

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

42 N. Main Street, Blakely, Georgia

December 10, 2015

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 'Polly's' at 42 N. Main Street in Blakely, Georgia. Chairman Danny Palmer chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Benny Watts Jones, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Cruley, Henry Crumley, Anthony Jones, Tommie Postell, Nathaniel Clark, Raymond Breaux, Charlie Sol, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Glenda Battle, Carlos Williams, Luther Clearman, Danny Palmer, Brenda Peterson, Jack Powell, Elaine Mays, and Alfred Bryan.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Revonn Miller, Kevin Coker, Ray Prince, Robert Ramsey, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Darrell Hampton, Virginia Harrison, Christopher Wright, Max Beverly, Donnie Baggett, Mike Cosby, Randy Hill, Karen Rackley, David Mosely, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Betty Murdock, Paul Nagy, Dennis Brinson, Haryl Dabney, Rick Muggridge, and Ernest Johnson.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, and Administrative Assistant Heather White.

Guests present were Gina Webb, Casey Moore, George Barber, Alice Hutchins, Katherine Speight, Lisa Sellers, Sammie Battle, Barbara Clearman, Nancy Palmer, Tiffany Peterson, Warren Mays, Toney Thompson, Cicily Florence, Nick Valenti, Anthony Howard, Denise Williams, Debbie Butler, Patricia Weaver, Angela Salter-Holmes, Aldenia Green and Annette Bankston.

Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:16 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 25 members present representing 12 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Early County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Danny Palmer asked that the October Minutes be approved. Henry Crumley motioned the minutes be accepted and Raymond Breaux seconded the motion; all agreed.

Mayor of Blakely, Anthony Howard, addressed the Council and welcomed them to Blakely. He thanked the Council for all they do.

Suzanne Angell presented the October Financial Reports to the Council. For the month of October, the General Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of \$35,048.73. That brought the total reserves in the General Fund to \$281,509.46. The Transportation Fund had a year to date of excess of revenues over expenditures of \$14,911.53. The reserves for the Transportation Fund were \$144,647.27. Ms. Angell asked for a motion to accept the October Financial Report. Henry Crumley made the motion to accept and Raymond Breaux seconded the motion. The Council all agreed.

Mr. Valenti presented the Council with the Draft Audit Report. He stated that the only finding was that the Executive Director was not keeping a mileage record for the use of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission vehicle issued to him. The Management Discussion and Analysis would be added to the report. The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission received a clean opinion. After brief discussion, Henry Crumley made a motion to accept the Audit and Jack Powell seconded the motion. The Council agreed.

Guest Speakers, Casey Moore and Gina Webb, from the Department of Community Affairs spoke to the Council. Items discussed included information on what the Department of Community Affairs is about and CDBG Community Development and Building Grants (CDBG) and Community Housing Investment Program (CHIP) Grant

information. Also included in their discussion was housing programs offered by the Department of Community Affairs.

Robert McDaniel gave the Planning Report. He discussed all of the current projects the Planning Department was working on.

Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He then called up Council Member, Mr. Luther Clearman, and presented him with a proclamation in honor of Mr. Clearman's longevity on the Council and announced Mr. Clearman had decided to resign from the Council.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on January 28, 2016.

With no further business, Danny Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Glenda Battle, Vice- Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary