

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

March 30, 2017

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, March 30, 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, Paul Nagy, Ferrell Ruis, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Dennis Brinson, Revonn Miller, Billy Poppell, Anthony Jones, Bobby Coleman, Freddy Grimsley, Raymond Breaux, June Merritt, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Chad Griffin, Glenda Battle, Jerry Bush, Ben Hayward, Nathaniel Keaton, Brenda Peterson, Mitchell Blanks, Ed Wade, Ken Hickey, Terry Scott, Donnie Baggett, Fred Dent, Randy Hill, Courtney Brinson and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Chuck Cowart, Keith Moye, Carlos Williams, Elaine Mays, Tracie Beard, and Jack Powell.

Council members absent were Benny Jones, Erica Savage Wilson, Jim Sellers, Dennis Roland, Ernest Johnson, Karen Rackley, and David Mosely.

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

Guests present were Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Bush, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Sol, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Webb with Department of Community Affairs, and Mr. Howard.

Chairman Danny Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 36 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Baker County, Early County, Decatur County, Colquitt County, and Mitchell County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Danny Palmer asked that February minutes be approved. Henry Crumley motioned the minutes be accepted and Raymond Breaux seconded the motion; all agreed.

Robert McDaniel gave Nominating Committee Report. He explained to the Council that the recommended slate of officers that was presented at the February Council meeting had been tabled for the required 30 days and was now ready to be voted on. He reminded everyone of the slate of officers presented. Mr. Palmer then asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. Henry Crumley made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Freddy Grimsley seconded the motion, all agreed. The 2017 Executive Committee is as follows; Chairman, Glenda Battle, Vice-Chairman, John Spann, Treasurer, Ben Hayward, Member, Brenda Peterson, Member, Danny Palmer, Member, Elaine Mays, and Member, Jack Powell.

Newly elected Chairman Glenda Battle assumed control of the meeting. Ms. Battle asked Planning Director Barbara Reddick to present her planning report. The City of Sasser was awarded a recreational trail grant. Two Housing Rehabilitation for Disabled Population grants were awarded. The Early County and Seminole County Pre-hazard Mitigation Plan is in Review. The annual Housing Conference will be held May 9th and the theme is "Housing Recovery". This theme was decided on in light of the recent destructive storms in our area. The Regional Plan is in the "Regional Agenda (3rd) phase". Currently the planning department is working on the (CEDS) Plan.

Glenda Battle asked Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to give her Financial Report. Ms. Angell reported that the General Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of \$27,272.28. The General Fund balance year to date was \$321,359.17. The Revolving Loan Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures

of \$2,304.61 which brings the fund balance to \$294,318.43. Ms. Angell stated that the year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of the Regional Transit Program is \$7,021.78 and the year to date fund balance is \$155,095.06. The Pension Fund's defined benefit plan had a gain on investments of \$74,697.20. Donnie Baggett made a motion to accept the February 2017 financial report and Randy Hill seconded the motion. All agreed.

Robert McDaniel invited Grant Administrator Brenda Wade to address the Council on the Community Home Investment Program (CHIP). Ms. Wade spoke of her experience with the CHIP program with recipients as well as how the program works.

Executive Director Robert McDaniel gave his report. He presented the NADO handout on the proposed Federal Budget and how it will affect specific social programs in our region.

Chairman Glenda Battle stated that the next meeting will be in Camilla on the last Thursday in April at the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

With no further business, Glenda Battle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight Hickman made a motion to adjourn and Terry Scott seconded the motion. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Glenda Battle, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary