

TO: COUNCIL, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The Regional Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission held its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Sharpsburg Town Hall in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Hays Arnold advised the members that a quorum was reached, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. J. D. Stallings to give the invocation; afterwards Chairman Arnold led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regional Council Members in Attendance

Ms. Kay Pippin, Mayor, City of Jackson
Ms. Clair Jones, Non-Public Member, Butts County
Ms. Shirley Marchman, Council Member, City of Villa Rica
Mr. Clayton Hicks, Council Member, City of Newnan
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
Ms. Beth Hadley, Chairperson, Meriwether County
Ms. Faye Perdue, Non-Public Member, Meriwether County
Mr. Briar Johnson, Chairman, Pike County
Mr. Mike Beres, Mayor, City of Zebulon
Mr. Fred Roney, Non-Public Member, Pike County
Mr. Douglas Hollberg, Council Member, City of Griffin
Mr. Charles Jones, Non-Public Member, Spalding County
Mr. Richard English, Jr., Commissioner, Troup County
Mr. Bobby Frazier, Non-Public Member, Troup County
Mr. Hays Arnold, Mayor, City of Thomaston
Mr. Steve Hudson, Commissioner, Upson County
Mr. Ed Bledsoe, Governor's Appointee

Regional Council Members Absent

Mr. Keith Douglas, Chairman, Butts County
Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey, Non-Public Member, Carroll County
Mr. Tim Lassetter, Chairman, Coweta County
Mr. Denney Rogers, Mayor, City of Ephesus
Mr. Irvin Trice, Non-Public Member, Lamar County
Ms. Charlene Glover, Mayor, City of Greenville
Mr. Bobby Blalock, Mayor, City of Zebulon
Mr. Raymond Ray, Commissioner, Spalding County
Mr. Jim Thornton, Mayor, City of LaGrange
Ms. Laurie Holmes, Non-Public Member, Upson County
Mr. John Edwards, Governor's Appointee
Dr. Maggie Shook, Governor's Appointee
Mr. John Rainwater, Lt. Governor's Appointee

Guests Present

Ms. Runnette Bledsoe, Guest of Mr. Ed Bledsoe
Ms. Laura Gower, Senator Isakson's office
Mr. Sam Marchman, Guest of Ms. Shirley Marchman
Mr. Collin Martin, Congressman Westmoreland's office
Ms. Corinne Thornton, Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

Staff Present

Mr. Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director
Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director
Mr. Robert Hiatt, Governmental Services Division Director
Ms. Amanda Turner, Senior Accounting Technician
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Arnold introduced Ms. Bledsoe, Ms. Gower, Mr. Marchman, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Thornton and thanked them for attending the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chairman Arnold announced the newest council members: Mr. J. D. Stallings, the new mayor of the City of Thomaston; and Ms. Charlene Glover, the new mayor of the City of Greenville. Ms. Glover was unable to attend today's meeting due to a conflicting schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held December 10, 2015 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Briar Johnson to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Clayton Hicks and carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Beres presented the Nominating Committee's report. The committee (Mr. Beres, Mr. Bobby Frazier, Mr. Clayton Hicks, and Mr. Steve Hudson) recommended the following candidates for the council's consideration:

Chairman—Mr. Peter Banks
Vice Chairman—Mr. Bobby Frazier
Secretary—Ms. Faye Perdue
GARC Representative —Mr. Steve Hudson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Arnold thanked Mr. Beres for the report and advised the council that they could accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee or accept nominations from the floor. Mr. Steve Stripling made the motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate as offered; it was seconded by Mr. Ed Blesoe and carried unanimously. Chairman Arnold congratulated the newly elected officers and turned the meeting over to Chairman-elect Banks.

Chairman Banks thanked everyone for their vote and stated that he was "honored to serve as your chairman." He also thanked former Chairman Arnold for his "show of confidence" and Mr. Beres and the Nominating Committee for their nomination.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

GCCMA 60th Anniversary Proclamation

Chairman Banks advised the members that the Georgia City County Management Association (GCCMA) is celebrating their 60th anniversary. After a review of the proclamation, Chairman Banks asked for a motion to adopt the proclamation. Mr. Hicks made a motion that the council adopt the proclamation; it was seconded by Mr. Richard English and carried unanimously.

