” in accordance with **Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code**, it is recommended that Mr. Jonathan C. Law, Jr., be appointed as the “Voting Veterans” representative on the Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and Mr. Gary Masters be appointed as the “Voting Public Education” community representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Approval of Regular Agenda

The regular agenda was **approved unanimously**.

Citizen Comments - None.

Chair Report

Mayor Davis welcomed Mayor Frank C. Davis, City of Live Oak, as a new member to the Council.

Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. William Whitelock, Non-Voting Delegate, City of High Springs

Mr. Whitelock, was recognized for service on the Council since December 2017 for his commitment and concern for the growth and development in the North Central Florida Area. The resolution honoring Mr. Whitelock was **unanimously approved**.

Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force Appointments

As a result of recent sewage spills from the City of Valdosta, Georgia, which have caused several of the rivers and springs in the North Central Florida region to experience pollution, the Council authorized the establishment of a task force comprised of a county commissioner from the following counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, and Union Counties. This group, designated as the “Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force,” was tasked to develop a strategic plan to address the issue of raw sewage spills by the City of Valdosta. The following individuals were appointed to serve on this task force by their respective Board of County Commissioners:

Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County (NCFRPC Member)

Commissioner Daniel Riddick, Bradford County (NCFRPC Member)
Commissioner Ronald Williams, Columbia County
Commissioner Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County
Commissioner Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist County (NCFRPC Member)
Commissioner Beth Burnam, Hamilton County - ***Will serve as Vice Chair.***
Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County (NCFRPC Member)
Commissioner John Meeks, Levy County (NCFRPC Member)
Commissioner Rick Davis, Madison County (NCFRPC Member) - ***Will serve as Chair.***
Commissioner Don Hale, Suwannee County
Commissioner Thomas Demps, Taylor County (NCFRPC Member) - Requested to serve on the Task Force.
Commissioner James Tallman, Union County

The Council ***unanimously approved*** the ratification of the above appointments and for Commissioner Davis to serve as Chair, and for Commissioner Burnam, to serve as Vice Chair of the task force.

Mayor Davis congratulated Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director, for being elected as the President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) at its annual conference in October in Charlotte, North Carolina. Executive Committee members, Chestnut, Davis (Louie), Thomas, and Wilford attended the NADO conference and were impressed with the many accolades Mr. Koons received from those in attendance at the conference from all around the country.

Executive Committee Report

The Committee recommended approval of a/the:

Appointment of 25 individuals to serve two year terms as members on the North Central Florida Areawide Development, Inc., was ***approved unanimously***. ***NOTE: The Articles of Incorporation of this small business loan company requires that the Council make appointments every two years to this body. The following eight individuals were appointed to represent Alachua County: Commissioner Fletcher Hope (City of Archer), Commissioner Patricia Bouie (City of Hawthorne), Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV (Alachua County Board of County Commissioners), Commissioner Ken Cornell (Alachua County Board of County Commissioners), Mayor Louie Davis (City of Waldo), Commissioner GiGi Simmons (City of Gainesville), Commissioner Helen Warren (City of Gainesville), and Commissioner Robert Wilford (City of Alachua). An ADCO meeting was held following the completion of the NCFRPC meeting in which the "2018 ADCO Annual Report" was unanimously approved.***

Proclamation declaring November 5, 2018, as "Home Rule 50th Anniversary Day" in the North Central Florida Region. Home rule power has enabled each county, city, town, and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise, or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state. It has further served as the foundation upon which every local government builds its own structure. Motion was ***approved unanimously***.

Resolution honoring Mr. Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), for his service as Executive Director since 1994 and for his 37 years of distinguished career at the Council. Motion was ***approved with one dissenting vote***.

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 for: Madison County, Gilchrist County, Union County, City of Alachua, City of Chiefland, City of Gainesville, and City of Newberry. Motion was ***approved unanimously***.

Program Committee Report - No report.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Koons indicated that the Committee met on October 18, 2018, to review the FY 17/18 amended budget. The sum of the changes to the budget requires an increase of **\$8,000** which is less than one percent increase. Motion was **approved unanimously**.

Nominating Committee Report - No report.

Regional Planning Committee Report - No report.

Ex-Officio Member Reports

Reports were made by representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, Suwannee River Water Management District, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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

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

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

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

Executive Director Report

Mr. Koons briefed the council on the following items:

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons indicated that FRCA is the statewide organization which is comprised of ten Regional Planning Councils (RPC's). The mission of FRCA is to strengthen Florida's RPC's 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. Mr. Koons summarized FRCA's activities for September.

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: mailed to appropriate parties

- 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.

Mr. Koons summarized the “State of Florida Metrics” for October.

Transportation Disadvantaged Program Award

Mr. Koons reported that the “Suwannee Valley Transit Authority,” which serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Counties, received the “Rural Community Transportation Coordinator of the Year Award for the past year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on December 13, 2018 (no meeting in November), 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 adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of the Region’s citizens by enhancing public safety, protecting regional resources, promoting economic development, and providing technical services to local governments.

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Michael Escalante, AICP, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning (Extension 114)
Lynn Franson-Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner, Transportation Disadvantaged (Extension 110)
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
Linda Jones, Vice Mayor, City of High Springs
Gigi Simmons, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
Helen Warren, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
Robert Wilford, Commissioner, City of Alachua

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.

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.

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 Florida Areawide Development Company (ADCO - NCFRPC Delegate - Current)

