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Mr. David Kraus
County Manager
Columbia County
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AUG 28 2023
Board of County Commissioners
Columbia County

RE: Fiscal Year 2024
Agreement Between the County and the Planning Council
for Local Government Comprehensive Planning Services

Dear Dave:

Please find enclosed two copies, with original Planning Council signatures, of the above referenced proposed agreement between the County and the Planning Council for the Planning Council to provide comprehensive planning services to the County for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$35,000. Please note that the method of compensation for comprehensive planning services provided pursuant to this Agreement is on a fixed fee basis.

Subsequent to approval of the above referenced agreement by the County, please have both copies dated on Page 1 and signed on Page 4, retain one copy of the Agreement with original signatures for the County's files and return one signed copy of the Agreement with original signatures to me for the Planning Council's files.

If you have any questions concerning this Agreement, please do not hesitate to contact me at 352.955.2200, ext. 101.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Koons, AICP
Executive Director

Enclosures

FISCAL YEAR 2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

AND THE

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

This Agreement made and entered into this 7th day of September 2023, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser" and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Council".

This AGREEMENT/CONTRACT IS ENTERED INTO BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS: The Purchaser desires to engage the Planning Council to render certain technical or professional services; and

The Planning Council possesses the qualifications and expertise to perform the services required.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PURCHASER AND THE PLANNING COUNCIL DO MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Planning Council agrees to provide services to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix A, Scope of Services, of this Agreement which is incorporated by reference herein and considered as an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II - COMPENSATION

The Planning Council shall be paid by the Purchaser a fixed fee of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00) for services provided in completing the Scope of Services described in Appendix A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Payment to the Planning Council for services rendered in accordance with the Scope of Services as set forth in Appendix A, Scope of Services, of this Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein and considered as an integral part of this Agreement, will become due within thirty (30) days following receipt by the Purchaser of a requisition of payment. Requisitions may be made on a monthly basis.

ARTICLE III - TIME COMPLETION

This Agreement shall begin on October 1, 2023 and shall end on September 30, 2024. Any allowable costs incurred by the Planning Council during the period covered by this Agreement in providing services in performing the work described in Appendix A, Scope of Services, of this Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein and considered as an integral part of this Agreement are eligible expenses chargeable to the Purchaser. However, if this Agreement is not executed by all parties, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any such costs incurred by the Planning Council.

ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE

Each party may terminate this Agreement without cause providing fifteen (15) days written notice to the other. Written notice shall be via U.S. Mail, first class mail, postage prepaid, by certified mail, return receipt requested. In such an event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials prepared by the Planning Council pursuant to this Agreement shall become the property of the Purchaser. Upon termination as provided in this Article, the Planning Council shall be reimbursed for all of its actual costs incurred in providing services hereunder this Agreement as the same are defined in Article II of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

The failure of either party to comply with any provision of this Agreement shall place that party at default. Prior to terminating this Agreement, the nondefaulting party shall notify the defaulting party in writing. Written notice shall be via U.S. Mail, first class mail, postage prepaid, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notification shall make specific reference to the provision which gave rise to the default. The defaulting party shall then be entitled to a period of ten (10) days in which to cure the default. In the event said default is not cured within the ten (10) day period, the Agreement may be terminated. The failure of either party to exercise this right shall not be considered a waiver of such right in the event of any further default or noncompliance. Upon default and termination as provided in this Article, the Planning Council shall be reimbursed for all of its actual costs incurred in providing services hereunder this Agreement as the same are defined in Article II of this Agreement and all finished or unfinished documents and other materials prepared by the Planning Council pursuant to this Agreement shall become the property of the Purchaser.

ARTICLE VI - NONDISCRIMINATION

In carrying out the work of this Agreement, the Planning Council shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or handicapped status. The Planning Council shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin or handicapped status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Planning Council agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause. The Planning Council shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Planning Council, state that it is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The Planning Council shall incorporate the foregoing requirement of this paragraph in all subcontracts for services covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - LIABILITY

The Planning Council hereby agrees to hold harmless the Purchaser, to the extent allowed and required by law, from all claims, demands, liabilities and suits of third persons or entities not a party to this Agreement arising out of, or due to any act, occurrence, or omission of the Planning Council, its subcontractors or agents, if any, that is related to the Planning Council's performance under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSIGNABILITY

The Planning Council shall not assign any interest in this Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior consent of the Purchaser.

ARTICLE IX - REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PARTIES

In all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement, the County Manager of the Purchaser shall represent and act for the Purchaser and the Executive Director of the Planning Council shall represent and act for the Planning Council.

ARTICLE X - VENUE AND JURISDICTION FOR LITIGATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be exclusively in Columbia County, Florida for all litigation between the parties and all issues litigated between the parties shall be litigated exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction of Columbia County, Florida. If any provision hereof is in conflict with any applicable statute or rule, or is otherwise unenforceable, then such provision shall be deemed null and void to the extent of such conflict, and shall be deemed severable, but shall not invalidate any other provision of the Agreement.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

The Planning Council and the Purchaser by mutual agreement may amend, extend, or modify this Agreement. Any such modification shall be mutually agreed upon by and between the Planning Council and Purchaser and shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement, duly signed by both parties.

ARTICLE XII - COMPLETE CONTRACT

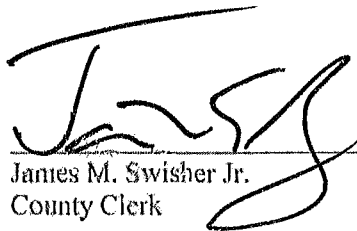
This Agreement, including Appendix A, Scope of Services, of this Agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein and considered as an integral part of this Agreement, constitutes the entire contract between the parties, and any changes, amendments, or modifications hereof shall be void unless the same are reduced to writing and signed by the parties hereto.

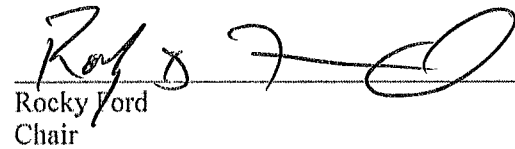
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized on the date first above written.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Attest:

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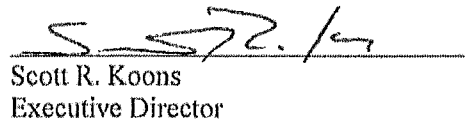

James M. Swisher Jr.
County Clerk

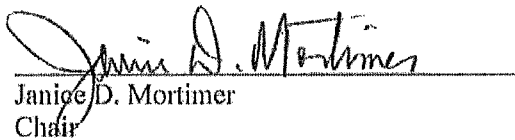

Rocky Ford
Chair

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Attest:

Seal


Scott R. Koons
Executive Director


Janice D. Mortimer
Chair

APPENDIX A
SCOPE OF SERVICES
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT

The following services will be provided by the Planning Council to the Purchaser.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations; and
- II. Amendment Assistance - preparing public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.