Proclamations to Honor Mr. Hays Arnold and Mr. Mike Beres

Chairman Banks advised the council that it was his privilege to honor both Mr. Arnold and Mr. Beres for their service to the TRRC council. He then read the proclamation honoring Mr. Arnold and asked for a motion for the proclamation to be adopted. Mr. Hicks made the motion that the council adopt the proclamation; it was seconded by Mr. English and carried unanimously. Former Chairman Arnold thanked the members for this honor and stated that this was a "surprise." Chairman Banks read the proclamation honoring Mr. Beres and asked for a motion for the proclamation to be adopted. Mr. Hicks made the motion that the council adopt the

the proclamation; it was seconded by Mr. Bobby Frazier and carried unanimously. Mr. Beres added that he has “enjoyed working with each of you” and that he thinks that “we all have done a great deal of good work within our region and I thank each of you for participating in the jobs that you do. Thank you.”

Chairman Banks announced, “I have another proclamation...I’m just kidding” to the laughter of the council members.

REPORT FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE

Mr. Lanier Boatwright announced that two (2) of the committee members were present; Mr. Doug Hollberg advised the members that he realizes that he has a potential conflict of interest concerning the current provider (City of Griffin) and that he is “stepping back” from the matter. Mr. Boatwright stated that the issue is permission to pursue cloud computing. Mr. Hicks, an IT Committee member, asked to yield to Mr. Boatwright and the TRRC staff for their comments. Mr. Boatwright advised the council that the majority of state agencies are now served by cloud computing. It was also mentioned that TRRC’s three (3) offices are currently on different servers; cloud computing will put all offices on the same system. Cloud computing is also the most secure system available. Mr. Boatwright advised the council that it was time to upgrade the agency’s computers, software, licenses, etc. and the cost is estimated at \$220,000; cloud computing is estimated to be sixty percent (60%) of that cost. Several council members had questions about providers, the process to begin cloud computing, quotes on the services, etc. Mr. Boatwright advised the council that he was asking for their concurrence to commit to cloud computing. Ms. Kathy Knowles asked the IT Committee if they had a recommendation; Mr. Hicks stated that the committee is not ready to name providers or vendors just yet. He did ask Mr. Boatwright about the procedure and what was next in the process. Mr. Boatwright advised that selecting a company would be the next step and allowing the provider company time to get the offices online and communicating with one another; this could take six (6) months to get the offices operating effectively. Mr. Hicks commented that each office having a different provider has been a problem since the 2009 merger. Ms. Knowles made the motion to authorize Mr. Boatwright to pursue cloud computing; it was seconded by Mr. Bledsoe and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION FOR REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Jeannie Brantley advised the members that a Regional Work Program was presented to them a few months ago. This Regional Work program was submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and they have approved the program. As a part of the normal procedure, the council is being asked for their concurrence to adopt the Regional Work Program. Mr. Hicks commented that the resolution was so “that we have to approve their (DCA’s) approval”, which drew some laughs from the other members. Mr. Hicks made the motion that the council approve the resolution; it was seconded by Mr. English and carried unanimously.

AGING PROGRAM UPDATE

Area Agency Plan 2017-2020

Ms. Elizabeth East presented this portion of the agenda since Ms. Joy Shirley is ill. Ms. East advised the members that the Area Agency Plan is on a four (4) year planning cycle. The upcoming fiscal year will be the beginning of another four (4) year cycle. Ms. East explained that the Aging staff has been involved in a Request For Proposals (RFP) process for several services that the Aging Program offers. She stated that there was very little competition for the services and the in-home services (Homemaker, Personal Care, and Respite) received the most bids/proposals that were reviewed and scored by members of the Aging Advisory Council as well as Aging Program staff members. The current provider, Help at Home, Inc., won the RFP process and Ms. East stated that the council's approval was needed to retain Help at Home, Inc., as the provider. She explained that Help at Home has a regional office located in Newnan; they offered one hundred (100) extra hours which will decrease the client costs; and they are very prompt in responding to the Aging Program's requests. Chairman Banks asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Ms. Kay Pippin made the motion to approve the resolution (Council Resolution to Enter Contract with Department of Human Services); it was seconded by Mr. Fred Roney and carried unanimously. Mr. Boatwright advised the chairman and the council that their approval was needed in order to retain Help at Home as a service provider. Ms. Knowles made the motion that the council approve Help at Home as the service provider; it was seconded by Mr. English and carried unanimously.

