

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

December 11, 2014

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, December 11, 2014, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Vice Chairman Danny Palmer chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Bennie Watts Jones, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Frank Loeffler, Revonn Miller, Raymond Breaux, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Glenda Battle, Luther Clearman, Darrell Hampton, Lucius Holloway, Jack Powell, Alfred Bryan, and Karen Rackley.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Connie Hobbs, June Merritt, LaFaye Copeland, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Brenda Peterson, Elaine Mayes, Donnie Baggett, Mike Cosby, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were, Betty Murdock, Johnny Hardin, Clinton Johnson, Billie Jo Fletcher, Rick Muggridge, Robert Ramsey, Carlos Williams, Benjamin Brooks, Virginia Harrison, Christopher Wright, Max Beverly, Randy Hill, and David Mosely.

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 present were Mrs. Holloway, Mr. Valenti, Mrs. Clearman, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Speight, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Sol.

Vice Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel introduced the newest Council Members. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 23 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Decatur County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Mr. Palmer asked for a motion to accept the October 2014 minutes. Mr. Crumley motioned to accept and Mr. Hampton seconded the motion, all approved. Mr. Palmer asked for a motion to approve the October 2014 financial statement. Mr. Powell made the motion to accept and Mr. Crumley seconded the motion, the council agreed.

Barbara Reddick presented the planning report. She mentioned the CEDs updates, work programs, and completion of contracts from 2014. The Planning Department has written a few grants, including two fire fighter grants. She mentioned that January will begin the homeless count again through DCA. With no questions from the council she concluded her report.

Suzanne Angell presented the Council with the October 2014 financial report. She discussed the implementation of the new accounting software. The general fund year to date has an excess of revenues and expenditures of approximately \$19,209. She discussed the status of the pension fund.

Robert McDaniel presented his report as Executive Director. He congratulated the Thomas County Transit System on receiving the Frank Hill, Jr. Award at the Georgia Transit Association (GTA) annual conference in Athens. He then introduced Nick Valenti of Valenti, Rackley, and Associates.

Mr. Valenti presented the Council with the Audit Report. He stated that there were no findings. The Management Discussion and Analysis would be added to the report. The Regional Commission received a clean opinion. He asked if the council had any questions and there were none. Karen Rackley made a motion to accept the Audit and Jack Powell seconded the motion, all agreed.

Mr. Danny Palmer ended the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



Jack Powell, ^{Vice} Chairman

Danny Palmer



Robert McDaniel, Secretary