

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

September 26, 2013

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, August 29, 2013, at the RC offices in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Jack Powell chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: Ms. Connie Hobbs, Mr. John Spann, Mr. Eddie Hopkins, Mr. Charlie Williams, Mr. Bennie Watts Jones, Mr. Johnny Hardin, Mr. Ferrell Ruis, Ms. Dollie Crumley, Mr. Henry Crumley, Jr., Mr. Russell Smith, Ms. Gloria Gaines, Mr. Christopher Pike, Mr. Stephen Kaplan, Mr. Raymond Breaux, Ms. June Merritt, Mr. Al Hutchins, Ms. LaFaye Copeland, Mr. Jim Sellers, Mr. Joe Walden, Mr. Vincent Cutts, Ms. Jenny Crisp, Ms. Glenda Battle, Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. Luther Clearman, Mr. Ben Hayward, Mr. Benjamin Brooks, Mr. Charles Barineau, Mr. Lucius Holloway, Mr. Christopher Wright, Ms. Elaine Mays, Mr. Donnie Baggett, Mr. Randy Hill, Ms. Karen Rackley, Mr. Demetrius Love, and Mr. Courtney Brinson.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Mr. Alfred Bryan, Ms. Janice Baty, Mr. Marshall Hooks, Mr. W.D. Palmer, and Ms. Brenda Broome and Ms. Revonn Miller.

Council members absent were, Mr. Rick Muggridge, Mr. Kreg Freeman, Ms. Brenda Peterson, and Mr. Max Beverly and Mr. Mike Cosby.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Grants Administrator Brenda Wade, Senior Planner Barbara Reddick, and Administrative Assistant Heather White. Guests attending the meeting were Mr. Carlos Tobar, Ms. Mara Register, Ms. Battle, Ms. Kelly Lane, Ms. Pam Helton, Ms. Michelle Nesmith, Mr. Kirk Chambers, Ms. Waldon, and Ms. Clearman.

Chairman Jack Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 35 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Dougherty, Grady and Terrell Counties had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Mr. Henry Crumley, Jr. moved the approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Elaine Mays. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jack Powell mentioned that the transportation committee had met and asked Mr. Raymond Breaux to give a report of the meeting. Mr. Breaux asked Suzanne Angell to explain the GA DHS Contract Amendment. Mr. Baggett made the first motion to pass the amendment and Mr. Brinson seconded the motion. The rest of the board passed the amendment unanimously. Ms. Angell went on to explain the

accounting change for the GDOT capital match and how the providers would be charged 25% of their Excess Purchase of Service revenue flowing through the Regional Commission to cover their future matching funds. This money will be held in an escrow account until their matching funds are due. Conversation ensued as to whether or not this would impact the providers in a large way and then a vote was taken. Mr. Breaux made the motion to make the accounting change as described, followed by Mr. Ruis's second, followed by one abstention by Mr. Williams and the rest ayes from the board, therefore passing the accounting change for the GDOT capital match.

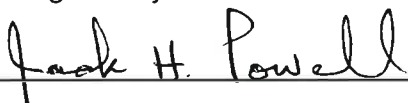
Barbara Reddick gave the planning report reviewing items as listed on the attached report. She mentioned the Poulan and Bronwood CDBG awards. She mentioned that so far there are 2 targets for CDBGs for next year, Arlington and Jakin. Also, there are currently seven CHIP applications being processed. Damascus is applying for Imminent Danger assistance. The limit on that award would be \$50,000. She mentioned the Call in to Connect event on October 5th. She also mentioned that the Scenic Byways Project was still in the planning stages. Ms. Reddick reported that there were approximately 25 people in the Digital Economies meeting that was held September 24th. Ms. Reddick asked everyone to visit the article in the Newsletter discussing Regional Priority and to please contact the Commission's Planning Department to brag on their communities.

Ms. Suzanne Angell gave the financial report. She praised the Planning and GIS departments for their successful solicitation of contracts. She mentioned that we are on budget. She mentioned there will be a proposed budget revision at the November/December meeting. Ms. Angell mentioned open enrollment for insurance will begin October 1. GMA health insurance rates will decrease in 2014 and the Commission will be looking at the possibility of offering the choice of three different insurance plans: POS, PPO, or HMO. The GDOT 5311 budget is in process. Ms. Angell mentioned that the auditors would be beginning field work on October 2nd. She mentioned we need to know who is planning on attending the GARC conference by early next week because the reduced registration fee deadline is ending soon.

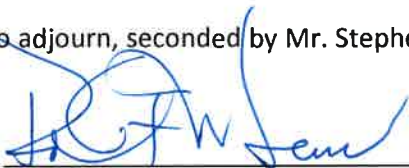
Mr. McDaniel gave the Executive Director's report. He reiterated that everyone should submit their registrations for the GARC conference if they plan on attending. Next, he reported on the value of county and city clerks attending the clerk's meetings and asked everyone to allow their clerks to attend. He mentioned the October 31st Legislative meeting as well as the Open Records meeting with Representative Jay Powell and Attorney General Sam Olens. Mr. McDaniel announced the reappointment of Mr. Courtney Brinson by the Governor's office onto the council. Mr. McDaniel ended his report by introducing Ms. Mayra Register who is with the Carl Vincent Institute.

Ms. Mayra Register informed the board about what the function of the Carl Vincent Institute is and mentioned how she looks very forward to seeing each of them in future classes. She also mentioned she would be offering classes at the Regional Commission.

With there being no further business, Mr. Ruis moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stephen Kaplan. The meeting was adjourned.



Jack Powell, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary