

Members Present:

Karen "Kasey" Cuchens, Chairwoman
Commissioner Tray Hawkins, Washington County
Councilmember Charlotte McKamy, City of Mary Esther
Kurvin Qualls, Governor Appointed
Councilmember Sal Nodjomian, City of Niceville
Councilman Skip Overdier, City of Destin
JD Smith, Governor Appointed
Mayor JB Whitten, City of Crestview

Others Present:

Austin Mount, ECRC Staff
Dawn Schwartz, ECRC Staff
Tammy Neal, ECRC Staff
Rae Emary-McFee, ECRC Staff
Daryl Boudreaux, NWFLWMD
Councilman Bill Schaetzle, City of Niceville

Members Not Present:

Mayor Tracy Andrews, City of Chipley
Commissioner Steven Barry, Escambia County
Councilmember Elizabeth Brannon, City of Freeport
Councilmember Roger Brooks, City of Bonifay
Commissioner Robert Carroll, Bay County
Commissioner Robert Cole, Santa Rosa County
Brett Cyphers, Executive Director NWFL Water Mgmt. District
Commissioner William T. Dozier, Bay County
Commissioner Danny Glidewell, Walton County
Shawn Hamilton District Director, FL Dept. of Environmental Protection
Mayor Pam Henderson, City of Callaway
Councilmember Michael Jarman, Panama City Beach
Commissioner Carolyn Ketchell, Okaloosa County
Councilmember Robert McKnight, City of DeFuniak Springs
Commissioner Sam Parker, Santa Rosa County
Olen Pettis, FDOT
Commissioner Billy Radar, City of Panama City
Councilmember George Robertson, Town of Ponce De Leon
Mayor Dick Rynearson, Vice-Chair, City of Fort Walton Beach
Commissioner Earl Stafford, Holmes County

Councilmember Andy Terhaar, City of Pensacola
Mayor Hayward Thomas, City of Paxton
Commissioner Doug Underhill, Escambia County
Commissioner Charles K. Windes, Jr., Okaloosa County

Call to Order

Chairwoman Cuchens called the meeting to order.

Call for Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was led by Councilman Skip Overdier and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call and Recognition of Call-In Members

Chairwoman Cuchens welcomed those in attendance and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Action Item 1: Presentation and Approval of the ECRC Adopted Budget and Work Program, 2020-2021 – Dawn Schwartz, Chief Financial Officer

Chairwoman Cuchens Introduced Ms. Dawn Schwartz, ECRC Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Schwartz asked for approval and adoption of the ECRC Fiscal Year, October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 budget. Ms. Schwartz stated this year's budget is approximately \$4.5 million. Ms. Schwartz asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilman Nodjomian opened discussion by asking clarification on the line item allocated to travel. Councilman Nodjomian asked if the COVID-19 pandemic status relating to virtual operations was taken into consideration when formulating the amount allocated for travel and, if the said amount was a reflection that travel would be moving to a pre-pandemic status during the next fiscal year? Ms. Schwartz explained that although COVID-19 pandemic was factored into the travel allocation, the final figure reflects the anticipation that travel will resume to pre-pandemic status during this next fiscal year.

Councilman Schaetzle asked for clarification as to why some cities and counties have an FTA match while others do not. Mr. Mount explained the cities and counties that are within the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) area fall under the planning element of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). There is a 10% match requirement to be derived from the cities and counties within the TPO area. Mr. Mount stated if those cities or counties are outside of the TPO area, there is no FTA match.

Councilman Nodjomian moved to approve the ECRC Adopted Budget and Work Program, 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and was unanimously approved.

Action Item 2: Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Karen Cuchens, ECRC Chairwoman

Chairwoman Cuchens opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hawkins nominated Karen Cuchens as Chair and Mayor Rynearson as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Hawkins moved to elect Ms. Cuchens as ECRC Chair and Mayor Rynearson as ECRC Vice Chair to serve October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Mayor JB Whitten seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Approved January 20, 2021