

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

January 29, 2015

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Vice Chairman Danny Palmer chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: Kevin Coker, John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Bennie Watts Jones, Paul Nagy, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Revonn Miller, Clinton Johnson, Raymond Breaux, Charlie Sol, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Ray Prince, Jim Sellers, Rick Muggridge, Dwight Hickman, Glenda Battle, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Virginia Harrison, Lucius Holloway, Christopher Wright, Jack Powell, Elaine Mays, Donnie Baggett, Alfred Bryan, Mike Cosby, Randy Hill, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Betty Murdock, Joe Walden, Robert Ramsey, Luther Clearman, Benjamin Brooks, Karen Rackley, and David Mosely.

Council members absent were Dennis Brinson, Billie Jo Fletcher, Carlos Williams, Brenda Peterson, Darrell Hampton, and Max Beverly.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Planning Director, Barbara Reddick, Grants Administrator Brenda Wade and Administrative Assistant Heather White.

Guests present were Mrs. Alice Hutchins, Mrs. Katherine Speight, Mrs. Jerry Bush, Ms. Battle, and Mrs. Tonya Sol.

Vice Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 33 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County, Colquitt County, Early County, and Terrell County had 100% representation and then introduced the new Council Members and the guests of the Council. Mr. Palmer asked if there are any changes to the minutes or attendance report for the November/December meeting. Henry Crumley motioned that the minutes be approved as they are and Clinton Johnson seconded the motion. The Council all said "aye". Mr. Powell then asked if everyone approved the November and December financial reports. Jack Powell motioned that the consent agenda be approved and Donnie Bagget seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

Next were the staff reports. Barbara Reddick briefly covered the planning report. She discussed a possible bicycle rodeo in May. Ms. Reddick discussed the first webinar the SWGA Regional Commission hosted and mentioned it will be available on the website. The Homeless Count is underway. The Youth Summit will be in February and driving safety will be integrated into the program, a simulator will be used. Barbara Reddick presented the resolution to transmit the Regional Work Program to DCA. There was a motion to transmit the Regional Work Program to DCA for review by Glenda Battle and the motion was seconded by Randy Hill. All approved the motion.

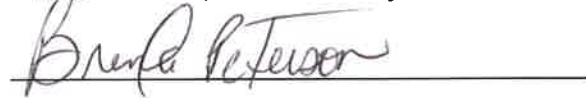
Suzanne Angell presented the Financial Report. She reported that the Regional Commission has surpassed the budget that was presented in December. Approximately \$58,986 was added to the reserves in the General Fund. The Pension fund has had a gain on investments as of December 31, 2014.

Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He thanked the new members for their service on the Council. He asked everyone to read their comprehensive plans so that they can be updated.

Danny Palmer gave the Nominating Committee report. The slate of officers presented for consideration were as follows: Danny Palmer, Chairman; Glenda Battle, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ben Hayward, Treasurer; Brenda Peterson, Executive Committee member; Jack Powell, Executive Committee member; Luther Clearman, Executive Committee member; and John Spann, Executive Committee member. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor to fill the positions. Being none, he asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers for consideration. Elaine Mays made the motion to close the nominations and table the vote until the February Council meeting and Rick Muggridge seconded the motion. All approved.

The Transportation Committee report was presented by Ms. Suzanne Angell. She mentioned it is time to submit our application for funding to the Georgia Department of Human Services for the social service transportation that we administer. The DHS Application is due in February and the GDOT application is due in March. Ms. Angell asked for approval to submit application to DHS and GDOT for FY16 funding. Raymond Breaux made the motion and Jack Powell seconded the motion and the council unanimously approved. The Transportation committee also recommended adoption of the title VI Plan, which is required by GDOT as part of the 5311 Program. A motion was made to adopt the Title VI Plan by Donnie Bagget with a second by Jack Powell. All approved.

Danny Palmer asked if there was any other business. Robert McDaniel announced the next meeting will be held at the SWGA Regional Commission on February 26 at the same time. With there being no further business, Mr. Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Brenda Peterson, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary