



Minutes
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Executive Committee Meeting

December 12, 2013

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held an Executive Committee meeting, Thursday, December 12, 2013, at the RC Offices in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Jack Powell chaired the meeting, with the following committee members present: Mr. Luther Clearman, Ms. Brenda Peterson, Gloria Gaines, and Ms. Glenda Battle. RC Staff present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell and Administrative Assistant Heather White.

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. After review of the minutes from the July 25, 2013, meeting minutes, Mr. Luther Clearman moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Brenda Peterson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Powell called on Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to present the Amended FY 14 Budget. Ms. Angell discussed in detail the budgeted revenue and expenditures. One of the revenue changes, according to Ms. Angell was a Federal EDA Planning decrease because the grant is a carry-over grant. The USDA Preservation Grant would be administered partially this year and the rest would carry over to next fiscal year. This GEFA Public Meetings Contract regarding the ASR project is \$1500 per meeting for the commission to arrange public hearings, place ads and give technical support. The DOT Public Transit Contract added capital outlay. *Call In To Connect*, DCA funds for marketing housing and credit counseling was added into the amended budget. Digital Economy is a new contract to all regional commissions to develop a plan and conduct a broadband study. Ms. Angell told the Committee that the banks are no longer paying interest on government funds. Ms. Angell stated that insurance reimbursements were added because there were some accidents from last fiscal year that the providers are still paying the deductibles on. Poulan and Bronwood are new CDBG awards. Additional personnel expenses due to employees coming off of furlough January 1, 2014 are included in the budget. Since the staff reduction, payroll has come down so payroll taxes have come down. Ms. Angell went on to discuss the fact that employee insurance rates have come down. Two HMO plans are being offered along with the same PPO plan. The annual audit fee was discounted due to the fact that the SWGRC no longer has the NET program. Ms. Angell continued to explain the remainder of the budget details.

After further discussion, Mr. Luther Clearman moved to recommend that the Council approved the FY 14 Amended Budget as presented, seconded by Ms. Glenda Battle. The motion was unanimously approved.

With their being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Danny Palmer, Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee


Robert McDaniel, Secretary