

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: December 6, 2016

Date Submitted: November 21, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator

Subject: Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) – Municipal Representative

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board direction for the appointment of the Gadsden Municipal Representative position on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. Gadsden County is entitled to have three representatives on the (ARPC). Two of these representatives are appointed locally by the Board of County Commissioners; one must be a county-elected official and one must be a municipal-elected official. The Governor appoints the third representative. Commissioner Brenda Holt is currently Gadsden County's representative, Karen Bass serves as the municipal elected representative and Dr. Henry Grant is the Governor's appointee.

Background:

The ARPC is one of eleven regional planning councils in Florida. The Apalachee Region is located in the Florida Panhandle and contains nine counties, (Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla) and twenty-eight municipalities. The ARPC is governed by a twenty-seven member Board. Elected officials comprise two-thirds of the Board and appointees of the Governor represent the remaining one-third. The ARPC works with citizens and local governments on a wide range of issues and programs including, but not limited to: Economic Development planning and assistance; Hazardous Waste Generator Assessments; Hurricane Loss, Mitigation, and Evaluation Studies; and Transportation Disadvantaged planning.

Analysis:

Ms. Karen Bass, Gadsden County's current Municipal Representative, was appointed on December 15, 2015 to serve the remainder of Ms. Madison's term, which will expire on December 14, 2016.

Options:

1. Re-appoint Ms. Karen Bass as the Municipal Representative to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.
2. Appoint a new representative.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 3

Attachment:

Email from Chris Rietow

Laurel Bradley

From: Chris Rietow <CRietow@theapc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 11:42 AM
To: Laurel Bradley
Cc: Janice Watson; 'Karen Bass (kbass@moorebass.com)'
Subject: RE: ARPC Appointment

Hi Laura,

I just got off the phone with Karen Bass and I'm happy to say that she's more than willing to serve another year on the Board of Directors for the ARPC. Please let me know if you need anything else and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks,
Chris

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From: Chris Rietow
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 9:04 AM
To: 'Karen Bass (kbass@moorebass.com)' <kbass@moorebass.com>
Cc: Janice Watson <JWatson@theapc.com>
Subject: ARPC Appointment

Good Morning Karen,

Gadsden County is working on their annual appointments to the ARPC Board and they would like to know if you would like to continue to serve as the municipal representative. They are under a tight timeline in preparation for their upcoming board meeting. Please let me know today if at all possible. We'd love to have you back on the board for another year.

Thanks,
Chris

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