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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 **June 24, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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### MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

*Please call the Council at 352.955.2200, or 800.226.0690, or email [tucker@ncfrpc.org](mailto:tucker@ncfrpc.org) by June 22, 2021 to let us know if you will be attending the meeting. (You can call after hours and leave a message on voice mail too.) **THANK YOU.***

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## AGENDA

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Virtual Public Meeting  
 Via Communications Media Technology  
 Gainesville, Florida

June 24, 2021  
 7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology

May 27, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Anthony Adams, Lafayette County**  
Mary Alford, Alachua County  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne  
Robert Brown, Hamilton County  
James Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Mark Clark, City of Newberry  
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
**Thomas Demps, Taylor County**  
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer  
**Janice Mortimer, City of Starke**  
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
James Tallman, Union County  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County  
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County  
**Robert Wilford, City of Alachua**

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water  
Management District  
David Tyler, Florida Department  
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville  
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
Mike Deming, City of Perry  
Desmon Duncan-Walker  
Linda Jones, City of High Springs  
Travis Land, Suwannee County  
John Meeks, Levy County  
Tim Murphy, Columbia County  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Tara Tucker  
Lauren Yeatter

**Executive Committee Members names are bold**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Chair Chestnut asked the Council to keep Commissioner Riddick, Council member, and his family in their thoughts and prayers as he is experiencing medical issues. He also asked the Council to remember the family of former Commissioner Eddie Lee Martin who recently died. Chair Chestnut noted that Commissioner Martin served on the Council for 30 years and served two terms as Chair. He asked the Council for a moment of silence in remembrance of Commissioner Martin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Chestnut welcomed David Murzin, citizen from Pensacola; Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis, and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - April 22, 2021
- B. Monthly Financial Report - April 2021
- C. Agency Regulatory Plan Fiscal Year 2021-22
- D. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2021-22
- E. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management to Update Hazard Analyses - Fiscal Year 2021-22
- F. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2021-22
- G. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointment

Chair Chestnut asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**ACTION: Commissioner Clark made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION YEAR 2021 REVIEW

Scott Koons, Executive Director, gave a presentation which reviewed Council activities during the past year in the Regional Planning, Public Safety and Regulatory Compliance, Economic Development, Local Government Assistance and Transportation Programs of the Council. In particular, he highlighted the services that the Council provides, which benefit its local governments, including community planning assistance, grant application and administration services, transportation planning assistance, hazardous waste monitoring, emergency response planning assistance, and economic development activities. Chair Chestnut thanked Mr. Koons for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

- A. New Member - Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville

Chair Chestnut reported that the City of Gainesville has appointed City Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker as a new member of the Council.

- B. Resolution of Appreciation - Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville

**ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for former Council member Gigi Simmons, City of Gainesville. The motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Committee Appointment - David Arreola, Finance Committee Vice-Chair

**ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to ratify the appointment by the Chair of David Arreola as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Employee Certificate of Service - Scott Koons - 45 Years

Chair Chestnut reported that Scott Koons joined the Council staff on April 1, 1976. He noted that Mr. Koons has served as Executive Director since October 1, 2006. Chair Chestnut presented a 45-year Certificate of Service and a 45-year service pin to Mr. Koons. He noted that Mr. Koons has served longer than any employee in the history of the Council. Chair Chestnut thanked him for his leadership and dedicated service to the Council.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee - None

- B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Hope, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met 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.

#39 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

#41 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

- #42 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #43 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

Commissioner Hope 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 Economic Opportunity.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hope made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #39 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #41 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); Item #42 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); and #43 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Program Committee - 2021-22 Overall Program Design

Commissioner Thomas Demps, Council Vice-Chair and Program Committee Chair, gave the Program Committee Report. He stated that the Program Committee met virtually via communications media technology March 25, 2021 to review a draft of the Overall Program Design for the coming year. He stated that this document is used as a basis for the development of a budget and is also to give instruction to staff as to the work which is to be done during the next year. Commissioner Demps stated that there are no changes proposed in the Overall Program Design which include new programs not previously discussed and/or approved by the Council.

**ACTION: Commissioner Demps made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Overall Program Design as recommended by the Program Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Finance Committee - Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

Commissioner Anthony Adams, Council Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, gave the Finance Committee Report. He stated that the Finance Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 5, 2021 to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget. He stated, the anticipated expenditures for next year will be \$2,013,500 which is \$89,000 less than the current year budget. Commissioner Demps also stated, almost all funds to be expended by the Council are received through contracts for services and grants. He stated there is one exception: Member local governments pay dues, which are proposed to remain at \$0.30 per capita for the 41st year, and will produce approximately \$166,000.

Commissioner Demps noted that the most significant policy decision that must be made with respect to the budget is related to personnel. There is provision for a total of 11 full-time staff positions, plus funds for part-time positions, which is one less full-time staff position than budgeted for the current year. The budget includes a recurring increase across the board for all employees, including the Executive Director, equal to two percent of the salary for each employee and one percent of the salary budget for merit increases for all employees, except the Executive Director.



**ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Demps, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Nominating Committee - Program Year 2021-22 Election of Officers

Commissioner Robert Wilford, Council Immediate Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, gave the Nominating Committee report. He stated that the Nominating Committee met virtually via communications media technology on May 20, 2021 to prepare, for the Council's consideration, recommendations concerning officers and Executive Committee member position for Program Year 2021-22.

He stated that the Nominating Committee recommendations for officers and Executive Committee member position were, as follows:

Chair - Thomas Demps, Taylor County  
Vice-Chair - Anthony Adams, Lafayette County  
Secretary-Treasurer - Janice Mortimer, City of Starke  
Executive Committee Member - Fletcher Hope, City of Archer  
Immediate Past Chair - Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County

Commissioner Wilford asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, he closed the nominations.

**ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, to elect the slate of nominees for officers and Executive Committee member position to a one-year term for Program Year 2021-22 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Glass, Legislative and Community Affairs Chief, Suwannee River Water Management District, reported that the District is continuing the preparation of the five-year update to the Regional Water Supply Plan and continuing the development of the Lower Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River minimum flows and minimum water levels. He also stated that the District Governing Board will be reviewing cost share river grant applications submitted by local governments at their July 2021 meeting to make funding recommendations to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Finally, he noted that hurricane season begins June 1, 2021 and recommended that everyone have a hurricane preparedness plan and have adequate supplies in the event a tropical storm impacts the north central Florida region.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed Council virtual meetings, cost of in person Council meetings and Council staffing levels. He announced a kayak event to be held May 29, 2021 on the Santa Fe River sponsored by Kayaktivism.

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 April 2021 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the April 2021 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 May 2021 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Legislative Report

Mr. Koons reported that the 2021 Legislative Session convened January 11, 2021 and adjourned on April 30, 2021. Mr. Koons reviewed the bills of interest to the regional planning councils and local governments.

D. 2020 Census

Mr. Koons reported that on April 26, 2021, the United States Census Bureau announced that the 2020 Census shows the resident population of the United States on April 1, 2020, was 331,449,281. He stated the resident population increased by 22,703,743 or 7.4 percent from 308,745,538 in 2010, and that the 2020 Census was the 24th time a census of the nation was completed by Americans.

Mr. Koons reported the Census Bureau also delivered the 2020 Census apportionment results to the President on April 26, 2021. He noted that Florida will gain one seat in the United States House of Representatives.

E. American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Government Fiscal Recovery Funds

Mr. Koons reported the American Rescue Plan Act will provide \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. He noted that recipients may use these funds to support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff; address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,

including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector; replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic; provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

F. Financial Disclosure Report Filing

Mr. Koons reported that all members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year. He stated that Council members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Mr. Koons noted that Council members should be receiving a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the next few weeks.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Wilford reported that the recently constructed Hampton Inn in the City of Alachua has opened for business. He also thanked Chair Chestnut for his leadership as Chair during the past year.

Commissioner Hope reported that the City of Archer recently held a grand opening of their new splash park.

Commissioner Alford reported that the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners recently adopted a resolution supporting the establishment of a National Infrastructure Bank.

Commissioner Clark reminded everyone to observe Memorial Day and pay tribute to the service members that lost their lives defending the United States of America.

Chair Chestnut stated that it was an honor to serve as Chair of the Council for the past year.

Mr. Koons presented Chair Chestnut with a John Moran framed landscape photograph of the Florida Trail at the Suwannee River for his service as Chair.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Chestnut informed the Council that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on June 24, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Demps, Chair

6/24/21  
Date



# Resolution

## OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Gigi Simmons has been representing the City of Gainesville on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council since May 2018;

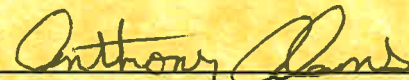
WHEREAS, Gigi Simmons has ably discharged the duties of a representative on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Gigi Simmons 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 Gigi Simmons.



Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

ATTEST:

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING  
OF May 27, 2021.







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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - May 2021

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for May 2021. 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 eight months is 51 percent of budget.

**Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of eight months is 44 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)**  
**May 31, 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

        Checking / Savings 1,790,222

        Accounts Receivable 745,387

        Other Current Assets 24,408

**Total Current Assets** 2,560,017

**TOTAL ASSETS** 2,560,017

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

            Accounts Payable 5,156

            Other Current Liabilities 632,637

**Total Liabilities** 637,793

**Equity** 1,922,224

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 2,560,017

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2021**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	2,102,500	25,366	1,065,181	51%
<b>Expenses</b>	2,102,500	97,393	924,958	44%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2021**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	48,200	0	30,648	64%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	69,977	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	105,275	179%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	132,900	0	17,300	13%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	23,866	68,513	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	0	189,153	41%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	0	0%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	0	4,792	19%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	0	77,807	39%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	80,009	70%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	20,000	10%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	0	12,250	30%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	0	162,746	100%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,040	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	1,500	141,162	58%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,102,500</b>	<b>25,366</b>	<b>1,065,181</b>	<b>51%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**May 31, 2021**

**EXPENDITURES**


<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	17,000	0	0	0%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,539	21,517	54%
Contractual Services	105,000	2,392	29,590	28%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	295	32,775	66%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	0	0%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	0	11,413	60%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	1,040	8,404	76%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	1,158	3,709	74%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,321	12,656	49%
Personnel	1,402,400	80,174	666,852	48%
Postage	5,000	486	5,521	110%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,012	10,700	54%
Telephone	6,000	542	4,304	72%
Travel	80,000	1,123	7,007	9%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	5,311	108,635	67%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,102,500</b>	<b>97,393</b>	<b>924,958</b>	<b>44%</b>



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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Amy Burton the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint John Koch as the voting Elderly Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for the remainder of three-year term ending June 30, 2023; and**
- **Appoint John Wisker the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Amy Burton be appointed the alternate Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that John Koch be appointed the voting Elderly Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 30, 2023. It is recommended that John Wisker be appointed the voting Florida Department of Children and Families Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Reappoint the following individuals to three-year terms ending June 30, 2024.**

- **Reappoint Paula Arnold as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Leslie Esseck as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Tammy Jean Ippolito as the voting Citizen Advocate - User Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Reappoint Terri Harmon as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. The terms of appointment for several Board members expire on June 30, 2021. The above listed Board members are willing to serve an additional three-year term of reappointment to the Boards.

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

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment  
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

**Appoint Commissioner Robert Brown Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022.**

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 the Chair of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend to the Council a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board. At its May 19, 2021 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County, as Chair of the Board.

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

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolutions of appreciation for Renate Cannon, Sherry Ruskowski and Shanetha Mitchell.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolutions of appreciation are regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Renate Cannon served as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Sherry Ruskowski served as the voting Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. Shanetha Mitchell served as the voting Citizen Advocate Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

Attachments

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Renate Cannon has served as the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since September 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, Renate Cannon ably discharged the duties of the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Levy 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 Renate Cannon for dedicated service rendered to the Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Levy 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 Renate Cannon.*

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*Thomas Demps, Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

June 24, 2021

Date



## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Shanetha Mitchell has served as the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Shanetha Mitchell ably discharged the duties of the Citizen Advocate Representative on the Madison 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 Shanetha Mitchell for dedicated service rendered to the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Madison 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 Shanetha Mitchell.*

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*Thomas Demps, Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

*June 24, 2021*

*Date*





## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Sherry Ruskowski has served as the Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since January 2007; and*

*WHEREAS, Sherry Ruskowski ably discharged the duties of the Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford 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 Sherry Ruskowski for dedicated service rendered to the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford 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 Sherry Ruskowski.*

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*Thomas Demps, Chair*

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*June 24, 2021*

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair  
SUBJECT: 2021-22 Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

**Ratify 2021-22 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair.**

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Council, each year the Chair makes appointments to the various committees of the Council. These appointments provide for a broad geographic representation throughout the region serving on the committees. Emphasis was also placed on the attendance record of each appointee. Therefore, I am recommending appointments to committees as per the attached list.

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2021-17 Requesting Congress to Pass Legislation Creating a National Infrastructure Bank

RECOMMENDATION:

**Adopt attached Resolution No. 2021-17 Requesting Congress to Pass Legislation Creating a National Infrastructure Bank.**

BACKGROUND:

The American Society of Civil Engineers and the United States Congress estimates that there is a \$2 trillion shortfall in financing for urgently needed infrastructure. In addition, when broadband, passenger transit, high speed rail, clean water, flood control, energy distribution, ferries, fish passage barriers and power grid upgrades are added an additional \$2 trillion shortfall exists for additional needed infrastructure.

A National Infrastructure Bank would finance projects within all regions of the United States. In the past, the United States has employed four national banking systems to build out infrastructure.

The National Infrastructure Bank would perform as a traditional commercial bank and be able to provide financing in the form of loans to states, cities, counties, authorities and multi-state entities to address the infrastructure crisis in the nation. It is estimated that the National Infrastructure Bank would create an estimated 25 million new high paying jobs, increase the tax base and increase the productivity of the entire economy.

Legislation, H.R. 3339, is being introduced in Congress to establish a National Infrastructure Bank to assist in addressing the infrastructure needs of the nation. It is recommended that the Council adopt the attached resolution requesting the United States Congress to pass legislation to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL  
FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
REQUESTING CONGRESS TO ENACT  
LEGISLATION CREATING A NATIONAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the United States Congress estimates that there is a \$2 trillion shortfall in financing for urgently needed infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, broadband, passenger transit, high speed rail, clean water, flood control, energy distribution, ferries, fish passage barriers and power grid upgrades add an additional \$2 trillion shortfall for additional needed infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a National Infrastructure Bank would finance projects within all regions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the United States has employed four national banking systems to build out infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank would perform as a traditional commercial bank and be able to provide financing in the form of loans to states, cities, counties, authorities and multi-state entities to address the infrastructure crisis in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank would create an estimated 25 million new high paying jobs, increase the tax base and increase the productivity of the entire economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council requests the United States Congress to pass H.R. 3339 to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 24th day of June 2021.

Attest:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Thomas Demps, Chair





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Fletcher Hope, 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., June 24, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be a virtual meeting conducted 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

- #44 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)
- #45 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #46 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #47 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-4ESR)
- #48 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-5ESR)
- #49 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR)

***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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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Review of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

**Accept the Fiscal Year 2019-20 audit and authorize payment of auditor in the amount of \$16,675.**

BACKGROUND:

Please find attached a copy of the audit as prepared by Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants. The following paragraphs highlight the information reported in the audit.

First, it should be noted that the audit conforms with both federal regulations and the rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Therefore, the auditor is required to take into account not only internal accounting controls, but administrative controls as well. In addition, the audit has been completed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 54 requirements.

More specific comments relating to the report are given in sequence as they appear in the document. On Page 5, you can see that the auditor's report indicates that the records audited "...present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, as of September 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

Pages 7 through 12 contain the "Management's Discussion and Analysis" that is intended to present easily understood analyses of the Council's financial activities, but technically is not a part of the audit. This expanded information gives a more detailed look at the financial position of the Council from a business perspective.

Pages 13 through 19 present the financial statements that were audited. In general, you will find that the information in each of these statements are fairly routine and report no unusual circumstances. In particular, page 13 presents the "Governmental Funds Balance Sheet."

Council Members  
June 17, 2021  
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Page 16 is a “Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in General Fund Balance.” Please note that with respect to revenues collected versus those budgeted, revenues received were 0.001 percent more than budgeted amounts. With respect to expenditures, funds expended were (9.6) percent less than budgeted amounts. The difference in the revenues received and the expenditures made are reflected in the increase in the Council’s “General Fund Balance” of \$121,266.

The auditor’s notes begin on page 20. Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 2, Reconciliation of Government-wide and General Fund Financial Statements, deal with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 requirements, Note 3, Deposits and Investments, describes the deposits of the Council and the funds invested in the State Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund Investment Pool and Note 6, Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, describes the categories of the fund balance in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 requirements.

The audit also contains various reports on compliance, internal control and management on Pages 35 through 44. In these reports, no material weaknesses or problems were cited. Consequently, there were no findings of non-compliance or reportable conditions (see Page 40).

Overall, management and financial staff are pleased with the audit report. Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions that you may have concerning the audit.

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

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020**

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020**

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**FINANCIAL SECTION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council as of September 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 - 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 11, 2021 on our consideration of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Powell & Jones".

**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
Lake City, Florida  
June 11, 2021

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council) financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

**Report Layout**

The Council has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. This statement requires governmental entities to report finances in accordance with specific guidelines. Among those guidelines are the components of this section dealing with management's discussion and analysis. Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. The first two statements are condensed and present a government-wide view of the Council's finances. Within this view, all Council operations are categorized as applicable, and reported as either governmental or business-type activities. Governmental activities include basic planning related services, tourism development, and general administration. The Council had no business-type activities in this fiscal year. These government-wide statements are designed to be more corporate-like in that all activities are consolidated into a total for the Council.

***Basic Financial Statements***

- The Statement of Net Position focuses on resources available for future operations. In simple terms, this statement presents a snap-shot view of the assets of the Council, the liabilities it owes and the net difference. The net difference is further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts. In this statement, governmental activities are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.
- The Statement of Activities focuses gross and net costs of the Council's programs and the extent to which such programs rely upon general revenues. This statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and/or subsidized by general revenues. The accrual basis of accounting is also utilized in this statement.
- Fund financial statements focus separately on governmental and proprietary funds, as applicable. Governmental fund statements follow the more traditional presentation of financial statements. As stated above, the Council has no proprietary funds and business-type activities.
- The notes to the financial statements provide additional disclosures required by governmental accounting standards and provide information to assist the reader in understanding the Council's financial condition.
- The MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the Council's basic financial statements and to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior years.

**Council as a Whole**

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Position follows:

**Net Position at September 30, 2020 and 2019**

	Governmental Activities/ Total Government	
	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 2,066,984	\$ 1,414,790
Receivables	673,735	969,686
Capital assets	134,594	123,153
Other assets	29,084	46,163
Total assets	<u>2,904,397</u>	<u>2,553,792</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	20,606	26,730
Other current liabilities	785,089	572,592
	<u>805,695</u>	<u>599,322</u>
<b>Net position:</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	134,594	123,153
Restricted	823,235	807,710
Unrestricted	1,140,873	1,023,607
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,098,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,470</u>

During the year ended September 30, 2020, net position increased by \$144,232 primarily due to normal operations and budget administration.

A condensed version of the Statement of Activities follows:

**Change In Net Position  
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019**

	Governmental Activities/ Total Government	
	2020	2019
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 894,162	\$ 1,335,298
Operating grants	422,889	359,815
General revenue		
Membership dues	215,872	213,604
Miscellaneous	10,461	19,401
Total revenues	<u>1,543,384</u>	<u>1,928,118</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Comprehensive planning services	1,246,684	1,584,684
Tourism development	152,468	261,327
Total expenses	<u>1,399,152</u>	<u>1,846,011</u>
Increase in net position	144,232	82,107
Beginning net position	<u>1,954,470</u>	<u>1,872,363</u>
Ending net position	<u>2,098,702</u>	<u>1,954,470</u>

**Governmental activities**

Comprehensive planning program expenses decreased by \$338,000, or 21%, and revenues decreased by \$384,734, or 20%. Total General Fund expenses were \$121,175 less than the final budget and revenues were \$91 more than the final budget.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

At September 30, 2020, the Council has \$134,594 invested in capital assets, consisting primarily of its administrative headquarters and associated furniture and equipment. Changes in capital assets during the year consisted of additions to accumulated depreciation.

**Capital Assets at September 30, 2020 and 2019**

	Totals	
	2020	2019
Land	\$ 119,985	\$ 119,985
Buildings	393,000	393,000
Equipment	194,104	179,928
Subtotal	707,089	692,913
Accumulated depreciation	(572,495)	(569,760)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 134,594</u>	<u>\$ 123,153</u>

The Council continued to have no long-term debt at September 30, 2020.

**Reporting the Council's Most Significant Funds**

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the Council as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by grant regulations. However, the Council, from time to time, establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities to using certain grants and other money.

**Financial Contact**

The Council's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors) with a general overview of the Council's finances and to demonstrate the Council's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Council's Executive Director at 2009 NW 67<sup>th</sup> Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.



**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

September 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,579,058
Cash, invested	487,926
Accounts receivable	673,735
Prepaid expenses	29,084
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>2,769,803</u>
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>	
Land	119,985
Depreciable capital assets, net	14,609
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	134,594
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,904,397</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 20,606
Accrued expenses	257,372
Accrued payroll liabilities	32,858
Accrued compensated absences	205,429
Real estate rbinder deposit	102,610
Unearned revenues	186,820
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>805,695</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>805,695</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	134,594
Restricted for:	
Unemployment compensation	30,000
Capital improvements	570,000
Legal costs	100,000
Original Florida Tourism Fund	123,235
Unrestricted	1,140,873
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 2,098,702</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges</u>	<u>Revenue and</u>
		<u>for</u>	<u>Change in</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Net Position</u>
		<u>Operating</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Grants</u>	<u>Activities</u>
			<u>Total</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>			
<b>General government</b>			
Comprehensive planning			
services	\$ 1,246,684	\$ 868,785	\$ 337,273
<b>Economic environment</b>			
Tourism development	152,468	25,377	85,616
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 1,399,152</u>	<u>\$ 894,162</u>	<u>\$ 422,889</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>			
Member dues			215,872
Miscellaneous			10,461
			<u>226,333</u>
<b>Increase in net position</b>			144,232
<b>Net position - October 1, 2019</b>			1,954,470
<b>Net position - September 30, 2020</b>			<u>\$ 2,098,702</u>

See Notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**September 30, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Original Florida Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,468,956	\$ 110,102	\$ 1,579,058
Cash, invested	487,926	-	487,926
Accounts receivable	654,381	19,354	673,735
Prepaid items	25,451	3,633	29,084
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,636,714</u>	<u>\$ 133,089</u>	<u>\$ 2,769,803</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,752	\$ 9,854	\$ 20,606
Accrued expenses	257,372	-	257,372
Accrued payroll liabilities	32,858	-	32,858
Accrued compensated absences	205,429	-	205,429
Real estate binder deposit	102,610	-	102,610
Unearned revenues	186,820	-	186,820
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>795,841</u>	<u>9,854</u>	<u>805,695</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Nonspendable:</b>			
Prepays	<u>25,451</u>	<u>3,633</u>	<u>29,084</u>
<b>Restricted:</b>			
Tourism promotion	<u>-</u>	<u>119,602</u>	<u>119,602</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>119,602</u>	<u>119,602</u>
<b>Assigned to:</b>			
Unemployment compensation benefits	30,000	-	30,000
Capital improvements	570,000	-	570,000
Legal expenses	100,000	-	100,000
	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>
<b>Unassigned</b>	<u>1,115,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,422</u>
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<u>1,840,873</u>	<u>123,235</u>	<u>1,964,108</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 2,636,714</u>	<u>\$ 133,089</u>	<u>\$ 2,769,803</u>
<b>Total fund balances reported above</b>			\$ 1,964,108
<b>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</b>			
<b>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</b>			
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>			<u>134,594</u> <u>\$ 2,098,702</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	General Fund	Original Florida Tourism Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Member dues	\$ 162,872	\$ 53,000	\$ 215,872
State and federal grants	337,273	85,616	422,889
Contracts earned	868,785	25,377	894,162
Miscellaneous revenues	10,461	-	10,461
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>1,379,391</u>	<u>163,993</u>	<u>1,543,384</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Current expenditures</b>			
General government	1,243,949	-	1,243,949
Economic environment	-	152,468	152,468
<b>Capital outlay</b>			
General government	14,176	-	14,176
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>1,258,125</u>	<u>152,468</u>	<u>1,410,593</u>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	121,266	11,525	132,791
<b>Fund balances, October 1, 2019</b>	<u>1,719,607</u>	<u>111,710</u>	<u>1,831,317</u>
<b>Fund balances, September 30, 2020</b>	<u>\$ 1,840,873</u>	<u>\$ 123,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,964,108</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,**  
**EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

<b>Net change in fund balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>		<b>\$ 132,791</b>
<b>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</b>		
<b>Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.</b>		
<b>Expenditures for capital assets</b>	<b>14,176</b>	
<b>Less current year depreciation</b>	<b>(2,735)</b>	<b>11,441</b>
<b>Change in net assets of governmental activities</b>		<b>\$ <u>144,232</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Member dues	\$ 162,100	\$ 162,800	\$ 162,872	\$ 72
State and federal grants	516,000	337,200	337,273	73
Other grants and contracts earned	1,129,900	869,100	868,785	(315)
Miscellaneous revenues	13,000	10,200	10,461	261
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,821,000</b>	<b>1,379,300</b>	<b>1,379,391</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government services				
Personnel services				
Salaries and benefits	1,271,000	1,013,100	901,498	111,602
Operating expenses				
Building occupancy	33,000	35,000	43,660	(8,660)
Contractual services	174,000	82,000	95,357	(13,357)
Legal costs	13,000	10,000	11,605	(1,605)
Insurance	21,000	19,000	24,272	(5,272)
Meeting expenses	18,000	8,000	3,968	4,032
Postage	7,000	9,000	9,145	(145)
Subscriptions, dues, and training	60,000	47,000	55,414	(8,414)
Supplies	25,000	21,000	25,578	(4,578)
Travel	74,000	40,000	37,415	2,585
Other	110,000	80,200	36,037	44,163
	535,000	351,200	342,451	8,749
Capital outlay				
Machinery and equipment	15,000	15,000	14,176	824
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,821,000</b>	<b>1,379,300</b>	<b>1,258,125</b>	<b>121,175</b>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	121,266	121,266
Fund balance, October 1, 2019	1,719,607	1,719,607	1,719,607	-
Fund balance, September 30, 2020	\$ 1,719,607	\$ 1,719,607	\$ 1,840,873	\$ 121,266

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Member dues	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ -
State and federal grants	168,700	85,500	85,616	116
Contracts earned	45,000	25,300	25,377	77
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>266,700</b>	<b>163,800</b>	<b>163,993</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Economic environment				
Operating expenses				
Contractual services	47,500	41,600	44,780	(3,180)
Marketing	209,300	102,400	99,955	2,445
Postage	300	200	173	27
Subscriptions, dues, and training	900	600	1,615	(1,015)
Other	8,700	19,000	5,945	13,055
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>266,700</b>	<b>163,800</b>	<b>152,468</b>	<b>11,332</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>11,525</b>
<b>Fund balance, October 1, 2019</b>	<b>111,710</b>	<b>111,710</b>	<b>111,710</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balance, September 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 111,710</b>	<b>\$ 111,710</b>	<b>\$ 123,235</b>	<b>\$ 11,525</b>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN TRUST FUND**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**September 30, 2020**

	<b>Pension Trust Fund</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 15,410
Investments at fair value	<u>3,362,537</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>3,377,947</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>11,840</u>
<b>Net position</b>	
Reserved for pension benefits	<u><u>\$ 3,366,107</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.



**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN TRUST FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>Pension Trust Fund</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 102,112
Total contributions	<u>102,112</u>
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	53,825
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>183,381</u>
Net investment gain	<u>237,206</u>
Total additions	<u>339,318</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Pension benefit payments	68,720
Bank charges	401
Total deductions from net position	<u>69,121</u>
Increase in fiduciary net position	270,197
<b>Net position reserved for pension benefits</b>	
October 1, 2019	<u>3,095,910</u>
September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 3,366,107</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2020

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council), located in Gainesville, Florida, was established on May 7, 1969, as a political subdivision of the State of Florida under Section 163.01 *Florida Statutes*. The Council is not currently subject to state or federal income taxes.

The financial statements of the Council have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Government Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Council's accounting policies are described below:

**A. Reporting entity** - As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Council and its component units, entities for which the primary government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations and so data from these units would be combined with data of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit, on the other hand, would be reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government.

Management has elected to include the following blended component unit in the financial statements:

**The Original Florida Tourism Task Force**

In accordance with the Council's agreement with this entity, its financial statements are maintained and presented as a separate special revenue fund.

**B. Basic Financial Statements** - Basic financial statements are presented at both the government-wide and fund financial level. Both levels of statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type.

Government-wide financial statements report information about the reporting unit as a whole. For the most part, the effect of any interfund activity has been removed from these statements. These statements focus on the sustainability of the Council as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the year. These aggregated statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. Other items not reported as program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund financial statements report information at the individual fund level. Each fund is considered to be a separate accounting entity.

**C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and basis of presentation** - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of

accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. A 120 day availability period is used for revenue recognition. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

The Council reports deferred revenue on its governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Council reports the following governmental funds:

***General Fund***

This is the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources of the primary government, except those not required to be accounted for in another fund.

***Original Florida Tourism Fund***

This is the special revenue fund utilized by the Council to account for the financial resources and transactions of The Original Florida Tourism Task Force, a component unit of the Council.

***Fiduciary Fund***

The pension trust fund is used to account for transactions and assets held by the Council in a trustee capacity. The Council utilizes the Employee Pension Plan Trust Fund to administer this pension plan.

**D. Cash and cash equivalents** - The Council considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**E. Cash and Investments** - Cash deposits are held by a bank qualified as a public depository under Florida law. All deposits are insured by Federal depository insurance and collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*.

Investments in the General Fund consist of amounts placed with the State Board of Administration for participation in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund investment pool created by Sections 218.405 and 218.417, *Florida Statutes*. The Council's investments in the Pool, which the State Board of Administration indicates is a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7-like external investment pool, as of September 30, 2020, are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. These investments are reported at fair value, which is amortized cost.

In accordance with the pension plan documents, pension plan participants maintain self-directed retirement subaccounts whereby they choose their own specific investments, which may include stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

**F. Capital assets** - Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment assets are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Council as assets with an initial cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date of the donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of exhaustible assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	15 years
Equipment	50 months

**G. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources** - In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Council had no items that qualified for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Council had no items that qualified for reporting in this category.

**H. Compensated absences** - The Council allows limited vesting of employee vacation and sick pay. The Council's policy stipulates that employees cannot carry forward, from one fiscal year to the next, more than 24 working days of vacation or more than 30 working days of sick leave. Employees are paid for accrued vacation and vested sick leave in excess of these limits at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

In the accompanying financial statements, the Council reports its entire liability for accrued compensated absences in the general fund. This reporting practice is followed because the Council has been reimbursed through funding contracts for this liability.

**I. Pervasiveness of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**A. Explanation of Difference Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position**

“Total fund balances” of the Council’s Governmental Funds \$1,964,108 differs from “net position” of governmental activities \$2,098,702 reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economical focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet.

Capital related items

When capital assets (property, plant, equipment) that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the cost of these assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

However, the statement of net assets includes those capital assets among the assets of the Council as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 707,089
Accumulated depreciation	(572,495)
Total	<u>\$ 134,594</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**A. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position**

	Total Governmental Funds	Capital Related Items	Statement of Net Position
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,579,058	\$ -	\$ 1,579,058
Cash, invested	487,926	-	487,926
Accounts receivable	673,735	-	673,735
Prepaid expenses	29,084	-	29,084
Capital assets - net	-	134,594	134,594
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,769,803</b>	<b>\$ 134,594</b>	<b>\$ 2,904,397</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 20,606	\$ -	\$ 20,606
Accrued expenses	257,372	-	257,372
Accrued payroll liabilities	32,858	-	32,858
Accrued compensated absences	205,429	-	205,429
Real estate binder deposit	102,610	-	102,610
Unearned revenue	186,820	-	186,820
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>805,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>805,695</b>
 <b>Fund balance/net position</b>	 <b>1,964,108</b>	 <b>134,594</b>	 <b>2,098,702</b>
 <b>Total liabilities and fund balance/net position</b>	 <b>\$ 2,769,803</b>	 <b>\$ 134,594</b>	 <b>\$ 2,904,397</b>

**B. Explanation of Differences Between Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities**

The “net change in fund balances” for the governmental funds of \$132,791 differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities of \$144,232 reported in the statement of activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net assets decrease by the amount of depreciation expense charges for the year.

Capital outlay	\$ 14,176
Depreciation expense	(2,735)
Difference	<u>\$ 11,441</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**B. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities**

	Total Governmental Funds	Capital Related Items	Statement of Activities
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Member dues	\$ 215,872	\$ -	\$ 215,872
State and federal grants	422,889	-	422,889
Other grants and contracts earned	894,162	-	894,162
Miscellaneous revenues	10,461	-	10,461
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,543,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,543,384</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Current expenditures</b>			
General government	1,243,949	2,735	1,246,684
Economic environment	152,468	-	152,468
<b>Capital outlay</b>			
General government	14,176	(14,176)	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,410,593</b>	<b>(11,441)</b>	<b>1,399,152</b>
Net change in fund balance	132,791	11,441	144,232
Fund balance, October 1, 2019	1,831,317	123,153	1,954,470
Fund balance, September 30, 2020	\$ 1,964,108	\$ 134,594	\$ 2,098,702



**NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**1. Deposits**

At September 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the Council's bank deposits was \$1,579,058. All deposits with financial institutions were 100% insured by federal depository insurance or by collateral provided by qualified public depositories to the State Treasurer pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida. The Act established a Trust Fund, maintained by the State Treasurer, which is a multiple financial institution pool with the ability to assess its member financial institutions for collateral shortfalls if a member fails.

**2. Investments**

**General Fund**

As of September 30, 2020, the Council's general fund had the following investments and maturities:

Investment	Maturities	Fair Value
State Board of Administration Local Government Florida PRIME Investment Fund	48 days	\$ 487,926
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ 487,926</b>

The Council's investment in Florida PRIME is administered by the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA). Florida PRIME is an external investment pool that is not a registrant with the SEC; however, the SBA has adopted operating procedures consistent with the requirements for a SEC Rule 2a-7 fund. Florida PRIME is governed by Chapter 19-7 of the Florida Administrative Code, which identifies the Rules of the SBA. These rules provide guidance and establish the general operating procedures for the administration of Florida PRIME. Additionally, the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General performs the operational audit of the activities and investments of the SBA. Throughout the year and as of September 30, 2019, Florida PRIME contained certain floating rate and adjustable rate securities that were indexed based on the prime rate and/or one- and three-month LIBOR. These floating rate and adjustable rate securities are used to hedge against interest risk and provide diversification to the portfolio. Exposure to a single issuer is limited to 5% of the portfolio's amortized cost. Investments in Florida PRIME are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The current rating for the Florida PRIME is AAAM by Standard and Poors. The weighted average of days to maturity of the Florida PRIME at September 30, 2020 is 48 days. The fair value of the Council's position in the pool approximates the value of the pool shares. At September 30, 2020, the Council had \$487,926 invested in Florida PRIME. Florida PRIME's most recent financial statements can be found at <https://www.sbafla.com/prime/Audits/tabid/582Default.aspx>.<sup>#</sup>

**Fair Value Measurements**

In February 2015, GASB issued GASB Statement No. 72. GASB 72 applicability related to the application of fair value is limited to assets and liabilities that are currently measured at fair value and certain investments that are not currently measured at fair value.

Florida PRIME currently meets all of the necessary criteria to elect to measure all of the investments in Florida PRIME at amortized cost. Therefore, the participant account balance is considered the fair value of the investment. Florida PRIME investment is exempt from the GASB 72 fair value hierarchy disclosures.

As of September 30, 2020, the Council's investment in the Florida PRIME investment pool is rated AAAM by Standard & Poors.

### Investment Objective

The primary investment objectives for Florida PRIME, in priority order, are safety, liquidity, and competitive returns with minimization of risks. Investment performance of Florida PRIME will be evaluated on a monthly basis against the Standard & Poors U.S. AAA & AA Rated GIP All 30 Day Net Yield Index. While there is no assurance that Florida PRIME will achieve its investment objectives, it endeavors to do so by following the investment strategies described in this Policy.

### Interest Rate Risk

The dollar weighted average days to maturity (WAM) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2020, is 48 days. Next interest rate reset dates for floating rate securities are used in the calculation of the WAM. The weighted average life (WAL) of Florida PRIME at September 30, 2020, is 63 days.

### Foreign Currency Risk

Florida PRIME was not exposed to any foreign currency risk during the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

### Securities Lending

Florida PRIME did not participate in a securities lending program in the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

### Fair Value Hierarchy

Florida PRIME currently meets all of the necessary criteria to elect to measure all of the investments in Florida PRIME at amortized cost; therefore, participant account balances should be also reported at amortized cost.

### Pension Trust Fund

The investments held by the Council's Employee Pension Plan Trust at September 30, 2020 consist of the following:

<u>Types of Investments</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Money market accounts	\$ 2,061,498	\$ 2,004,665
Equity mutual funds	976,532	561,124
Bond mutual funds	6,447	5,804
Stocks and corporate bonds	318,060	244,479
	<u>\$ 3,362,537</u>	<u>\$ 2,816,071</u>

As of September 30, 2020, the Council's Employee Pension Plan Trust had the following investments that represent 5% or more of its net assets:

Name of Investments	Fair Value
Greater than 5%	
Schwab Money Market Funds	
2,061,497 shares	\$ 2,061,497
Other investments	1,301,040
Total investments	<u>\$ 3,362,537</u>

As previously described, these investments are contained in individual participant self-directed accounts.

During 2020, the Trust's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value by \$202,132.

#### Interest Rate Risk

- Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*, limits investment maturities to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.
- The maturity of the State Board of Administration Local Government Investment Pool is based on the weighted average of days to maturity (WAM). A portfolio's WAM reflects the average maturity in days based on final maturity or reset date, in the case of floating rate instruments. WAM measures the sensitivity of the portfolio to interest rate changes.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Section 218.415(18), *Florida Statutes*, requires the Council to earmark all investments and 1) if registered with the issuer or its agents, the investment must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a location that protects the governing body's interest in the security; 2) if in book entry form, the investment must be held for the credit of the governing body by a depository chartered by the Federal Government, the State, or any other state or territory of the United States which has a branch or principal place of business in this State, or by a national association organized and existing under the laws of the United States which is authorized to accept and execute trusts and which is doing business in this State, and must be kept by the depository in an account separate and apart from the assets of the financial institution; or 3) if physically issued to the holder but not registered with the issuer or its agents, must be immediately placed for safekeeping in a secured vault. All general Council investments complied with this provision of law.

#### **NOTE 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

All accounts receivable in the governmental funds totaling \$673,735 represent amounts due the Council from other governmental units for services and grant contracts, and are considered by management to be fully collectible.

#### **NOTE 5. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Council maintains a single employer defined contribution retirement plan. The plan is administered by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Employee Pension Plan Trust (the Trust). Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after six months of service. The participants are fully vested in the portion of their account associated with their contributions. They become vested in employer contributions at a rate of twenty-five percent per year of service. One year of service equals 1,000 hours of work during the plan year.

There are no mandatory employee contributions. However, plan members may voluntarily make contributions during the fiscal year. Voluntary contributions were not made in the current year. Current Council contributions for, and interest forfeited by, employees who terminate their employment before becoming fully vested are used to reduce the amount of the Council's future monthly contributions. The Council's total payroll for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, was \$901,498. The Council's contributions were made using a base eligible salary amount of \$620,742. Total required contributions of 16.45% on base pay of \$620,742, amounted to \$102,112. The Council made the required contributions during the fiscal year. Other than payment of contributions, there were no transactions between the Council and the Trust during the year.

Participants invest in Charles Schwab - Individual Participant Directed Accounts, whereby they choose their own specific investments, such as stocks, mutual funds and bonds. In accordance with the Plan document, each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Council's contributions and (b) Plan earnings, and (c) may be charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant or his beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or payments in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments, over a period not exceeding ten years. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

The Council pays all administrative expenses of the Plan, excluding bank fees, and does not expect the Plan to reimburse it for these administrative expenses, excluding bank fees.

The Council has the right to permanently discontinue its contributions to the Plan or to partially or completely terminate the Plan in the future. If that occurs, all participants then become fully vested and are not thereafter subject to forfeiture. The Trustees of the Plan may continue the Plan or direct that all assets be distributed to the participants, and the Trustees' decision is binding on all participants.

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on January 11, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of

the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has not been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

**NOTE 6. FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

As of September 30, 2020, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

**Committed** – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Council. The Council is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Council. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Council. There were no committed fund balances at year end.

**Assigned** – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under current practices, the assignment of amounts for specific purposes is approved by the Council.

**Unassigned** – all other spendable amounts.

As of September 30, 2020, fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Original Florida Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonspendable:			
Prepays	\$ 25,451	\$ 3,633	\$ 29,084
Restricted for:			
Tourism marketing	-	119,602	119,602
Assigned to:			
Unemployment compensation benefits	30,000	-	30,000
Capital improvements	570,000	-	570,000
Legal expenses	100,000	-	100,000
Unassigned	<u>1,115,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,424</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 1,840,875</u>	<u>\$ 123,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,964,110</u> #

A description of the restricted fund balances follows:

**Tourism Promotion** – This is classified as restricted due to the fact that it is fully controlled by the Original Florida Tourism Task Force, an entity that is independent of the Council.

A description of the assigned fund balances follows:

**Unemployment Compensation Benefits** – As provided by State law, the Council is a reimbursable type of employer for unemployment compensation benefits. A \$30,000 reserve has been maintained for future unemployment claims.

**Capital Improvements** – The Council maintains a reserve of \$570,000 to provide funding for future building and equipment replacements.

**Legal Expenses** - Due to the nature of its operations, the Council is subject to various types of legal challenges regarding its actions. A reserve of \$100,000 is maintained to provide funding for these non-routine legal expenses.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Council considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Council considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

**NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Land	\$ 119,985	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,985
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	393,000	-	-	393,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	179,928	14,176	-	194,104
Total depreciable	572,928	14,176	-	587,104
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	(393,000)	-	-	(393,000)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(176,760)	(2,735)	-	(179,495)
Total accumulated depreciation	(569,760)	(2,735)	-	(572,495)
Capital assets, net	\$ 123,153	\$ 11,441	\$ -	\$ 134,594

Total depreciation of \$(2,735) was charged to the General Government function of the Council's General Fund.

**NOTE 8. BUDGETARY PROCESS**

The Council follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In March, the Finance Committee begins preparing a budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1, based on work desired in the Overall Planning Design (OPD) prepared by the Program Committee.
2. In May, the Council adopts and approves the budget. The budget is adopted on a basis that does not materially differ from the modified accrual basis of accounting.
3. Actual contracts entered into by the Council throughout the year necessarily have an impact on approved budgetary operating levels. Should any major changes be needed due to unforeseen contracts or the need to appropriate additional Council funds, the budget is amended during the year and subsequently approved by the Council.

4. The legal level of budgetary control is the fund total level.
5. The Council approved one budget amendment for the year ended September 30, 2020. The amendment is reflected in budget amounts disclosed in the financial statements.
6. There were no material violations of legal and contractual provisions requiring disclosure.

#### **NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Council purchases insurance to limit the exposure of the following risks of loss: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; natural disasters and injuries to employees. Commercial insurance has also been purchased by the Council to cover the risks of loss due to employee errors or omissions and health insurance. Settled claims resulting from the risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The Council is also a member of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (the Trust). The Trust is a self-insurance program established to provide certain liability, casualty and property coverage to participating units of local governments in Florida, pursuant to various provisions of *Florida Statutes*. The Trust's underwriting and rate setting policies were established after consulting with an independent actuary. The Council pays an annual premium to the Trust for its insurance coverage. The Trust is non-assessable and, therefore, the Council has no liability for future deficits of the Trust, if any.

#### **NOTE 10. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

Significant concentrations of credit risk for financial instruments owned by the Council are as follows:

Accounts and grants receivable - Substantially all of the Council's receivables are for amounts due from federal, state and local governmental agencies under cost reimbursement and performance contracts. The Council has no policy requiring collateral or other security to support its receivables. Based upon past history, the Council anticipates no loss on these receivables and has established no reserve for possible losses.

#### **NOTE 11. INVENTORIES**

It has consistently been the policy of the Council to record the acquisition of goods and supplies as expenditures at the time of purchase. The amount of such inventory on hand at any one time would be a nominal amount and considered to be immaterial.

#### **NOTE 12. CONTINGENCIES**

There is a contingent liability due to the fact that all possible regulatory audits of the Council's operations have not been completed for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Any eventual expenditures determined to not be in compliance with grant regulations could be subject to repayment by the Council. The Council's management believes that all expenditures were significantly in compliance with appropriate grant regulations.

**NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, the Council has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through June 15, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 14. OPERATING LEASES**

The Council has an operating lease agreement for equipment with Pitney Bowes. The future minimum lease payments under this agreement at September 30, 2020 are as follows:

<u>September 30,</u>	<u>Minimum Lease Payment</u>
2021	\$ 4,633
2022	4,633
2023	3,475
	<u>\$ 12,741</u>



**COMPLIANCE SECTION**



**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020**

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor	CFDA/CSFA Number	Contract Number	Award Amount	Received FY 2020	Expended FY 2020
<b>FEDERAL AWARDS</b>					
<b>U.S. Department of Commerce</b>					
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations					
Planning Grant, Section 203 1/1/17 - 12/31/19	11.302	ED17ATL3020016	\$ 210,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
Planning Grant, Section 203 1/1/20 - 12/31/22	11.302	ED20ATL3020024	210,000	52,500	52,500
			<u>420,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>					
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning					
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness 19/20					
	20.703	19-DT-W3-13-00-21-268	53,522	3,567	3,567
			<u>53,522</u>	<u>3,567</u>	<u>3,567</u>
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>			<u>473,522</u>	<u>73,567</u>	<u>73,567</u>
<b>STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
<b>Division of Emergency Management</b>					
Florida Hazardous Materials Planning and Prevention 19/20					
Florida Hazardous Materials Planning and Prevention 20/21	31.067	T0028	80,000	63,700	20,121
	31.067	T0028	80,000	8,300	2,047
			<u>160,000</u>	<u>72,000</u>	<u>22,168</u>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>					
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Bradford	55.002	G1818	19,967	14,576	14,576
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee	55.002	G1829	60,888	44,448	44,448
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Dixie	55.002	G1831	19,744	14,413	14,413
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Gilchrist	55.002	G1851	19,762	14,426	14,426
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Lafayette	55.002	G1860	19,580	14,293	14,293
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Levy	55.002	G1864	20,243	14,777	14,777
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Madison	55.002	G1866	19,791	14,447	14,447
Transportation Disadvantaged 19/20 - Union	55.002	G1867	19,722	14,397	14,397
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Bradford	55.002	G1868	19,967	4,592	4,592
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee	55.002	G1869	60,888	14,004	14,004
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Dixie	55.002	G1870	19,744	4,541	4,541
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Gilchrist	55.002	G1871	19,762	4,545	4,545
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Lafayette	55.002	G1872	19,580	4,503	4,503
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Levy	55.002	G1873	20,243	4,656	4,656
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Madison	55.002	G1874	19,791	4,552	4,552
Transportation Disadvantaged 20/21 - Union	55.002	G1888	19,722	4,536	4,536
			<u>399,394</u>	<u>191,706</u>	<u>191,706</u>
<b>Department of Economic Opportunity</b>					
Rural Development Grant 18/19					
Rural Development Grant 19/20	40.042	D0129	150,000	51,023	50,615
	40.042	D0147	150,000	34,593	34,593
			<u>300,000</u>	<u>85,616</u>	<u>85,208</u>
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>			<u>859,394</u>	<u>349,322</u>	<u>299,082</u>
<b>Total Federal and State Financial Assistance</b>			<u>\$ 1,332,916</u>	<u>\$ 422,889</u>	<u>\$ 372,649</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance.

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
and State Financial Assistance**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies and presentation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) have been designed to conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units, including the reporting and compliance requirements of the Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and Office of Management and Budget *Uniform Guidance*.

**C. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity consists of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the primary government and its blended component unit, The Original Florida Tourism Task Force. The Council includes a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance in the Compliance Section for the purpose of additional analysis.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council generally considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To North Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Powell & Jones".

**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
Lake City, Florida  
June 11, 2021

**MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY  
CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

To North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (the Council) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2021.

We have issued our Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards dated June 11, 2021. Disclosures in that report should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that the following be addressed in this letter:

**PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were no reportable findings in the prior year applicable to the management letter.

**CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS**

There are no reportable findings in the current year applicable to the management letter.

**FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE MATTERS**

Annual Local Government Financial Report - The Financial Report filed with the Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the accompanying financial statements of the Council, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Financial Emergency Status - We determined that the Council had not met any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, that might result in a financial emergency.

Financial Condition Assessment Procedures - As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Sections 10.554(7)(c) and 10.556(7), we applied financial condition assessment procedures to the Council's financial statements. It is management's responsibility to monitor the entity's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information they provided.

We noted no deteriorating financial conditions as defined by Rule 10.554(2)(f).

Our audit did not disclose any further items that would be required to be reported under the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Chapter 10.550.

#### CONCLUSION

We very much enjoyed the challenge and experiences with our audit of the Council. We appreciate the helpful assistance of the Council staff in completing our audit and also the generally high quality of the Council's financial records and internal controls.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Powell & Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**POWELL & JONES**  
**Certified Public Accountants**  
Lake City, Florida  
June 11, 2021



## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

We have examined North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's (the Council's) compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for the Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2020.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Council and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
Lake City, Florida  
June 11, 2021

## COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To North Central Florida  
Regional Planning Council  
Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for the year ended September 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by North Central Florida Regional Planning Council are described Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There are no sensitive estimates affecting North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There are no sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements identified during our audit.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 11, 2021.

***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***Other Audit Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
Lake City, Florida  
June 11, 2021



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June 17, 2021

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 May 2021 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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Dedicated to improving 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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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: May 2021

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the April 2021 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: [www.flregionalcouncils.org](http://www.flregionalcouncils.org).
- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,500 individuals who receive the *FRCA Forward* newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting
  - Community Rating System, Flood Policy Discounts Webinar
  - Florida Competitive Partnership Program

### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared for the June Executive Directors Advisory Council and Partners Meetings.
- Continued preparations for the Summer 2021 Policy Board meeting.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
  - Florida Association of Counties, June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Florida League of Cities, August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 10 – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Established a calendar of meetings and conferences for the remainder of 2021.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.





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June 17, 2021

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 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.

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 May 2021 Scorecard.

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

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## State of Florida Metrics

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Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 06/15/2021

# 21,831,795

<p> <b>JOB CHANGE</b></p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <h2>766,000</h2>	<p> <b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b></p> <h2>20.1%</h2> <p>(Decreasing)</p> <h2>&lt;10%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p> <h2>829,342</h2> <p>(Decreasing)</p>	<p> <b>3RD GRADE READING SCORES</b></p> <h2>58%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <h2>100%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> <b>OPEN JOBS</b></p> <h2>512,900</h2> <p>(Increasing)</p> <h2>487,000</h2> <p>Unemployed Persons (Increasing)</p>
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<p> <b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b></p> <h2>4.8%</h2> <p>(Increasing)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <h2>766,000</h2> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> <b>3RD GRADE READING SCORES</b></p> <h2>58%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <h2>100%</h2> <p>2030 Goal</p>	<p> <b>STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</b></p> <h2>\$98.8</h2> <p>Billion Visitor Spending</p> <h2>86.7</h2> <p>Million Visitors</p>	<p> <b>STATE HOUSING STARTS &amp; SALES</b></p> <h2>12,749</h2> <p>Starts (Declining)</p> <h2>33,264</h2> <p>Sales (Improving)</p>
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<p> <b>INCOME MIGRATION</b></p> <h2>\$1.19M</h2> <p>Per Hour</p>	<p> <b>POVERTY RATE</b></p> <h2>14.0%</h2> <p>(Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> <b>CONSUMER SENTIMENT</b></p> <h2>81.6</h2> <p>(Declining)</p>	<p> <b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</b></p> <h2>90.0%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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<p> <b>SALES TAX REVENUE</b></p> <h2>\$2.762</h2> <p>Billion per Month (Improving)</p>	<p> <b>VOTER PARTICIPATION</b></p> <h2>77%</h2> <p>(Improving)</p>	<p> <b>RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</b></p> <h2>56%/33%</h2>	<p> <b>LAND IN CONSERVATION</b></p> <h2>28%</h2>
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## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

### Talent Supply & Education

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Innovation & Economic Development

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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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- TALENT SUPPLY & EDUCATION
- INNOVATION & ECON. DEVELOP.
- INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH LEADERSHIP
- BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS
- CIVICS & GOVERNANCE
- QUALITY OF LIFE

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### Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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### Business Climate & Competitiveness

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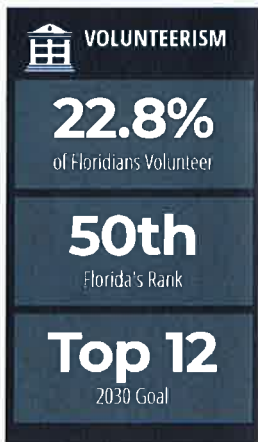
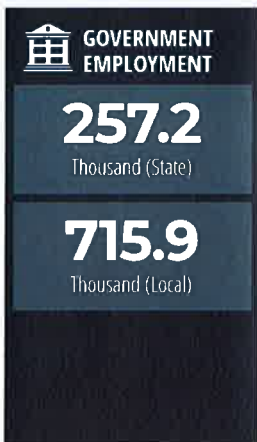
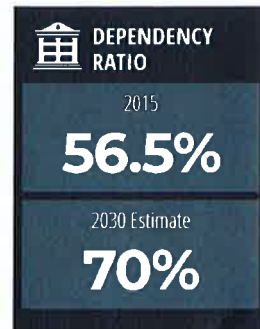
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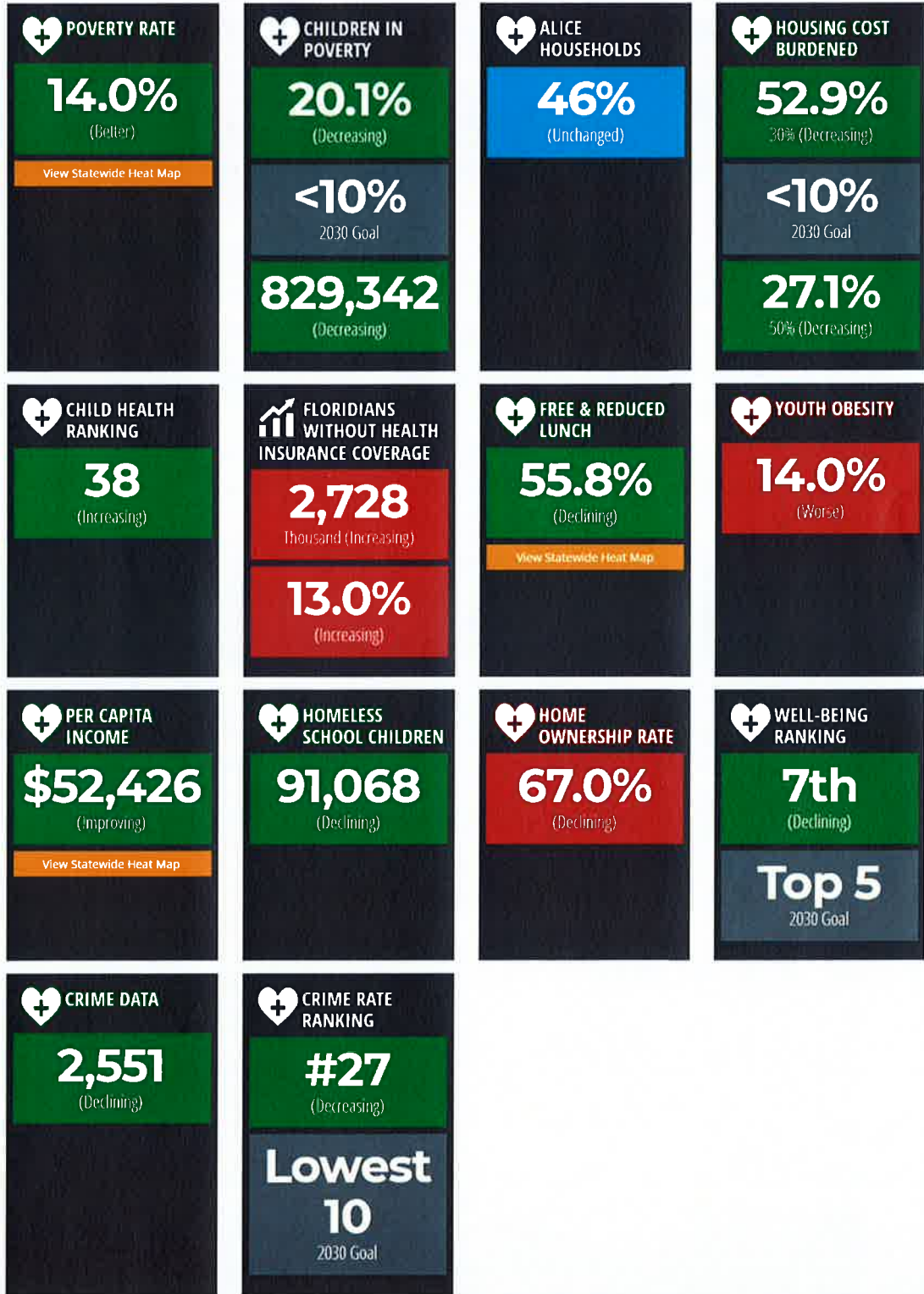
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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Pursuant to Section 288.101, Florida Statutes, the Florida Job Growth Fund is an economic development program designed to build on Florida’s success and economic prosperity. In its first year, Fiscal Year 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), the Florida Job Growth Fund provided \$85 million for public infrastructure and job training projects that support growth and employment in Florida’s diverse industries.

Public infrastructure projects can include transportation and utilities needed to support economic development. Workforce training projects will provide Floridians with transferable, sustainable workforce skills applicable to many employers.

Project proposals can come from local governments, community colleges, technical centers, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Florida Department of Transportation. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc. will make project recommendations to the Governor who can approve projects for funding based on local and regional needs.

**Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility**

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry;
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity; and
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the public.

**Workforce Training Grant Eligibility**

- Support programs and associated equipment at state colleges and state technical centers;
- Provide participants with transferable and sustainable workforce skills applicable to more than a single employer;
- Are offered to the public;
- Are based on criteria established by the state colleges and state technical centers; and
- Prohibit the exclusion of applicants who are unemployed or underemployed.

On February 6, 2018, \$35 million in grant awards were announced for nine Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following three projects in the north central Florida region.

- **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 of more than 2,600 acres.
- **Suwannee County** - \$3,125,000 to provide water supply and fire protection to the Interstate 75 and County Road 136 interchange.
- **City of Alachua** - \$6,755,000 to construct the San Felasco Parkway and nearby utilities, connecting a large bioscience cluster, including the University of Florida Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute, to a shovel-ready site of 280 acres.

On March 6, 2018, an additional \$22.9 million in grant awards were announced for 11 Florida Job Growth Fund projects across the state. The awards included the following project in the north central Florida region.

- **Big Bend Technical College (Taylor County)** - \$100,000 to open a Diesel Mechanic Technician Program and a Diesel System Technical 1 Program that will train students for positions working with diesel transportation vehicles and diesel engines, along with purchasing equipment needed for the hands-on laboratory.

On May 20, 2021, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity announced they are accepting economic development project proposals for more than \$74 million in Florida Job Growth Grant Funds. The grants will assist communities in funding workforce training and public infrastructure projects to support growth and employment in Florida.

The Fiscal Year 2019-20 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) state budget has \$24 million still available for the Job Growth Grant Funds, and an additional \$50 million was included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) General Appropriations Act. Therefore, there is a combined total of more than \$74 million available for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

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June 17, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Financial Disclosure Report Filing

All members of the Council are required to file a financial disclosure form by July 1st of each year.

The financial disclosure forms filed by county commissioners and city commissioners for their elected offices fulfill this requirement. Gubernatorial members must file a financial disclosure form with the Supervisor of Elections office in their respective counties to fulfill this requirement. Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

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