

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

August 30, 2018

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, August 30, 2018, at the Southwest Regional Commission building in Camilla, Georgia. Chairman Glenda Battle chaired the meeting. The following council members were present: John Spann, Eddie Hopkins, Charlie Williams, Deidre Evans-Severson, Paul Nagy, Ferrell Ruis, Steve Brock, Kregg Close, Billy Poppell, Anthony Jones, Freddy Grimsley, Matthew Reed, Jeffery Haynes, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Keith Moye, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Dwight Hickman, Carlos Williams, Nathaniel Keaton, Brenda Peterson, Mitchell Blanks, Ed Wade, Jack Powell, Ken Hickey, Terry Scott, Donnie Baggett, Charles Jones and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Chris Moore, Benny Watts Jones, Revonn Miller, Chad Griffin, Jayme Smith, Ben Hayward, Danny Palmer, Tracie Beard, Elaine Mays, Fred Dent and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Preston Jimmerson, Raymond Breaux, BJ Fletcher, Dennis Roland, Allen Worsley, Ernest Johnson, and Karen Rackley.

Staff members present were Executive Director Robert McDaniel, Deputy Director Suzanne Angell, Planning Director Barbara Reddick, Executive Assistant Heather White, and interns Eden Casey and Abby Casey.

Guests present were Cynthia Hopkins, Kathy Wade, John Peterson, Feraby Moye, Harriet Walden, Herven Severson, Congressman Sanford Bishop's aid Michael Bryant, Toney Thompson, Carl Rowland, and Charlie Sol, WIOAA Director Melody Pierce.

Chairman Glenda Battle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 31 members present representing 14 counties and a quorum was present. He noted Early County and Grady County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Glenda Battle asked that July minutes be approved. Donnie Baggett motioned the minutes be accepted and Terry Scott seconded the motion; all agreed.

Deputy Director Suzanne Angell gave the Audit Committee report to the Council. She asked for a motion to approve the treatment of Unassigned Fund Balances as directed by the Department of Accounts and Audits. Jack Powell made the motion. Dwight Hickman seconded the motion; all agreed.

The Retirement Trustees report was given by Deputy Director Suzanne Angell. She updated the Council on the Defined Contributory retirement plan and the frozen Defined Benefit Plan. Ms. Angell told the Council the biennial survey of the retirement plan has been conducted as required by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Chairman Battle asked Planning Director Barbara Reddick to present the Council with her staff report for the Planning Department. The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) was submitted. If awarded, there will be \$100,000 to rehabilitate 10-12 housing units region wide. The Rural Zone application has been submitted for the City of Sylvester. This will enable the city to offer a tax credit to businesses in Downtown Sylvester. Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans being worked on are for Terrell County, Grady County, and Miller County. Bainbridge and Colquitt County have Solid Waste Plans in progress. The Planning Department has updated the regional Bike and Pedestrian Corridors. Also Completed was the preliminary multi-use trail network. Complete Streets training was completed. The Grady County sidewalk inventory was completed. A Public Service Grant for the City of Albany was completed. The Donalsonville zoning contract is under review with changes forthcoming. The City of Camilla zoning contract's draft is under review by the city. The City of Sylvester zoning ordinances update is in progress.

Glenda Battle asked Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to give the July 31, 2018 financial report. Ms. Angell reported that the General Fund had a net surplus for FY18 in the amount of \$16,380.64. The General Fund's ending fund balance was \$502,383.53. The Revolving Loan Fund had net surplus of \$493.88 which brings the fund balance to \$293,613.92. Ms. Angell stated that the year to date excess of revenues over expenditures for the year of the Regional Transit Program is \$0. The ending fund balance is \$182,657.53. The Defined Benefit Pension Trust Fund had a year to date gain on investments for the year of \$20,750.85. Billy Poppell made a motion to accept the July 2018 financial report and Freddie Grimsley seconded the motion. All agreed.

Executive Director Robert McDaniel was asked to give his Executive Director report. Mr. McDaniel invited WIOAA Director Melody Pierce to address the Council. Ms. Pierce told the Council of the career fair and support given to the region. She also mentioned the support given through skills training offered through WIOAA.

The next meeting will be held September 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The November/December combined meeting's date will be discussed and voted on at the September meeting. The City of Colquitt will be hosting that meeting. With there being no other business, Paul Nagy made a motion to adjourn followed by Steve Brock who seconded that motion. All agreed. The August 2018 meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45p.m.



Glenda Battle, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary