

TO: COUNCIL, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

FROM: MS. FAYE PERDUE, SECRETARY, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 25, 2015

The Regional Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission held its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Hays Arnold called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Bennie Horton to give the invocation; afterwards Chairman Arnold led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regional Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Roger McDaniel, Chairman, Butts County
Ms. Kay Pippin, Mayor, City of Jackson
Mr. Tim Lassetter, Commissioner, Coweta County
Mr. Steve Stripling, Non-Public Member, Coweta County
Mr. Lee Boone, Chairman, Heard County
Ms. Kathy Knowles, Non-Public Member, Heard County
Mr. Bennie Horton, Commissioner, Lamar County
Mr. Peter Banks, Mayor, City of Barnesville
Mr. Irvin Trice, Non-Public Member, Lamar County
Ms. Beth Hadley, Chairperson, Meriwether County
Ms. Faye Perdue, Non-Public Member, Meriwether County
Mr. Briar Johnson, Chairman, Pike County
Mr. Raymond Ray, Commissioner, Spalding County
Mr. Douglas Hollberg, Council Member, City of Griffin
Mr. Richard English, Jr., Commissioner, Troup County
Mr. Bobby Frazier, Non-Public Member, Troup County
Mr. Hays Arnold, Mayor, City of Thomaston
Ms. Maggie Shook, Governor's Appointee
Mr. Ed Bledsoe, Governor's Appointee
Mr. John Edwards, Governor's Appointee

Regional Council Members Absent

Ms. Clair Jones, Non-Public Member, Butts County
Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey, Non-Public Member, Carroll County

Ms. Shirley Marchman, Council Member, City of Villa Rica
Mr. Clayton Hicks, Council Member, City of Newnan
Mr. Denney Rogers, Mayor, City of Ephesus
Mr. James Bray, Mayor, City of Greenville
Mr. Mike Beres, Mayor, City of Zebulon
Mr. Fred Roney, Non-Public Member, Pike County
Mr. Charles Jones, Non-Public Member, Spalding County
Mr. Steve Hudson, Commissioner, Upson County
Ms. Laurie Holmes, Non-Public Member, Upson County
Mr. John Rainwater, Lt. Governor's Appointee

Guests Present

Mr. Matt Brass, Congressman Westmoreland's office
Ms. Corinne Thornton, Office Director, Regional Community Services, Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Mr. Dick Ford, Mayor of Moreland
Ms. Runnette Bledsoe, guest of Mr. Ed Bledsoe
Mr. Winston Skinner, Newnan Times-Herald

Staff Present

Mr. Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director
Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director
Ms. Amanda Turner, Senior Accounting Tech
Mr. Robert Hiatt, Governmental Services Director
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Arnold introduced Mr. Brass, Ms. Thornton, Mayor Ford, Ms. Bledsoe, and Mr. Skinner and thanked them for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held April 23, 2015 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Peter Banks to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Richard English and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Arnold advised the members that Mr. Mike Beres was in the hospital after recent knee surgery. Mr. Beres is expected to undergo extensive rehabilitation and the chairman asked everyone to keep Mr. Beres (and his family) in their thoughts and prayers.

Chairman Arnold also mentioned that Mr. Ed Bledsoe will attend a doctor's appointment after today's meeting and he (the chairman) asked the council to keep Mr. Bledsoe in their thoughts and prayers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FY 2015 Revised Budget

Ms. Faye Perdue presented the Finance Committee report to the council. Ms. Perdue mentioned that the committee met earlier today; she mentioned that the council should be "in awe of Peggi and her team" and that it was "incomprehensible to me how they keep up with all of this, but they do an excellent job." She advised the members that the committee reviewed the fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015) budget revisions and the committee found it to be fine; Ms. Perdue recommended that a motion be made to approve the revised fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015) budget; it was seconded by Mr. English. Chairman Arnold asked the members if they had any questions concerning any of the items on the revised FY 2015 budget. The chairman added that the budget is a "moving target" and that it was brought to his attention this morning that the Three Rivers RC (TRRC) was in recent receipt of a \$94,000 contract for fiscal year 2016 (FY 2016). "It's the best that anybody can do and I think that our staff does a better than excellent job actually in comprising our budgets for us." Mr. Lanier Boatwright added that for a balance budget, TRRC is \$105.00 - \$106.00 under what was proposed in the budget. Chairman Arnold called for the vote on the motion and the second; the motion was carried unanimously.

FY 2016 Budget

Ms. Perdue continued with her report concerning the fiscal year 2016 (FY 2016) budget. She advised the members that as of yesterday, the FY 2016 budget did contain a deficit of \$17,380.00, but the deficit was nullified upon receipt of the \$94,000 contract that the chairman previously mentioned. She stated that the committee members found the FY 2016 budget to be "in good order" and she made the motion that the council approve the proposed FY 2016 budget; Mr. Irvin Trice seconded the motion. Chairman Arnold asked if anyone had any questions; there were none. He then called for a vote on the motion; it was carried unanimously.

AGING PROGRAM UPDATE

Pike County/Spalding County

Ms. Joy Shirley presented this portion of the agenda. During one of the previous meetings, Ms. Shirley reported that Pike County was contemplating taking over the senior citizens program and contracting with Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (TRAAA). The Pike County Board of Commissioners recently voted (on May 19th) to take over the senior citizens program and contract with TRAAA. By Pike taking control of the program, it will mean a few more meals that can be delivered and additional seniors that can attend the senior center. Ms. Shirley noted that TRAAA "is really excited to work them (Pike County)." Spalding County has also expressed interest in taking over the senior citizens program and contracting with TRAAA; Mr. Boatwright, Ms. Shirley, and other staff members have met with Spalding County officials to

discuss the proposal. The Spalding County officials will meet in the near future to vote on the proposed takeover of the program. If Spalding County passes the proposal, it will increase the amount of meals per day from eighteen (18) to fifty (50) at the center and the home delivered meals will increase from seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100). Ms. Shirley expressed her enthusiasm concerning the pending new partnership with Spalding County and the fact that more senior citizens would be helped by the new contract. Both Mr. Briar Johnson (Pike County chairman) and Mr. Raymond Ray (Spalding County commissioner) expressed positive comments about their counties' respective partnerships with TRAAA, with Mr. Ray thanking Mr. Boatwright and Ms. Shirley for their hard work concerning this change.

Mr. Boatwright advised the chairman that a motion might be in order to enter into the formal contract initiated with Pike County, effective July 1st, and also with Spalding County, pending the outcome of their meeting that is scheduled for later tonight. Last week, Spalding County gave their permission to their staff to proceed, but the contract's effective date is August 1st. Chairman Arnold stated that this was more of a "housekeeping" issue at this time, but that he would accept a motion to enter into formal contracts with Pike and Spalding counties; Mr. Horton made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Banks. The motion was carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the voting, Mr. Boatwright stated that TRAAA will now be contracting directly with each of the county governments concerning the senior citizens program.

THREE RIVERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Contracts

Mr. Robert Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. Since there are several contracts that require a vote, Mr. Hiatt developed a summary sheet that listed the contracts (State of Georgia, youth services program, technical colleges, office lease, on- the-job training program with Sugar Foods, etc.) as well as the staff's recommendations. He advised the members that the majority of the contracts are renewals; the contract for the on-the-job training program with Sugar Foods is a new item. Mr. Doug Hollberg made the motion to approve the contracts; it was seconded by Mr. Lassetter. Mr. Hiatt added that all of the contracts were approved by the Workforce Board. Chairman Arnold asked Ms. Kathy Knowles, chairperson of the Workforce Board, if she would like to make any comment; Ms. Knowles advised everyone that the Workforce Board approved each contract and that she also made the recommendation that the Three Rivers RC council approve the contracts. Chairman Arnold called for the vote on the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Local Elected Officials Meeting

Mr. Hiatt also advised everyone that a Local Elected Officials meeting is being planned with a possible date during the latter part of September.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Contracts

Mr. Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He again referred to the contract summary sheets regarding the transportation contracts. Several of the contracts are the FY 2016 5311 public transit ones with different counties (Butts, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding and Upson); the administrative service support contract with Coweta County; the transit contract (for TRRC's ten county area) with the Department of Human Services (DHS); the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for 5311 rural public transit for FY 2016; the FY 2016 5311 contract with Transitions Commute Solutions for 5311 transit service (in Butts, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, and Upson); and, human service transit contracts with Heard, Troup, and Transitions Commute Solutions for FY 2016. Mr. Hiatt advised that several of the contracts were renewals and that the staff recommendation is for approval of the contracts. Mr. Bledsoe made the motion that the council approve the contracts; it was seconded by Mr. Richard English and carried unanimously.

New Buses

Mr. Hiatt also advised the council that the TRRC staff expect to take delivery of Spalding and Pike county buses sometime in late August or early September.

New Transportation Provider

Mr. Hiatt reminded the members that a new transportation provider, Transitions Commute Solutions, will be in Butts, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Upson and Coweta counties. The transportation provider's contact information may change and Mr. Hiatt will keep everyone apprised if there are any changes to be reported.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Renovation of Griffin Office

Mr. Boatwright presented this portion of the agenda. He mentioned that the TRRC staff is still in the process of obtaining bids and quotes for the necessary renovation of the Griffin office. Mr. Boatwright is working with the City of Griffin Historic Preservation Department to get the needed approval on a few minor projects. We have asked about using vinyl window frames (for their longevity) to replace the wooden window frames which are subject to rot. He advised the members that the renovation cost was not determined as of now since we are still in the preliminary stage; Mr. Boatwright hopes to have that information very soon.

Cloud Technical Services

Mr. Boatwright advised the members that TRRC is currently speaking with VC3 about the prospect of supplying cloud technical services for our computer and email systems. VC3 will provide remote services as well as technical services; this company (VC3) presently provides

these services to several government entities in Georgia as well as a few other regional commissions. VC3 would like to make a presentation to the council if the members agree to such.

Filming in Griffin

The TRRC staff has been notified that AMC will be in Griffin filming during June 26th and 30th. The “Walking Dead” film crew will utilize several parking lots around the office as well as the parking lot directly behind our building; the staff will need to find alternate parking for a few days.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was presented under this portion of the agenda.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Knowles advised the council that Franklin was hosting a July 4th festival and invited everyone to attend.

Ms. Kay Pippin mentioned that Jackson was also hosting a July 4th celebration and extended an invitation to the members to attend.

Chairman Arnold reported that the Rock Ranch will host their July 4th festivities this Saturday, June 27th and invited the members to attend.

Mr. Bledsoe also mentioned that Moreland will host a July 4th celebration and barbecue and invited everyone to attend.

Ms. Faye Perdue reported that the Bulloch House had recently burned, but that the owner wants to rebuild the restaurant. Warm Springs recently hosted a fundraiser for the Bulloch House employees; over \$6500 was raised. Ms. Perdue also mentioned that a new restaurant, *The Fat Chihuahua*, was now open in Gay; the new restaurant is open on Friday and Saturdays evenings.

Ms. Pippin shared that the City of Jackson has removed twenty-eight (28) blighted properties in the past seven (7) months. The buildings or houses have been demolished and the land has been turned into green spaces.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2015. The meeting location will be the Turin Town Hall and the meeting time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Arnold adjourned the meeting after receiving a motion from Mr. Banks.

Faye Perdue, Secretary