

RESOLUTION No. 2012-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTY IN A NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPON ITS FORMATION BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; AUTHORIZING FUNDING THEREFORE; ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Florida Legislature passed Chapter 2010-212, Laws of Florida, creating the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission to study multimodal transportation needs and delivery systems for the region comprised of the following counties: Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Study Commission was comprised of representatives from each of the counties in the region, including at least two citizens appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Study Commission determined that a gap existed in the region's abilities to cooperatively plan transportation infrastructure and services on a regional basis, to cooperatively and competitively seek transportation funding from federal and state sources, and to execute coordinated transportation services and infrastructure for the maximum benefit of the region's population and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Study Commission has concluded its work and is preparing its report to be submitted to the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Study Commission will recommend to the Florida Legislature that a regional approach to transportation infrastructure and services is appropriate for the region, and that it is appropriate to create a regional transportation commission to coordinate and

advance the planning, project development, funding and implementation of regional transportation facilities and services, to develop the regional transportation plan, to serve as a leader in communicating to the citizens and governments of the region the importance of regional transportation planning and implementation, and to pursue grant funding and other means to implement strategic regional projects; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization is nearing commencement of its Long Range Transportation Plan update, which update can serve as a valuable input to the work of the regional transportation commission; and

WHEREAS, each county which is a member of the regional transportation commission will have representation on its governing body; and

WHEREAS, the regional transportation commission will undertake a five-year work plan to develop the regional transportation plan, promote regional transportation initiatives, develop long-term transportation funding alternatives, and pursue opportunities to implement strategic regional projects; and

WHEREAS, the Study Commission has requested that each of the region's counties demonstrate support for and commitment to a regional, multimodal approach to transportation needs by committing to participate in the work and funding of such a regional transportation commission; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission will not be created without the full participation of at least Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Counties;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners further finds that:

(a) An efficient regional transportation system is central to the future economic competitiveness and quality of life for Northeast Florida;

(b) There is an opportunity to enhance planning and infrastructure provision on a regional scale specifically for regionally significant projects;

(c) Having a strong and consistent regional voice on transportation issues is increasingly important in the successful pursuit of state, federal and private transportation funding;

(d) Creation of a separate regional transportation commission to pursue these goals and to focus on regional transportation initiatives will enhance the competitiveness of the region and better serve the citizens of the County; and

(e) It is in the best interests of Nassau County that it be a member of and support the work of a regional transportation commission to pursue these goals.

Section 3. Nassau County will participate in the work and funding of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, for up to five years, commencing October 1, 2013, should such a commission be created by the Florida Legislature to include Nassau County. The work of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission shall be supported annually by in-kind contributions from the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and by cash contributions from adjusted per capita contributions from the constituent counties. For Fiscal Year 2014, Nassau County shall contribute up to \$15,547 (assuming only [four/five] counties participate) of a total cash budget need of up to \$215,000, and thereafter a similar annual percentage of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission budget, but in any event not to exceed \$0.30 per capita, per annum, subject to appropriation. No funding beyond such five year period is hereby committed.

Section 4 It is understood that the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission will sunset on June 30, 2018 unless (i) it shall have adopted a regional transportation plan and an implementation plan, and at least Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties shall have

adopted resolutions endorsing such plans, and (ii) adequate funding sources to carry out the initial phases of such plans have been secured, or placed on the ballot in the constituent counties in the event a referendum is required.

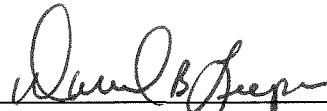
Section 5. This Resolution is intended to demonstrate support for the regional transportation commission and encourage other counties in the region to adopt and approve similar legislation.

Section 6. This Resolution is adopted and approved in the expectation that the Florida Legislature, in the 2013 legislative session, shall create a regional transportation commission for Northeast Florida which includes the County; and that in the event that the Legislature fails to do so, this Resolution shall be deemed repealed on the date of the Legislature's adjournment and shall have no further force or effect.

Section 7. This Resolution is adopted this 17th day of December, 2012, to be effective (subject to repeal as set forth in Section 6 above) as of December 17, 2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2012.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**



DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

**ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S
SIGNATURE:**

**Approved as to form by the Nassau
County Attorney:**



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk



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