MINUTES
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Regional Council Meeting
Camilla, Georgia
August 27, 2015

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, August 27, 2015, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. 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, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Ferrell Ruis, Dennis Brinson, Raymond Breaux, Charlie Sol, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Rick Muggridge, Dwight Hickman, Glenda Battle, Jerry Bush, Carlos Williams, Ben Hayward, Brenda Peterson, Darrell Hampton, Elaine Mas, Alfred Bryan, Mike Cosby, Randy Hill, and David Mosely.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Revonn Miller, Nathaniel Clark, Haryl Dabney, Luther Clearman, Christopher Wright, Jack Powell, Donnie Baggett, Karen Rackley, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Betty Murdock, Tommie Postell, Ray Prince, Robert Ramsey, Virginia Harrison, Ernest Johnson, and Max Beverly.

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

Guests present were Allison Souther Goldey, Paul Forgey, Sandra Cosby, Lorraine Cumbee, Cynthia Hopkins, Alice Hutchins, Mrs. Speight, Keisha Brinson, Warren Mays, June Merritt, Roger Lane, and Michelle Hamilton.

Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 30 members present representing 13 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County, Early County, Colquitt County, and Mitchell County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Danny Palmer asked that the July Minutes be approved. Henry Crumley motioned the minutes be accepted and Randy Hill seconded the motion; all agreed.

Danny Palmer gave the Executive Committee Report. Copies of the Annual Evaluation of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Executive Director were handed out to the Council.

Danny Palmer called Barbara Reddick to give the Human Services Committee report. She stated that there was not a quorum. They did have a discussion on workforce investment and other subjects.

Ben Hayward deferred to Suzanne Angell to present the Audit Committee Report. The financial statements were reviewed and test transactions were completed. The Auditors opened their initial line of communication with the Audit Committee.

Raymond Breaux presented the Council with the Transportation Committee report. There was not a quorum. They did have a discussion about Destiny’s draft agreement to provide paratransit services for the City of Albany. Robert McDaniel and Suzanne Angell reviewed the draft agreement.

Suzanne Angell presented her July Financial Reports to the Council. July began the new fiscal year. For the month of July, the excess of revenues over expenditures were $11,749.00 for FY 16. That brought the reserves in the General Fund to $258,210. The Revolving Loan Fund the excess of revenues over expenditures of $66. The Reving Loan Fund reserves were $306,409. The Transportation fund for July had an excess of revenues over expenditures of $7,334. The reserves for the Transportation fund in July were a little over $137,000. The Pension Fund had a gain on investments of $8,629. Ms. Angell asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Ferrell Ruis made the motion to accept and John Spann seconded the motion. The Council all agreed.
Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director’s Report. He mentioned that a planner, Kerrie Davis, has resigned to accept a position with the city of Albany. Mr. McDaniel announced that Kimberly Brooks was promoted to planner. Kimberly Brook’s replacement is Beka Shiver. Mr. Robert McDaniel then called up staff member Jeffery Hamilton to accept an award celebrating his 15 years with the Regional Commission. Next, he awarded Suzanne Angell to celebrate her 20 years with the Regional Commission by presenting her with an award.

Danny Palmer called on Barbara Reddick to give her planning report. She discussed the Comprehensive Plans the Planning department is currently working on. She mentioned they are beginning work on next year’s Community Development Block Grants. Ms. Reddick then introduced the guest speaker, Alison Souther Goldey, to the Council. Ms. Goldey spoke to the Council on Land Banks.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on September 24, 2015.

With no further business, Danny Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Glenda Battle, Vice-Chairman

Robert McDaniel, Secretary