Mr. Boatwright mentioned that the state is making changes to the Aging Program and these changes are not all for the best. One adjustment concerns the nursing home Ombudsman Program; the state is creating a "super region" and adding DeKalb County as part of our region. This will add 3,000 nursing home beds to our region for one (1) person to handle.

THREE RIVERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Robert Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He relayed that the Workforce Board met earlier and approved several new training programs for the region. Workforce is focusing more on higher wage positions, such as paramedics, heavy equipment operators, pharmacy technicians, etc.

The Workforce Board, by law, has to be restructured by June 30, 2016. The membership will decrease from thirty-one (31) members to nineteen (19). The new board will have to be reelected, certified, etc., in order to remain eligible for funding.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mr. Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He provided two (2) maps to the members; these maps were obtained from *GAroads.org*. This website contains information about projects in the various regions for the next eighteen (18) months. The first map reflects bridge and safety improvements while the second map concerns freight mobility and where the state is interested in making some short term investments on related roadway corridors.

Resolution to Contract for Transportation Services

Mr. Hiatt advised the council that their approval of the resolution is needed to contract with the Department of Human Services (DHS) for fiscal year 2017. It was noted that these are contract items that are handled on a yearly basis. Mr. English made the motion that the council adopt the resolution; it was seconded by Mr. Hicks and carried unanimously.

Private Non-Profit or Public Body Board Resolution

Mr. Hiatt advised the members that their approval of the Private Non-Profit or Public Body Board Resolution is needed for the 5310 Grant Program; this grant program is for the elderly and disabled population and their trips. It was noted that this is another item that is handled on a yearly basis. Mr. Bennie Horton made the motion that the council adopt the resolution; it was seconded by Mr. Frazier and carried unanimously.

FY 2016 5311 Capital Contract

Mr. Hiatt has received notification from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) that the FY 2016 5311 Capital contract would be received in the near future and they requested that they be executed and returned as quickly as possible. Chairman Banks asked if there was a motion to authorize Mr. Hiatt to have this contract executed. Mr. Stripling made the motion to authorize the execution of the contract; it was seconded by Mr. English and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Air Quality Report

Mr. Boatwright presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that we recently had the District Health staff in to perform an air quality inspection at the Griffin office. The Griffin office is experiencing mold issues due to water leakage in the basement; the insurance company has been notified and they have denied the claim. The TRRC staff contacted three (3) companies to provide quotes on clean up of the mold issue; Parker Young did not return our call while we did receive bids from ServPro and Blue Lake Group. ServPro provided the lowest bid of \$17,398.15. Mr. Boatwright advised the members that TRRC has the money to pay, but that it was not in the budget. He then asked for the council's approval to enter into a contract with ServPro for their clean up services as well as resolving the leakage problem with the basement's brick wall. Ms. Pippin made the motion that the council approve TRRC to enter into a contract with ServPro; it was seconded by Mr. Roney and carried unanimously.

Franklin Building Repairs

Mr. Boatwright advised the council that the leak has been repaired in the Franklin office. This leak damaged some hallway walls as well as some furniture. The insurance company paid to have the leak fixed, as well as the damaged walls and furniture replaced.

Legislation

Mr. Boatwright stated that there was not any legislation concerning regional commissions at this time. He spoke with Mr. Colin Martin, of Congressman Westmoreland's office, about the Transportation Investment Act (TIA); there may be another chance to do a TIA. Ms. Pippin mentioned that it may be an idea to have a TIA workshop before or after a TRRC council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was mentioned under this portion of the agenda.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Hollberg mentioned that Butts County and Spalding County jointly worked together to bring the Dollar General Distribution Center to the area.

Ms. Faye Perdue mentioned that the Georgia Hall Society Ball would be held this weekend in Warm Springs.

Ms. Pippin stated that Jackson was the sixteenth (16) safest city in Georgia.

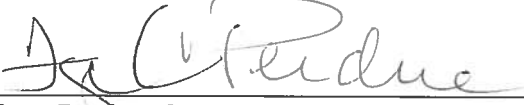
Mr. Boatwright advised the council that Mr. Dick Morrow's son recently passed away and that Mr. Tom Hall, LaGrange's city manager, also recently passed away.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2016. The meeting location will be the Sharpsburg Town Hall in Sharpsburg, Georgia, and the meeting time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Faye Perdue, Secretary