

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

January 26, 2017

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, January, 26, 2017, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Danny Palmer chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: Chris Moore, John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Benny Jones, Paul Nagy, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Billy Poppell, Freddy Grimsley, Raymond Breaux, Erica Savage Wilson, Freddie Speight, Keith Moye, Jim Sellers, Dwight Hickman, Chad Griffin, Glenda Battle, Jerry Bush, Carlos Williams, Ben Hayward, Nathaniel Keaton, Brenda Peterson, Mitchell Blanks, Tracie Beard, Ernest Johnson, Ed Wade, Jack Powell, Ken Hickey, Donnie Baggett, Elaine Mays, Randy Hill, and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Ferrell Ruis, Revonn Miller, Anthony Jones, Bobby Coleman, June Merritt, Al Hutchins, Dennis Roland, Terry Scott, Karen Rackley and David Mosley.

Council members absent were Courtney Brinson, Dennis Brinson and Joe Walden.

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

Guests present were Mrs. Moye, Mrs. Grimsley, Mrs. Speight, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wade, and Mrs. Bush.

Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 34 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County, Calhoun County, Mitchell County, Miller County and Seminole County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Danny Palmer asked that December minutes be approved. Ed Wade motioned the minutes be accepted and Henry Crumley seconded the motion; all agreed.

Danny Palmer asked that Barbara Reddick present the Human Resources Committee and the Community Development Committee report from their joint meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Regional Plan that is to be submitted in draft form to the Department of Community Affairs. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was also reviewed. She stated that these are available on the website for review.

Planning Director Barbara Reddick gave her planning report. She mentioned that there are three high school interns at the Regional Commission at this time. The Youth Summit is February 15th. Ms. Reddick said that the planning department is working to complete Pre-hazard Mitigation Plans. The Homeless Count was in progress. Ms. Reddick then asked the council for nominations to present a resolution to transmit the Regional Assessment and Stakeholder program to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review. Paul Nagy made the motion and Glenda Battle made the second motion, all agreed.

Danny Palmer asked Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to give her Financial Report. Ms. Angell reported that the General Fund had a year to date surplus of \$23,592.73 and the General Fund fund balance was \$317,679.62. The year to date Revolving Loan Fund surplus was \$1,604.93 and the fund balance was \$293, 618.75. Outstanding loans total \$196,643.19 and the amount available to loan is a little less than \$100,000. Ms. Angell stated that the Year to Date Surplus of the Transportation Fund is \$3,724.19. The fund balance is \$151,797.47. The Pension Fund has a year to date gain on Investments of \$50,631.53. Donnie Baggett made a motion to accept the December 2016 financial report and Randy Hill seconded the motion. All agreed.

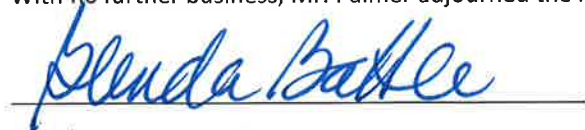
Ms. Angell stated that she met with the Regional Transit Transportation Coordinating Committee. A survey was completed by clients using our transportation services. Based on those surveys they voted to continue their

services through the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. There needs to be a motion to send a letter of intent to contract with Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) to apply for funds. Mr. Palmer asked for a motion from the Council to approve the intent to apply for funds with DHS to provide FY18 Department of Human Services Transit Services. Donnie Baggett made a motion to submit the letter of intent to DHS and Elaine Mays seconded the motion. The Council approved with no objections.

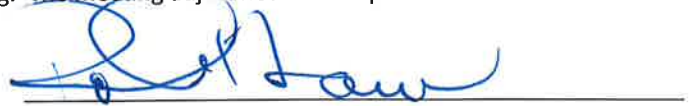
Robert McDaniel gave the Executive Director's Report. He handed out an information sheet regarding assistance needed by tornado victims in light of the recent storms. Mr. McDaniel announced that there will be new council member training the day of the February meeting.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the next meeting will be at the Regional Commission offices in Camilla on February 23, 2017 at the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

With no further business, Mr. Palmer adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Glenda Battle, Vice-Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary