

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (NCFRPC)
MEETING NOTES (UNOFFICIAL)
JANUARY 24, 2019**

**ALACHUA CITY COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

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

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 Riddick, Bradford 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 December 13, 2018, meeting.

Financial Reports for November and December 2018

Revenues and expenditures are within budget for the first two months of the fiscal year. Revenue is at 20 percent and expenditures are at 17 percent of the budget.

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Appointments

The following TDCB appointments are recommended: **Commissioner Willie Croft** as Chair of the Union County TDCB, **Mr. Steven Huston** as the Voting Veterans Representative on the Gilchrist County TDCB, and **Dr. Karen Pickles** as the Voting Public Education Representative on the Madison County TDCB.

Approval of Regular Agenda

The regular agenda was **approved unanimously**.

Guest Speaker, Steve Seibert, Executive Director, Florida Humanities Council (FHC)

Mr. Seibert briefed the Council on the work FHC does around the state. He indicated that there is an emphasis by the Council to keep the humanities as an integral part of education in contributing to economic growth in the state. It was noted that the acronym, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), is evolving into a new acronym, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, **Arts**, and Math), to emphasize the importance of **"Art (Humanities)"** plays in the state's future economic growth. Mr. Seibert pointed out the many partnerships FHC has with various entities around Florida including its libraries, universities and colleges, medical schools, and other groups, as well as, business organizations. He indicated that **\$5,000** grants are available for nonprofit groups to support the humanities around the state. The mission of FHC is:

"The Florida Humanities Council sponsors community-based projects, facilitates, important conversations among Floridians, and shines a spotlight on Florida's history, art, and culture. Established in 1971, we are an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For over forty years we have developed and funded public programs that tell the story of both Florida and those unique individuals that call this state their home."

Chair Report - Mayor Davis, City of Waldo

Introduction of New Members

Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler, City of Gainesville, was recognized as a new member to the Council. In addition, **Ms. Kristina Wright**, was also recognized as a **High Springs, Non-Voting Delegate** to the Council.

Resolutions of Appreciation for Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, and Mike Williams, Gubernatorial Appointee, Madison County

Commissioner Hutchinson, was recognized for service on the Council since January 2017 for his commitment and concern for the growth and development in the North Central Florida area. The resolution honoring Commissioner Hutchinson was **approved unanimously**.

Mr. Williams, was recognized for service on the Council since January 2010 for his commitment and concern for the growth and development in the North Central Florida area. The resolution honoring Mr. Williams was **approved unanimously**.

Committee Appointments

Due to vacancies on the Finance Committee, Clearinghouse Committee, and Regional Planning Committee, appointments to these committees need to be made. The Chair is recommending that **Commissioner Charles Chestnut, IV, Alachua County**, be appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee and **Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County**, be appointed to serve on the Clearinghouse Committee and Regional Planning Committee. The ratification of the Chair's action in appointing Commissioner

Chestnut as Chair of the Finance Committee and Commissioner Brown to serve on the Clearinghouse Committee and Regional Planning Committee was **approved unanimously**.

Executive Committee Report

Resignation of Steven Dopp as Trustee and Appointment of Lynn Franson-Godfrey as Trustee to the NCFRPC Employee Pension Plan Trust.

Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director, reminded Council members that **Steven Dopp, Senior Planner**, retired as an employee of the NCFRPC on January 2, 2019. As a result of this action, he also resigned as a Trustee of the Council's Employee Pension Plan Trust effective January 2, 2019. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint a new Trustee to serve on this trust. **Lynn Franson-Godfrey, Senior Planner**, is being recommended to become a Trustee to the trust effective February 1, 2019. These actions were **approved unanimously**.

50th Anniversary of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)

The Council was formed in 1969 by Alachua County and the City of Gainesville as the fourth Regional Planning Council in Florida. Later that year, the cities of Alachua, Hawthorne, and High Springs became members of the Council. Over the next several years, the cities of Archer and Waldo also joined the Council.

Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton, Taylor and Union Counties, and the cities of Starke, Lake City, and Perry were added to the Council in 1975. Suwannee County joined in 1976. One year later in 1977, Lafayette and Madison Counties and the cities of Madison and Live Oak were added. Dixie and Gilchrist Counties joined in 1981. The City of Jasper became a member in 1993 followed by the City of Newberry in 2000. In 2016, Levy County became the most recent addition to NCFRPC. The Council now consists of twelve counties and thirteen municipalities.

On May 7, 2019, the Council will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) recently adopted a resolution congratulating NCFRPC on its upcoming anniversary. Staff is recommending that the Executive Director be authorized to plan a celebration to be held on May 7, 2019, at a yet determined location in Gainesville commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Council. A motion authorizing the Executive Director to plan a celebration to be held on May 7, 2019, was **approved unanimously**.

50th Anniversary of the Town of Otter Creek

The Town of Otter Creek was incorporated in 1969. A resolution is recommended to recognize Otter Creek's incorporation. Otter Creek is located in Levy County and has a population of approximately 140 residents. The Spanish explorer, Hernando de Soto, crossed Otter Creek during his explorations in 1539. In the 1930's and 1940's, Otter Creek was the second largest community in Levy County with a population approaching 1,000 residents. A lumber mill which made cypress fitches for citrus crates, and two railroads that bisected the town, were the economic base of the community during these two decades. In 2007, the Town Council created a local historic district consisting of neighborhoods with company residences dating from the 19th century and early 20th century. The resolution recognizing Otter Creek's 50th anniversary was **approved unanimously**.

Proclamation Declaring February 11-15, 2019, as Economic Development Week in the North Central Florida Region

The Florida Economic Development Council has designated February 11-15, 2019, as Economic Development Week. One of the roles of NCFRPC is to assist local governments and economic development organizations in promoting economic well-being and quality of life for communities, and create, retain, and expand jobs which facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base. It is recommended that the Council recognize Economic Development Week with a proclamation. A proclamation recognizing this Economic Development Week in the North Central Florida region was **approved unanimously**.

Resolution Recognizing the Service of Brian D. Teeple, Chief Executive Officer, North Florida Regional Council (NFRC)

In recognition of Mr. Teeple's outstanding service over a thirty-three year period (30 as Chief Executive Officer) at NFRC, a resolution is being recommended to honor him upon his retirement effective February 28, 2019. A resolution recognizing Mr. Teeple's service was **approved unanimously**.

Clearinghouse Committee Report

Commissioner Mortimer, City of Starke, presented the report and stated that the Committee recommends the following "Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendments" be approved for: City of Cedar Key, Dixie County, Gilchrist County and City of Newberry (2 Amendments). A concern was identified about one of the City of Newberry's adopted amendments regarding a possible traffic situation problem and it was recommended for the City to revisit this issue. Motion was **approved unanimously**.

Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Chestnut, Alachua County, Chair, presented the report concerning the FY 17/18 annual audit prepared by Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants. There were no material weaknesses or problems cited. In addition, there were no findings of non-compliance or reportable conditions--it is a "clean" audit. Mr. Koons and his staff were complimented for a job well done in managing the Council's finances. Acceptance of the audit and payment to the auditor was **approved unanimously**.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Report - No report.

Program Committee Report - No report.

Nominating Committee Report - No report.

Regional Planning Committee Report - No report.

Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force

Commissioner Davis, Madison County, Chair, presented the report and indicated that the Task Force met earlier this evening to discuss strategies to address the ongoing raw sewage spills emanating from two wastewater treatment plants in Valdosta, Georgia, into several of Florida's rivers and streams. The Task Force is comprised of one county commissioner from each of the twelve counties in the NCFRPC region. **Commissioner Ken Cornell, Alachua County**, represents Alachua County on the Task Force. **Mr. Koons** provided the following Task Force PowerPoint presentation regarding the history of this problem:

Valdosta Withlacoochee and Mud Creek Wastewater Plants (General Information)

- National pollutant discharge elimination systems permits authorize discharge of treated wastewater per effluent limitations to surface waters.
- A **major** spill is considered to be greater than **10,000** gallons.

Raw Sewage Spills/Actions/Establishment of Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force - 1/1/08 - 12/31/18

- Raw sewage spills - 11/18/09 - 2/21-13, **two** significant fish kills occurred downstream.
- Mud Creek Plant Raw Sewage Spill - 12/8/08, **major** spill totaling **5,500,000** gallons.

- City of Valdosta expends **\$49,453,784** on Sanitary Sewer System Improvements - 2009-2013.
- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage Spill - 3/31/09, **major** spill totaling **50,300,000** gallons.
- City of Valdosta Commits to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD) to Address Sanitary Sewer System Ongoing Issues - 1/5/10.
- Mud Creek Plant Renovation and Expansion Completed - 4/12.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Requests Information from the City of Valdosta Concerning Its Wastewater System - 10/23/12.
- City of Valdosta Meets with USEPA Requesting It Be Allowed to Work with GEPD on the Development of a Corrective Action Plan - 2/28/13.
- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage Spill - 2/28/13 - 3/3/13, **major** spill totaling **19,150,000** gallons.
- Valdosta Mayor/City Council Adopt Action Plan to Address Sanitary Sewer System Issues - 4/25/13: (1) Relocate/construct a **22,500,000** gallon Withlacoochee Plant, (2) Construct a **6.2 mile** new force main to the Withlacoochee Plant, (3) Construct a new headworks at the Withlacoochee Plant, (4) Inspect all manholes and sanitary sewer lines in the city, and (5) Make short-term improvements to the Withlacoochee Plant.
- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage Spill - 7/25/13, **major** spill totaling **8,000,000** gallons which flooded the plant.
- Consent Order Established Requiring Implementation of an Action Plan by the City of Valdosta - 9/23/13, **Ongoing**.
- City of Valdosta Expends **\$59,000,000** on Sanitary Sewer Improvements on Withlacoochee Plant (**\$23,000,000**) and Force Main (**\$36,000,000**) - 7/1/16.
- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage/Storm Water Spill (Equalization Basin Leak) - 1/24/17, **major** spill totaling **500,000** gallons.
- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage/Storm Water Spill (Bar Screen Malfunction) - 6/26/18, **major** spill totaling **300,000** gallons.
- The Madison County Board of County Commissioners requests NCFRPC to convene a meeting with impacted communities affected by raw sewage spills from the City of Valdosta - 8/22/18.
- Representatives from impacted counties request NCFRPC establish Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force - 9/9/18.
- One county commissioner from each of the twelve affected counties is appointed to said Task Force - 10/25/18. They are: Rick Davis, Madison County (Chair), Beth Burnam, Hamilton County (Vice Chair), Ken Cornell, Alachua County, Daniel Riddick, Bradford County, Ronald Williams, Columbia County, Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County, Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County, Anthony Adams, Lafayette County, John Meeks, Levy County, Don Hale Suwannee County, Thomas Demps, Taylor County, and James Tallman, Union County.
- Mud Creek Plant Secondary Clarifier Spill (Clarifier Malfunction) - 12/2/18, **major** spill totaling **135,000** gallons.

- Withlacoochee Plant Raw Sewage/Storm Water Spill (Rainfall Infiltration) - 12/2/18, **major** spill with number of gallons undetermined. **NOTE:** This plant's peak capacity is **22,500,000** gallons per day with normal capacity being **13,500,000** gallons per day while the average flow per day is **3,500,000** gallons. On this day, the flow was **32,000,000** gallons which was nearly ten times the average daily flow.
- The City of Valdosta published a press release shortly after the 12/2/18 incident stating that: *"The City will continue its ongoing efforts to improve the infrastructure of the sewer system to eliminate these issues in the future. Improving our sewer system has and will continue to be a main priority."*

Background/Discussions/Strategies

During today's Task Force meeting, the following comments were made:

- The City of Valdosta's raw sewage spills are drastically affecting the North Central Florida region's public health, environment, and economy.
- There is language in the *"Clean Water Act (1972)"* which prohibits any state from negatively impacting the water quality in an adjacent state.
- The City of Valdosta has spent over **\$100** million since 2014 in constructing a new plant and making other improvements to its sewage system(s) and is projected to spend another **\$140** million through 2028.
- The City of Valdosta is installing an additional **8,500,000** overflow basin to hold excess water caused by rain events. This action is in response to the recent December 2018 raw sewage spill which was caused by excessive rain.
- The Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee met yesterday to discuss water quality issues around the state including those related to raw sewage spills. ***Issues affecting the North Central Florida area were not on the agenda as only waterways in Florida were scheduled to be discussed. However, at the request of a member of the Task Force, Senator Debbie Mayfield, 17th District, Indian River and Southern Brevard Counties, brought the North Central Florida area's water problems to the floor for discussion at the meeting which are being caused by the City of Valdosta sewage systems.***
- Strategies were discussed to include: (1) Involving the Federal Government, Governor's Office, Florida Senate and House, Suwannee River Water Management District, and other parties including those from Georgia, (2) Continuing to dialogue with the Valdosta Mayor/City Commission and City Manager to provide an equitable solution to this critical problem, (3) Instituting a resolution and letter writing campaign from throughout the North Central Florida area, (4) Hosting a meeting with selected Georgia Delegations, and (5) Considering legal action, as a last resort, if this problem is not ameliorated by the City of Valdosta in a timely manner.

The next Task Force meeting will be held on February 28, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Lake City beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Ex-Officio Member Reports

Reports were made by representatives from two ex-officio members in attendance:

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

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

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - No Report.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) - Sean Greene, Land Use Planning Biologist, indicated that city and county comprehensive plans which are submitted to the Commission are often very long. He indicated that it would be helpful to contact the Commission prior to submitting these plans to discuss them.

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

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

Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) - Ben Glass, Community Affairs Manager reported that: (1) A delegation from the City of Valdosta will be attending the next meeting of the District on February 12, 2019, to discuss raw sewage spills into Florida's waterways, (2) Twenty-six springs' grant applications have been received and are being reviewed, (3) Rainfall in December 2018 in the area was the greatest on record, and (4) The Santa Fe River remains at a dangerous flood level.

Citizen Comments

Stew Lilker, Publisher, Columbia County Record, thanked the Council's Executive Committee members for placing the "Citizen Comments" section toward the end of the agenda as he had requested last month. He also suggested that each member of the Council carry business cards to distribute as requested.

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 December. Several activities in December included attendance at the: (1) Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Health Equity Economic Stability Workgroup, (2) Florida Chamber Foundation "Florida 2030" Rollout, and (3) Resiliency Florida Board Meeting.

Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Policy Board Partners Meeting and FRCA Policy Board Partners Business Meeting

Mr. Koons indicated that two FRCA meetings were held in Tallahassee on January 11, 2019. Attendees representing NCFRPC were: Commissioner Chestnut, NCFRPC Secretary/Treasurer, Gubernatorial Representative Lorene Thomas, NCFRPC Immediate Past Chair, and Commissioner Wilford, NCFRPC, Vice Chair, who are members of the FRCA Policy Board Partners. Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director, was also in attendance. Presentations were heard from:

- Tony Carvajal, Executive Vice President, Florida Chamber Foundation.
- Dr. Nick Place, Dean, Extension Services, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS).
- Davin Suggs, Director of Public Policy, Florida Association of Counties.
- David Cruz, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities.

In addition, attendees:

- Heard reports on various projects of the twelve Regional Planning Councils.
- Received the 2017/2018 FRCA annual report.
- Heard a legislative report from FRCA's legislative advocate and adopted a 2019 legislative agenda.
- Reviewed the latest financial report.
- Was provided the names of five members who will serve on the Nominating Committee.

NOTE: A detailed report regarding these two meetings was included in the January 28, 2019, commission meeting package.

FRCA 2017-2018 Annual Report

Mr. Koons distributed the report to Council members.

NOTE: A detailed explanation regarding this report was included in the January 28, 2019, commission meeting package.

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.

Mr. Koons summarized the "State of Florida Metrics" for December 2018. He highlighted the following information: (1) High School graduation rate is at **86.1%** and is rising, (2) Unemployment rate is at **3.3%** and full employment is considered to be at **4%**, (3) Florida's economy is over **\$1 trillion** and is the **17th largest** in the world if it were classified as a country, (4) Population of the state is **\$20.98 million** which is the third largest behind California and Texas, (5) Consumer sentiment is at **98.1%** which is improving, (6) Probability of a Florida Recession is **20.6%**, (7) Number of open jobs is **277,440** while there are **335,000** unemployed residents, (8) Percentage of residents who believe the state is headed in the right direction is **44%** while **38%** believe the state is heading in the wrong direction (9) State ranks **last** in volunteerism in the country at **19.1%**, (10) Percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunches is **60.5%** which is increasing, and (11) Poverty rate is at **15.5%** which is increasing.

Legislative Report

Mr. Koons indicated that the legislative session is scheduled to convene on March 5, 2019, and adjourn on May 3, 2019. The legislative interim committee schedule is:

- Week of December 11, 2018.
- Week of January 7, 2019.
- Week of January 22, 2019.
- Week of February 4, 2019.
- Week of February 11, 2019.

- Week of February 19, 2019.

Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Mr. Koons indicated that pursuant to *“Section 288.101, Florida Statutes,”* this grant fund was designed as an economic development program to build on Florida’s success and economic prosperity since 2010. It has and will provide funds for public infrastructure and job training projects which support growth and economic development in Florida’s diverse industries. Since the initial awarding of these grant funds, the following entities in the North Central Florida area have received funds:

- Bing Bend Technical College (Taylor County) - **\$100,000** to start a Diesel Mechanic Technician Program for a “Technical 1” program which will train students in working with diesel transportation vehicles and diesel engines and purchasing equipment needed for a hands-on laboratory.
- Bradford County - **\$2,300,000** to build an access road through the Keystone Heights Airport.
- City of Alachua - **\$6,775,000** to construct the San Felasco Parkway with nearby utilities connecting a large bioscience cluster including the Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute to a shovel-ready site consisting of **280** acres.
- Columbia County - **\$3,135,600** for the construction of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Rail project to construct a rail spur to allow access to an industrial park.
- Columbia County - **10,200,000** for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant which will serve the North Florida Mega Industrial Park, nearby correctional facilities, Florida Gateway Airport, Florida Gateway College, and other areas east of Lake City.
- City of Greenville - **\$1,700,000** to convert a building into a manufacturing facility to construct a publicly-owned building which would be leased as a grocery store.
- Suwannee County - **\$3,125,000** to provide water supply and fire protection to the Interchange located at I-75 and CR 136.

U.S. Economic Development District (USED) Grantee Performance Report for the Period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018

Mr. Koons indicated that the Council is a federally-designated economic development district by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Each year, the Council reports on job creation/retention, private sector investment and public sector investment for projects funded by USED or other sources which implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adopted by the Council. An estimated **631** jobs were either created or retained, an estimated **\$67,400,000** in private investment was generated, and **\$30,000** in public investment was generated on projects implemented in the strategy for this year.

National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) “Aliceann Wohlbrock Innovation Award”

Mr. Koons indicated that NADO has an “Innovation Awards” program which recognizes regional development organizations and partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of local communities. The Council was recently awarded a NADO “Innovation Award” for the “North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team.” Mr. Koons stated that this NADO award is named in honor of Ms. Aliceann Wohlbrock who died in March 2018. She was the first NADO Executive Director and served in this capacity for twenty-four years and was a tireless champion for regional approaches in the economic development of rural communities.

The Council provides staff support for the Team which has resulted in over **\$1,000,000** in grants being awarded to the team since 2001. Team local governments include: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie Gilchrist, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union Counties, and the cities of Gainesville, Lake City, Madison, and Starke.

Health of Dwayne L. Mundy, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance Program Director

Mr. Koons indicated that Mr. Mundy, an employee of 30 years on the Council, is in the hospital with colon cancer and has greatly improved over the last month.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on January 24, 2019, 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 8:11 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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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
Linda Jones, Vice Mayor, City of High Springs
Gigi Simmons, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
Helen Warren, Commissioner, City of Gainesville
Marihelen Wheeler, Commissioner, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
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>Region</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC)	7	1	Pensacola
Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)	9	2	Tallahassee
North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC)	12	3	Gainesville
Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NEFRPC)	7	4	Jacksonville
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)	8	5	Altamonte Springs
Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC)	5	6	Bartow
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC)	6	7	Pinellas Park
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC)	6	8	Fort Myers
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC)	4	9	Stuart
South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)	3	10	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)

