

MINUTES
Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Regional Council Meeting
Camellia, Georgia
December 15, 2016

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission at 181 East Broad Street in Camilla, Georgia. Vice-Chairman Glenda Battle chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: Chris Moore, John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Benny Watts Jones, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Revonn Miller, Anthony Jones, Raymond Breaux, Charlie Sol, Freddie Speight, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Chad Griffin, Jerry Bush, Nathaniel Keaton, Brenda Peterson, Mitchell Blanks, Ernest Johnson, Ed Wade, Elaine Mays, Donnie Baggett, Randy Hill, and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Paul Nagy, Billy Poppell, Tommie Postell, Al Hutchins, Rick Muggridge, Ben Hayward, Danny Palmer, Tracie Beard, Terry Scott, Jeanie Crittenden, Mike Cosby, Karen Rackley, David Mosely, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Dennis Brinson, Erica Savage Wilson, Ray Prince, Carlos Williams, and Jack Powell.

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

Guests present were Mrs. Bush, Mr. Valenti, Ms. Richardson, Mrs. Sol, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Speight, Mrs. Wade, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Walden, and Ms. Simmons.

Glenda Battle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 28 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County and Calhoun County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Glenda Battle asked that the October Minutes be approved. Henry Crumley motioned the minutes be accepted and Dwight Hickman seconded the motion; all agreed.

Planning Director Barbara Reddick presented the Council with her Planning Report. She stated that the Planning Department is presently working on 10 comprehensive plans as well as the Regional Plan. Some of the staff attended CDBG training along with the Cities and Counties that were awarded CDBG Grants. Planner Kimberly Brooks told the Council about the 2017 Youth Summit and let them know that they would accept late registrations if they know of any students that would like to participate.

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 \$3,926.11. That brought the total reserves in the General Fund to \$298,013.00. The Revolving Loan Fund had one borrower pay their loan off. The RLF Year to Date excess of revenue over expenditures was \$871.20. The Revolving Loan Fund balance is \$292,885.02. The Transportation Fund had a year to date of excess of revenues over expenditures of \$7,715.52. The reserves for the Transportation Fund were \$155,788.80. The Defined Benefit Plan had a year to date gain on investments of \$19,188.40. The transportation Program 5311 application for funds was submitted on time. Provider inspections are currently being completed. Ms. Angell asked for a motion to accept the October Financial Report. Ed Wade made the motion to accept and Donnie Baggett seconded the motion. The Council all agreed.

Director Robert McDaniel presented the Council members that achieved 100% attendance in 2016 with certificates. Council members receiving the honor were Glenda Battle of Lee County, Dwight Hickman of Lee County and Nathaniel Keaton of Mitchell County.

Robert McDaniel explained to the Council about the Transportation assigned fund balance and how there needed to be approval by the board to change this to an unassigned fund balance since there has been no specific assignment of the funds. He asked for a motion and Raymond Breaux made the motions to change the assigned transportation fund balance to unassigned and John Spann seconded the motion. All agreed.

Mr. Valenti presented the Council with the Draft Audit Report. He stated that there were two internal control findings and one compliance finding. The first internal control finding was the Executive Director was not keeping a mileage record for the use of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission vehicle issued to him. The second internal control finding was that the RLF files were not in one location or complete. The compliance finding was that there was a Revolving Loan made for less than the \$40,000 minimum requirement. The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission received a clean opinion. After brief discussion, Elaine Mays made a motion to accept the Audit and Randy Hill seconded the motion. The Council agreed.

Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He asked the Council to take advantage of the rain that the area is experiencing to document and photograph areas in their communities that are affected by poor drainage and flooding so that they can be added to their CDBG applications.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on January 26, 2017.

With no further business, Danny Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Danny Palmer, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary