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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 **July 22, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 by July 20, 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

July 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Via Communications Media Technology

June 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
Mary Alford, Alachua County
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
Travis Land, Suwannee County
John Meeks, Levy County
Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
Tim Murphy, Columbia County
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County
James Tallman, Union County
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Glass, Suwannee River Water
Management District
Daniel Penniman Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Arreola, City of Gainesville
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne
LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper
Mike Deming, City of Perry
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville
Linda Jones, City of High Springs
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County

OTHERS PRESENT

Diana Davis
Stephen Hubbard
Alphecca Muttardy
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 Thomas Demps called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Demps welcomed 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 - May 27, 2021
- B. Monthly Financial Report - May 2021
- C. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments
- D. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Reappointments
- E. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment
Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Counties

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

VI. GUEST SPEAKERS - Stephen Hubbard, Advisory Board Member
Alphecca Muttardy, Chief Economic Advisor
Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Stephen Hubbard, Advisory Board Member and Alphecca Muttardy, Chief Economic Advisor of the Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank. Dr. Hubbard and Ms. Muttardy gave a presentation to the Council concerning the proposal to establish a National Infrastructure Bank. Chair Demps thanked Dr. Hubbard and Ms. Muttardy for their presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

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

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

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation

1. Renate Cannon
2. Shanetha Mitchell
3. Sherry Ruskowski

ACTION: Mayor Louie Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Clark to approve Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolutions of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Program members Renate Cannon, Citizen Advocate Representative Levy County; Shanetha Mitchell, Citizen Advocate Representative Madison County; and Sherry Ruskowski, Persons with Disabilities Representative Bradford County. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Appointment

Chair Demps requested that the 2021-22 Committee appointments as recommended by him be ratified by the Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Alford to ratify the 2021-22 Committee appointments as recommended by the Chair of the Council. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Resolution No. 2021-17 Concerning Legislation Creating a National Infrastructure Bank

Mr. Koons stated that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-17 requesting Congress to pass Legislation creating a National Infrastructure Bank. He stated the National Infrastructure Bank would finance projects within all regions of the United States. Mr. Koons noted that in the past, the United States has employed four national banking systems to build out infrastructure. He also stated that the bank would perform as a traditional commercial bank and be able to provide financing in the form of loans to state, cities, counties, authorities and multi-state entities to address the infrastructure crises in the nation. Finally, Mr. Koons stated that 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.

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Mayor Louie Davis, to adopt attached Resolution No. 2021-17 Requesting Congress to Pass Legislation Creating a National Infrastructure Bank. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

- #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)

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 Wilford to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #44 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR); Item #45 - Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER); Item #46 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR); Item #47 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-4ESR); Item #48 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-5ESR); and Item #49 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ESR). The motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee

1. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Audit
2. Authorize Payment of Auditor

Vice-Mayor Mortimer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council and Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met virtually with the auditor earlier in the evening and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. She stated that the auditor issued an unqualified report and that the document contained no findings. Vice-Mayor Mortimer also stated that the overall prevailing conclusion was that the statements provided were found in all material respects, to fairly present the financial position of the Council at the end of the last fiscal year. She noted with respect to the Council's General Fund that revenues collected vs. 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.

Vice-Mayor Mortimer reported that the revenues received and the expenditures made resulted in an increase in the Council's General Fund Balance of \$121,266. She also reported that the audit contained various reports on compliance, internal control and management and in these reports no

material weaknesses or problems were cited. Finally, Vice-Mayor Mortimer stated that the Finance Committee was pleased with the report and it is clear from the auditor's findings that the Council is in very sound financial condition.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Wheeler, to accept the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Audit as prepared by Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants and to approve making the final payment to the auditor in the amount of \$16,675 for preparation of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Audit. 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 currently reviewing cost share river grant applications submitted to the District by local governments. He stated that the July 13, 2021 District Governing Board meeting will be held at the City of Alachua City Hall.

