

MINUTES

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Council Meeting

Camilla, Georgia

June 29, 2017

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (RC) held its Council meeting Thursday, June 29, 2017, 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, Bennie Watts Jones, Paul Nagy, Ferrell Ruis, Anthony Jones, Freddy Grimsley, Raymond Breaux, June Merritt, Al Hutchins, Freddie Speight, Keith Moyer, Dwight Hickman, Ben Hayward, Nathaniel Keaton, Brenda Peterson, Mitchell Blanks, Ed Wade, Ken Hickey, Terry Scott, Donnie Baggett, Randy Hill, Karen Rackley, and Norma Gilpatrick.

Council members calling to report conflicts were Chris Moore, Chuck Cowart, Dollie Crumley, Henry Crumley, Jr., Dennis Brinson, Billy Poppell, Bobby Coleman, Jim Sellers, Joe Walden, Chad Griffin, Jerry Bush, Carlos Williams, Danny Palmer, Tracie Beard, Jack Powell, Elaine Mays, Fred Dent, and Courtney Brinson.

Council members absent were Revonn Miller, Erica Savage Wilson, Dennis Roland, Ernest Johnson, and David Mosely.

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

Guests present were WIOA Interim Director Ms. Melody Pierce, Katherine Speight, John Peterson, Tiffany Peterson, Kathy Wade, and Feraby Moyer.

Chairman Glenda Battle called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. McDaniel gave the attendance report stating that there were 26 members present representing 12 counties and a quorum was present. He noted that Early County had 100% representation and then introduced the guests of the Council. Glenda Battle asked that May minutes be approved. Anthony Jones motioned the minutes be accepted and Ed Wade seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Raymond Breaux presented the council with the report from the Transportation Committee. He explained the discussion regarding the performance of the current transit providers and the surveys mailed to the riders each month. Mr. Breaux mentioned that the evaluations that came back scored as follows: Destiny-93.86%, MIDS-88.55%, RMS-95.24%, and TCAT-93.60%. He also stated that site visits had been performed at each location and driver files and vehicle inspections were all satisfactory. He said that based on the evaluation scores and results of the annual site visits, it is recommended by the Transportation Committee that the current transit providers have their contracts extended. Glenda Battle asked for a motion to extend the transit provider contracts for one year. Ferrell Ruis made a motion to extend the contracts of the transit providers for one year. Freddie Grimsley seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman Glenda Battle gave the Executive Committee report to the council. She mentioned that the FY18 budget had been tabled for 30 days and it needed to be voted on. Mitchell Blanks made a motion to accept the FY18 budget as presented. Terry Scott seconded the motion; all agreed.

Chairman Battle asked Planning Director Barbara Reddick to present the council with her staff report for the Planning Department. She said that the Planning Department completing projects that are due by the end of FY17 and they are working on DCA Comprehensive Plans that are due in October. Ms. Reddick let the council know that Planning Assistant Beka Shiver's last day will be July 11th. Ms. Reddick and the Executive Director have received applications for that position and are in the process of interviewing qualified applicants. The Planning Department is currently working with the Moultrie-Colquitt Chamber of Commerce on a business incubator.

Glenda Battle asked Deputy Director Suzanne Angell to give the May financial report. Ms. Angell reported that the General Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of \$33,655.17. The General Fund's ending fund balance was \$327,742.06. The Revolving Loan Fund had a year to date excess of revenues over expenditures of \$1,676.71 which brings the fund balance to \$293,690.53. Ms. Angell stated that the year to date excess of revenues over expenditures for the year of the Regional Transit Program is \$8,668.37 and the ending fund balance is \$156,741.65. The Regional Partner's Network had a small deficit of \$61.80. The defined benefit Pension Trust Fund had a year to date gain on investments for the year of \$90,666.64. Dwight Hickman made a motion to accept the May 2017 financial report and Ed Wade seconded the motion. All agreed.

Deputy Director Suzanne Angell sought approval of a FY18 Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance as calculated by the Fund Balance Policy that was recommended by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts. The Council received an explanation of this with their packets and Ms. Angell further expanded on the reasoning of having the policy. Based on the FY18 Budget the minimum unassigned fund balance target is \$321,693.26. Raymond Breaux made the motion to adopt the FY18 unassigned fund balance target. Freddie Grimsley seconded the motion; all agreed.

The next vote that was asked of the Council was the adoption of Uniform Chart of Accounts as required by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Deputy Director Suzanne Angell explained the reason behind the Uniform Chart of Accounts policy being implemented across the state. She mentioned that it is very similar to what the SWGRC has at present time. Terry Scott made a motion to adopt the Uniform Chart of Accounts as required by the DCA. Dwight Hickman seconded the motion; all agreed.

Executive Director Robert McDaniel told the Council that the Regional Commission needed approval to accept a \$77,979.00 Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) contract. Mitchell Blanks made the motion to accept the contract. Ferrell Ruis seconded the motion; all agreed.


Mr. McDaniel then made a request to the Council to approve Monday, July 3rd as an additional Holiday day added on to the Independence Day holiday on the 4th of July for this year. Ferrell Ruis made a motion to grant the employees this additional holiday day. Paul Nagy seconded the motion; all agreed.

Robert McDaniel introduced the guest speaker of the night, Interim Director of WIOA Melody Pierce. Ms. Pierce discussed current programs that are offered through WIOA that are beneficial to both the prospective employees as well as the prospective employers.

Mr. McDaniel mentioned that the next Council meeting would be held at the Regional Commission meeting room July 27, 2017. Karen Rackly made a motion to adjourn. Freddie Grimsley seconded the motion; all agreed.



Glenda Battle, Chairman



Robert McDaniel, Secretary