



**MINUTES**  
**Southwest Georgia Regional Commission**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Camilla, Georgia**  
**March 26, 2020**

The Executive Committee of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission met Thursday, March 26, 2020, in the RC's large conference room. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Shelter in Place Order, the Executive Committee met on behalf of the full Council in order to handle the regular business of the Council. Executive Committee Members present were Elaine Mays, Paul Nagy, and John Spann. Calling into the conference call were Danny Palmer, Ben Hayward, Anthony Jones, Glenda Battle, Jack Powell, and Brenda Peterson.

Staff present was Executive Director Suzanne Angell, Deputy Director Barbara Reddick, and Executive Assistant, Heather White.

Chairman Elaine Mays called the meeting to order at approximately 6:06 p.m. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held January 30, 2020. Jack Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. John Spann seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman Elaine Mays asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held February 27, 2020. Glenda Battle made a motion to approve the minutes with the agreement that the pension trust fund numbers in the minutes will be reviewed and corrected, if needed. Jack Powell seconded the motion; all agreed.

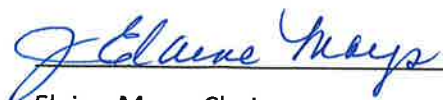
Executive Director Suzanne Angell presented the February 2020 Financial Statement. The beginning fund balance of the General fund was \$556,029.88. There was a deficit of \$48,876.46 bringing the ending fund balance of the General Fund to \$507,153.42. The Revolving Loan Fund had a beginning balance of \$297,765.75. It had a deficit of \$1,188.12, bringing the ending balance to \$296,577.63. The Regional Transportation Fund had a beginning fund balance of \$238,081.93. There was a net surplus of \$55,838.81, bringing the ending fund balance to 293,920.74. The Regional Partners Network (RPN) had a beginning fund balance of \$7,355.64. There was a deficit in the RPN Fund of \$75.56 bringing the ending fund balance to \$7,280.08. The Pension Trust Fund had a beginning balance of \$916,875.96. There was a deficit in the Pension Trust Fund of \$47,236.97, bringing the ending balance to \$869,638.99. Jack Powell made a motion to approve the February 2020 Financial Statement. Paul Nagy seconded the motion; all agreed.

Ms. Mays asked Suzanne Angell to explain the next action item on the agenda, the adoption the 5310 resolution of the Department of Human Services Transportation. Mrs. Angell said it is a standard form to accept funding from the Department of Human Services for Transportation Services. Glenda Battle motioned to accept the 5310 funds from DHS for the transportation program. Paul Nagy seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman Elaine Mays asked Deputy Director Barbara Reddick to give the Planning Report. Mrs. Reddick said they are working on a few grants including an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for the City of Poulan. The Planning Department is waiting on announcements for several grants that have been submitted. They are working on several zoning reviews and recommendations for various communities. The CHIP announcements have been delayed due to COVID19. The CDBGs are being worked on and there has been an extension to submission until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The planners are about to begin on pre-hazard mitigation plans for Mitchell and Seminole Counties. GEMA agreed to allow a teleconference in light of the COVID Virus instead of meeting in person for hearings for the pre-hazard mitigation requirements. She explained that with everyone's time constraints and with the virus, arranging meetings within the cities and counties are a challenge. They are waiting to hear on the EDA applications and the Brownfield applications. The City of Edison is getting an update on their Zoning Ordinances. Communities are not having public meetings, so it is difficult for them to vote on contracts. Trainings have been cancelled. Five-year updates are being completed for Albany, Dougherty County and Grady County. The Regional Work Plan is to be adopted in June. The draft will be put on the website and a copy was in your packet. Heather will send the link to the document so if there are any questions or comments they can be made before a vote is taken.

Mrs. Mays asked Executive Director to give her Executive Director's report. First, she gave an update on the Kebo's parking lot situation. The Executive Committee expressed an interest in getting a contract signed by the next Council meeting with a stipulation that no rent would be due during any business closures (due to COVID-19). The legislation to reduce council size, HB 1122, passed in the House of Representatives. If this bill passes the Senate, it would mean that there would still be one city representative, one county representative, one nonpublic member but no additional members. There would be no Governor, no Lt. Governor, and no Speaker of the House appointees. The Senate still needs to vote on this. Opposition is not anticipated at this time. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) funding revisions are still pending. The amended budget will be worked on next month. Nothing else has been heard from Destiny Transportation concerning any litigation. The COVID19 plan for the staff is to set up the employees to work from home. A couple of employees will be taking the temporary layoff option due to their situations. There will be Supervisors working at the office on a rotating schedule. Most of the employees will be working from home beginning Monday. Mrs. Angell asked for a motion to cancel the legislative reception since we are being quarantined and must maintain social distancing. Glenda Battle made the motion to cancel the Legislative reception. Paul Nagy seconded the motion; all agreed. Barbara Reddick and Suzanne Angell spoke to AARP (American Association for Retired People) Director Myrtle Habersham about the Age Friendly Livable Communities. A Regional Pilot Program could be in our region, which would be the first in the state and perhaps the nation. It will be brought before the board for approval.

With no other business John Spann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul Nagy seconded the motion; all agreed. Mrs. Mays adjourned the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Elaine Mays, Chairman



Suzanne Angell, Executive Director