Daniel Penniman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Florida Region, stated that anyone needing to report wildlife issues should contact the Commission's North Central Florida Region office at 386.758.0522 or the Commission's Hotline at 888.404.3922.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed rural broadband and the proposal to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

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

C. Florida Job Growth Fund

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity recently announced that they are accepting Florida Job Growth Fund economic development project grant proposals. He stated the grants will assist communities in funding workforce training and public infrastructure projects to support growth and employment in Florida. Mr. Koons also reported the Fiscal Year 2019-20 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) state budget has \$24 million still available for the Job Growth Grant Fund and an additional \$50 million was included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) General Appropriations Act. Finally, he stated there is a combined total of more than \$74 million available in the Florida Job Growth Grant funds at this time.

D. 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. Finally, Mr. Koons noted that Council members should have received a copy of the financial disclosure form in the mail within the past few weeks.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Commissioner Wilford congratulated City of Hawthorne Mayor Matthew Surrency for receiving a Home Rule Hero Award from the Florida League of Cities for his advocacy during the 2021 Legislative Session.

Vice-Mayor Mortimer invited everyone to attend the Watermelon Fun Fest to be held at the Bradford County Fairgrounds in Starke on June 26-27, 2021.

Commissioner Alford suggested that Council members have their county commission or city commission adopt a resolution requesting Congress to pass legislation creating a National Infrastructure Bank.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Demps informed the Council that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on July 22, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Thomas Demps, Chair

7/22/21
Date



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July 15, 2021

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

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council's activities for June 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 nine months is 67 percent of budget.

Expenditures

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of nine months is 50 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)
June 30, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,898,912
Accounts Receivable	908,811
Other Current Assets	<u>25,033</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,832,756</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,832,756</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	36,036
Other Current Liabilities	<u>641,722</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>677,758</u>
Equity	<u>2,154,998</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,832,756</u>

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2021

SUMMARY STATEMENT

	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	June 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Revenue	2,102,500	351,534	1,416,715	67%
Expenses	2,102,500	130,963	1,055,921	50%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2021

REVENUE

Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	June 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Program Development	48,200	328	30,976	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	43,700	61,000	46%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	33,500	102,013	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	62,711	251,864	54%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	45,283	45,283	20%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	11,040	15,832	64%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	63,909	141,716	71%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	17,500	97,509	85%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	10,000	30,000	15%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	6,000	18,250	45%
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	57,563	198,725	81%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
Total Revenue	2,102,500	351,534	1,416,715	67%

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)
June 30, 2021

EXPENDITURES


Account	Adopted Budget FY 2020-21	June 2021	Year to Date	Percent of Budget
Audit	17,000	16,675	16,675	98%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	2,594	24,111	60%
Contractual Services	105,000	4,216	33,806	32%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	549	33,324	67%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	2,425	2,425	16%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	5,136	16,549	87%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	611	9,015	82%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	3,709	74%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	2,207	14,863	57%
Personnel	1,402,400	84,758	751,610	54%
Postage	5,000	428	5,949	119%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	2,144	12,844	64%
Telephone	6,000	557	4,861	81%
Travel	80,000	960	7,967	10%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	7,703	116,338	71%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
Total Expenses	2,102,500	130,963	1,055,921	50%



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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Sandra Collins.

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida’s Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Sandra Collins served as the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

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

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sandra Collins has served as the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since July 2005 and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board since June 2013;

WHEREAS, Sandra Collins ably discharged the duties of the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee 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 Sandra Collins for dedicated service rendered to the Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties 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 Sandra Collins.

Thomas Demps, Chair

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

July 22, 2021
Date



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida Association of Counties
Presidential Advocate Awards

At the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on July 2, 2021, Florida Association of Counties President Melissa McKinaly awarded Presidential Advocate Awards to Lafayette County Commissioner Anthony Adams, Alachua County Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV and Levy County Commissioner John Meeks.

The Presidential Advocate Award recognition is given to county commissioners who have shown exceptional leadership in serving on policy committees of the Florida Association of Counties, guiding the policy development process and advocating with the Florida Association of Counties during the 2021 Legislative Session to advance the legislative agenda of counties.

Congratulations to Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Chestnut and Commissioner Meeks.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida Association of Counties
Board of Directors Election

At the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on July 2, 2021, Levy County Commissioner John Meeks was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Meeks has served on the Board of Directors since 2015.

The Florida Association of Counties helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration. For more than 85 years, the Florida Association of Counties has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule - the concept that communities and their local leaders should make the decisions that impact their community.

The Florida Association of Counties is the only association representing Florida's counties - bringing together the collective experience and knowledge of 377 county commissioners and supported by thousands of county professional staff. The Florida Association of Counties provides the cohesive platform that enables county officials and staff to speak with a unified voice on behalf of all Floridians. Through the Florida Association of Counties, counties are better able to serve not only their communities, but the entire state of Florida.

Throughout the state, Florida's counties perform vital public services such as public safety, fire and emergency medical services, jails, parks, libraries, healthcare, growth management, economic development, and roads.

Congratulations to Commissioner Meeks.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair

SUBJECT: Florida Small County Coalition
Officers and Board of Directors Election

At the Florida Small County Coalition Meeting held in Orlando on June 30, 2021, Levy County Commissioner John Meeks became Immediate Past Chair of the Florida Small County Coalition. In addition, Lafayette County Commissioner Anthony Adams will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Small County Coalition during Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Small County Coalition is a statewide alliance of county commissions from small and rural counties. The purpose of the Coalition is to give increased visibility and support to the issues to small counties and rural communities. The Small County Coalition's primary mission is to help Florida's small and rural counties address legislative issues from a small county/rural perspective and work effectively with state agencies leadership.

The Small County Coalition believes in the importance of a state rural policy that protects the character of our small and rural areas; promotes economic development; and, maintains and promotes the viability of existing small county economies such as agriculture and eco-tourism. The Small County Coalition supports programs that improve the financial viability and fiscal capacity of Florida's local governments in small counties.

The Small County Coalition supports programs that help provide services to Floridians who reside in small counties; Floridians who visit their communities for enjoyment; and, Visitors from outside the state who travel through small counties in route to destinations in and out of Florida.

Congratulations to Commissioner Meeks and Commissioner Adams.

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TO: Council Members
 FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair
 SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee - Tara Tucker - 5 Years

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Tara Tucker has been an employee of the Council since June 20, 2016 and currently serves as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. As a token of appreciation for five years of service to the Council and in recognition of her dedicated service to the Council, a certificate of service is being presented to Ms. Tucker.

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 by coordinating growth management, protecting regional resources,
 promoting economic development and providing technical services to local governments.



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TO: Council Members
FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair
SUBJECT: Certificate of Service for Council Employee - Lauren Yeatter - 5 Years

As you know, the Council amended its Personnel Regulations to establish an Employee Length of Service Program.

The strength and stability of an organization is based upon the experience and institutional knowledge of its senior, long-serving employees. Lauren Yeatter has been an employee of the Council since June 20, 2016 and currently serves as Senior Planner for Geographic Information Systems, Economic Development, Regional Planning and Community Development. As a token of appreciation for five years of service to the Council and in recognition of her dedicated service to the Council, a certificate of service is being presented to Ms. Yeatter.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Employee Health Insurance Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

Review health insurance alternative proposals and either select the replacement plan or select an alternative plan for employee health insurance, for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

United Healthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with a decrease in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2021. The total change in the cost to the Council for the coming year would be (\$768) or (0.8) percent. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$7,641.

United Healthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. United Healthcare is proposing a decrease of (2.9) percent in the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year.

Staff has secured alternative proposals for health insurance from United Healthcare for your consideration. Attached is a summary of the renewal plan and two alternative plans with coverage and costs. The alternative proposals include changes to benefits for employees.

Also, please find attached for your information a graph showing the total cost to the Council and employees for health, life and dental insurance costs from Fiscal Year 2012-13 through Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Council at its July 22, 2021 meeting concerning employee health insurance, dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2021.

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

Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

**SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLANS
UNITED HEALTHCARE**

July 15, 2021

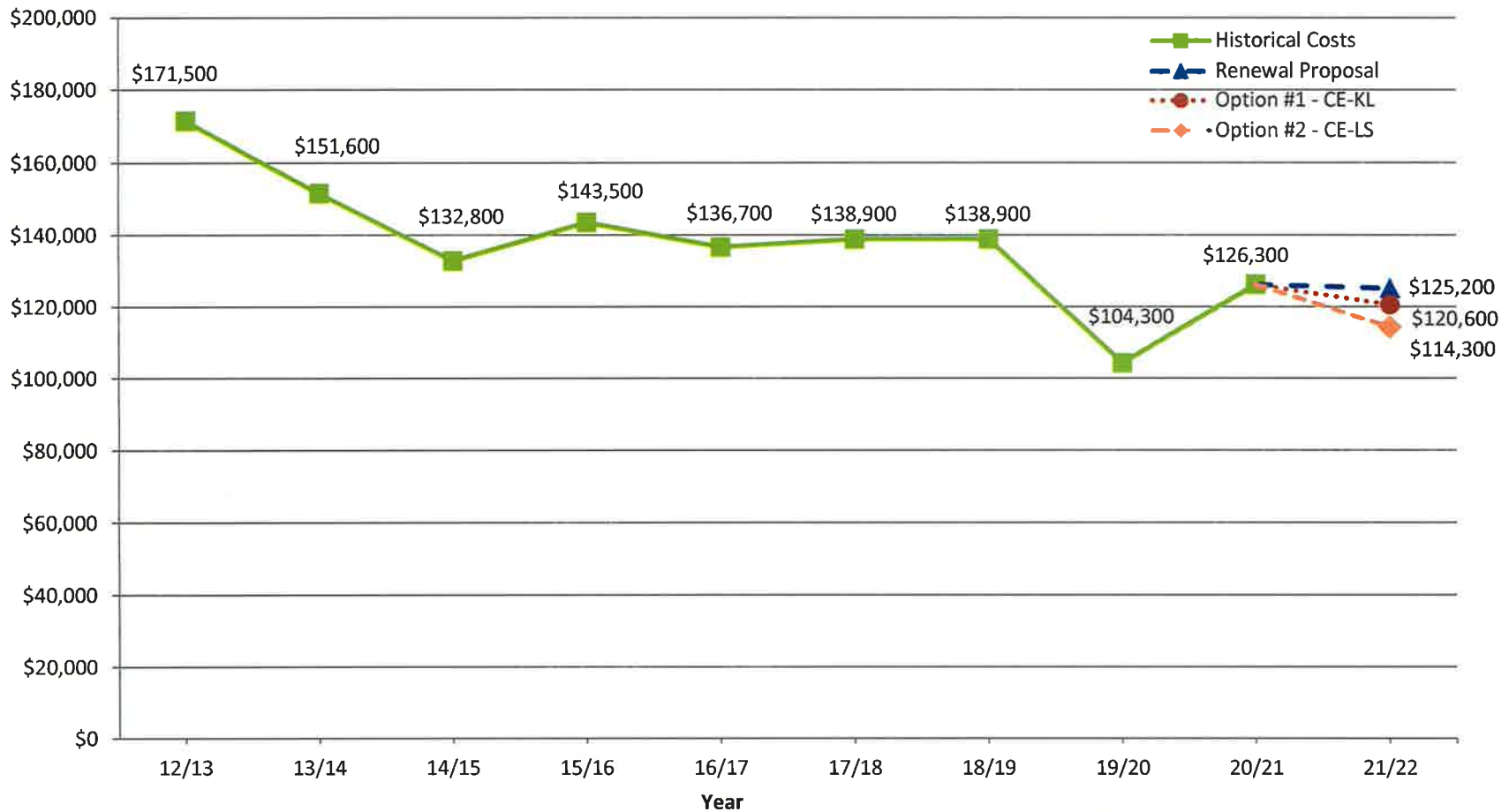
	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u> (Individual/Family)	<u>CO-INSURANCE</u> (In Network/Out Network)	<u>OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM</u> (Individual/Family)	<u>PRESCRIPTIONS</u> (Generic/Brand/ Non-Preferred)
<u>CURRENT PLAN</u> BQ-5C/RX896	\$2,500/\$5,000	90%/N/A	\$5,000/\$10,000	\$20/\$50/\$100
<u>RENEWAL PLAN</u> CE-KQ/RX849	\$3,500/\$7,000	90%/N/A	\$8,000/\$16,000	\$10/\$35/\$70
<u>OPTION #1</u> CE-KL/RX849	\$2,000/\$4,000	80%/N/A	\$6,000/\$12,000	\$10/\$35/\$70
<u>OPTION #2</u> CE-LS/RX849	\$3,500/\$7,000	70%/NA	\$7,000/\$14,000	\$10/\$35/\$70

Council Cost per Month/Annum

	<u>Month / Annum</u>	<u>Annual Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Current Plan - Existing Cost	\$7,705 / \$92,460	N/A	N/A
Renewal Plan - Proposed Cost	\$7,641 / \$91,692	(\$768)	(0.8%)
Option #1 - CE-KL/RX849	\$7,351 / \$88,212	(\$4,248)	(4.6%)
Option #2 - CE-LS/RX849	\$6,955 / \$83,460	(\$9,000)	(9.7%)

N/A - Not Applicable

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Total Health, Life and Dental Insurance Costs 2012-13 to 2021-22



Note: Number of Council employees decreased from 16 employees to 13 employees during Fiscal Year 2013-14.
 Number of Council employees decreased from 13 employees to 9 employees during Fiscal Year 2014-15.
 Number of Council employees decreased from 9 employees to 8 employees during Fiscal Year 2018-19.
 Number of Council employees decreased from 8 employees to 7 employees during Fiscal Year 2019-20.



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, 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., July 22, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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

#50 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

#51 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

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

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 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 June 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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Southwest Florida • Tampa Bay • Treasure Coast

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: June 2021

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the May 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.
- 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 conferences and shared information:
 - Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting
 - Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted the June Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) and Partners Meetings. Prepared for the July EDAC Meetings.
- Continued preparations for the Summer 2021 Policy Board meeting.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
 - Florida League of Cities, August 31 – September 3, 201
 - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 10 – 13, 2021
- Maintained a calendar of meetings and conferences for 2021.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.



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July 15, 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 July 2021 Scorecard.

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

Attachment

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State of Florida Metrics

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FLORIDA POPULATION 07/12/2021

21,865,055

Florida FutureCast

<p> JOB CHANGE</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>566,800</p> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <p>2,000,000</p>	<p> CHILDREN IN POVERTY</p> <p>20.1% (Decreasing)</p> <p><10% 2030 Goal</p> <p>829,342 (Decreasing)</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>54% (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> OPEN JOBS</p> <p>528,300 (Increasing)</p> <p>503,000 Unemployed Persons (Increasing)</p>
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<p> UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <p>4.9% (Increasing)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>566,800</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> 3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>54% (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p>	<p> STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</p> <p>\$98.8 Billion Visitor Spending</p> <p>86.7 Million Visitors</p>	<p> STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <p>12,702 Starts (Declining)</p> <p>30,985 Sales (Declining)</p>
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<p> INCOME MIGRATION</p> <p>\$1.19M Per Hour</p>	<p> POVERTY RATE</p> <p>14.0% (Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> CONSUMER SENTIMENT</p> <p>82.7 (Improving)</p>	<p> HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</p> <p>90.0% (Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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<p> SALES TAX REVENUE</p> <p>\$3.550 Billion per Month (Improving)</p>	<p> VOTER PARTICIPATION</p> <p>77% (Improving)</p>	<p> RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</p> <p>56%/33%</p>	<p> LAND IN CONSERVATION</p> <p>28%</p>
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Talent Supply & Education

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Innovation & Economic Development

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Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS

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Business Climate & Competitiveness

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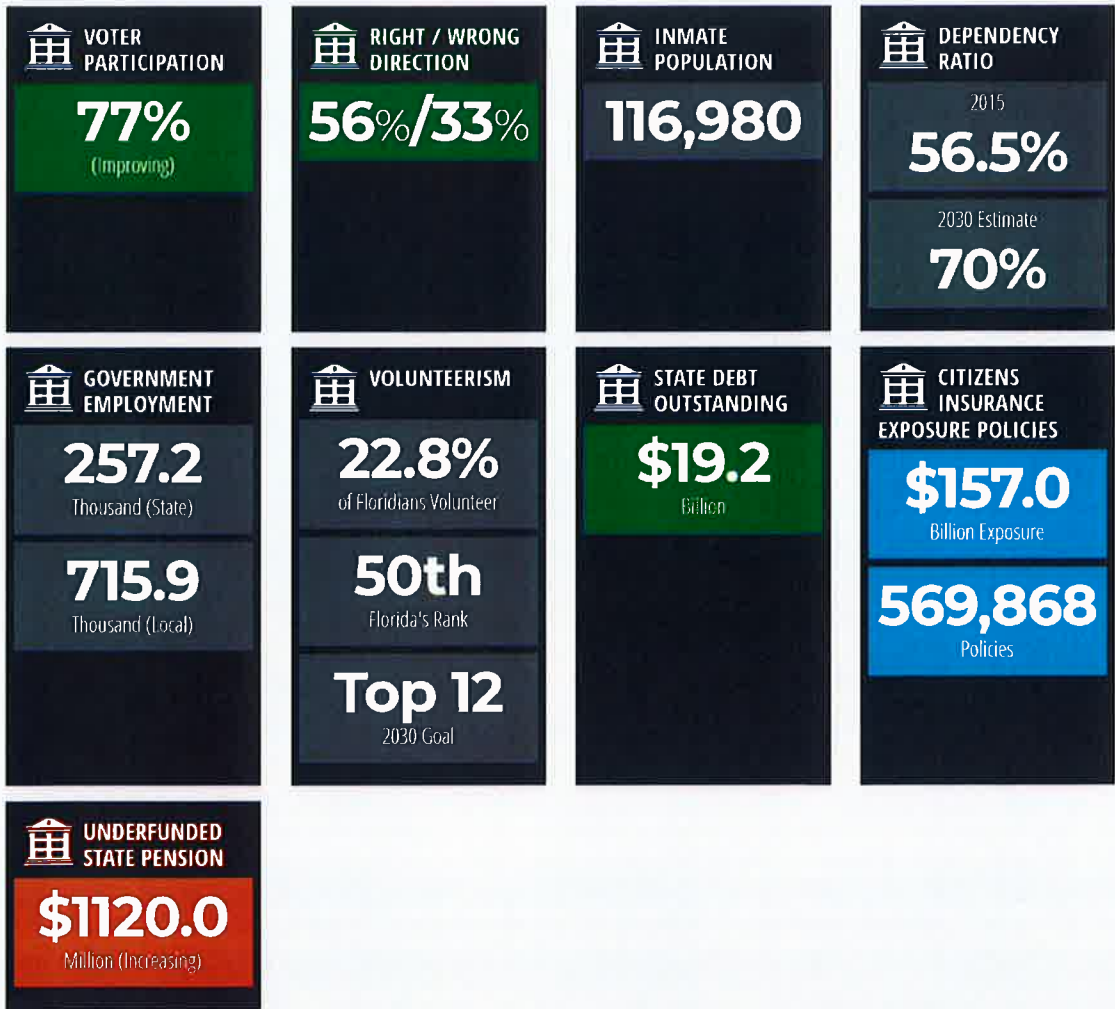
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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Enterprise Florida Site Preparation Grant Award Program

BACKGROUND:

Last fall, Enterprise Florida introduced its Rural Expansion Toolkit. The Toolkit consists of grant programs including Consulting Services and Site Preparedness in Rural Communities, as well as existing Marketing and Training grant opportunities.

To gain a competitive advantage when it comes to business attraction and expansion projects, Enterprise Florida's Site Preparedness Grant Program assists Florida's rural communities with the development and enhancement of sites to make them build ready and competitive for site selection projects.

Recently, the Governor announced the award of \$198,500 to nine rural counties and cities for site preparation projects. The awards are part of the Enterprise Florida's Rural Expansion Toolkit initiative to assist rural communities with broad-based economic engagement and capacity building efforts. Grant recipients were those communities that were able to demonstrate a pathway to site readiness.

To date, Enterprise Florida has awarded a total of \$546,900 in the Site Preparation Grant Program. Previous north central Florida region recipients included Columbia County Economic Development Department - \$24,900, Hamilton County Development Authority - \$25,000, Levy County Nature Coast Business Development Council - \$25,000, North Florida Economic Development Partnership, Inc. - \$25,000 and Suwannee County Economic Development Department - \$24,250.

The following communities and organizations in the north central Florida region recently received funding from the Site Preparation Grant Program.

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| • Dixie County Board of County Commissioners | \$25,000 |
| • Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners | \$19,000 |
| • Lafayette County Development Authority | \$19,000 |
| • Madison County Board of County Commissioners | \$16,500 |
| • Taylor County Development Authority | \$19,000 |
| • Union County Board of County Commissioners | \$25,000 |

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July 15, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2020-21 James H. Montgomery Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

An essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. A Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings.

The Council named the Member Attendance Recognition Program the James H. Montgomery Certificate of Outstanding Attendance in honor of Mr. Montgomery at the February 26, 2020 Council meeting. James H. Montgomery served on the Council from 1976 to 2004 as a member representing the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida. From 2010 to 2019, he served on the Council as a gubernatorial appointee. He provided 38 years of distinguished leadership and service to the Council.

James H. Montgomery served three times as Chair of the Council from 1983-84, 1994-95 and 2001-03. He also held other leadership roles during his service on the Council, including Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of the Program Committee and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

A James H. Montgomery Certificate of Outstanding Attendance will be awarded to the following members at the July 22, 2021 Council meeting in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2020-21.

County

- Anthony Adams, Lafayette County
- Robert Brown, Hamilton County
- Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County

City

- Louie Davis, City of Waldo
- Fletcher Hope, City of Archer
- Janice Mortimer, City of Starke
- Robert Wilford, City of Alachua

Please join me in recognizing the service and commitment of these Council members as exhibited by their perfect attendance record.

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July 15, 2021

TO: Council Members
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Cup

In furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the perfect attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

For Program Year 2020-21, the Executive Director's Cup will be awarded at the July 22, 2021 Council meeting to city members Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo; Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City of Archer; Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer, City of Starke; and Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua. The Executive Director's Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

Congratulations to Mayor Davis, City of Waldo; Commissioner Hope, City of Archer; Vice-Mayor Mortimer, City of Starke; and Commissioner Wilford, City of Alachua for winning the Program Year 2020-21 Executive Director's Cup for the city members.

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

