## **RESOLUTION 2024-04**

## A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MEMBERSHIP APPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN/MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

- WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 339.175 of Florida Statutes requires the designation of metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in urbanized areas, as defined by the US Bureau of the Census; and
- WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization serves as the MPO for the Lakeland and Winter Haven Urbanized Areas and is the agency designated to conduct a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor has requested the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to submit a Membership Reapportionment Plan that is based on the 2020 Census and consistent with federal and state requirements; and
- **WHEREAS**, Section 339.175 of the Florida Statutes describes the membership of the MPO, including the authority of the Governor to apportion membership based on agreement with local governments, geographic location and equitable population distribution; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Polk TPO endorsed its current membership structure as the best means to maximize local government participation in the TPO planning process; and
- WHEREAS, the Polk TPO has prepared a Membership Apportionment Plan using the results of the 2020 Census, and this Plan demonstrates that the proposed membership structure apportions voting members on an equitable geographic-population basis; and
- WHEREAS, under the MPO designation procedure, member local governments are required to adopt a resolution accepting or rejecting the proposed reapportionment; and
- **WHEREAS**, federal and state laws require the member local governments to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to create a MPO and delineate provisions for its operation; and
- WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization was executed on July 10, 2014; and
- WHEREAS, there will be a need to update this Interlocal Agreement to reflect the new Membership Apportionment Plan based on the 2020 Census and new federal provisions for the MPO planning process.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Polk City, Florida at its regular meeting convened on June 18, 2024:

1. That the City of Polk City endorses the TPO Membership Apportionment Plan approved by the TPO Board on October 12, 2023, and as listed below:

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>
Five (5)
Six (6)
Three (3)
One (1)
One (1)
Two (2)
One (1)
One (1)
One (1)
One (1)*
One (1)*
One (1)*
One (1)**
One (1)**
One (1)**
One (1)**

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate Voting Membership - South County Bloc

2. That the City of Polk City authorizes its Chairman/Mayor to execute the Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Creation of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization pending the Governor's approval of the Membership Apportionment Plan.

City Commission of Polk City

Joe LaCascia, Mayor

June 18, 2024

Date

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY

THOUAS A. CLOUD

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