

TO: COUNCIL, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 27, 2015

The Regional Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission held its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 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. Ed Bledsoe 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. Clair Jones, Non-Public Member, Butts County
Ms. Kay Pippin, Mayor, City of Jackson
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. Faye Perdue, Non-Public Member, Meriwether County
Mr. Fred Roney, Non-Public Member, Pike County
Mr. Raymond Ray, Commissioner, Spalding 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. Steve Hudson, Commissioner, Upson County
Mr. Hays Arnold, Mayor, City of Thomaston
Ms. Maggie Shook, Governor's Appointee
Mr. Ed Bledsoe, Governor's Appointee

Regional Council Members Absent

Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey, Non-Public Member, Carroll County
Ms. Shirley Marchman, Council Member, City of Villa Rica
Mr. Tim Lassetter, Commissioner, Coweta County
Mr. Irvin Trice, Non-Public Member, Lamar County
Ms. Beth Hadley, Chairperson, Meriwether County
Mr. Briar Johnson, Chairman, Pike County
Mr. John Edwards, Governor's Appointee
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
Ms. Laurie Holmes, Non-Public Member, Upson County
Mr. John Rainwater, Lt. Governor's Appointee

Guests Present

Mr. Dale Graver, Vice President of Business Development, VC3
Ms. Catherine Anderson, Account Executive, VC3
Ms. Cheris English, guest of Mr. Richard English
Mr. Winston Skinner, Newnan Times-Herald

Staff Present

Mr. Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director
Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director
Mr. Robert Hiatt, Governmental Services Director
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director
Ms. Beth East, Program Manager
Ms. Linda Allen, ADRC Gateway Counselor
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner
Ms. Hope King, Human Resources Generalist
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Arnold introduced Mr. Graver, Ms. Anderson, Ms. English and Mr. Skinner and thanked them for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held June 25, 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 several staff members were celebrating work anniversaries. The following staff members were congratulated on their achievements:

Mr. Paul Jarrell (10 years)
Ms. Linda Allen (15 years)
Ms. Jeannie Brantley (30 years)
Ms. Joy Shirley (35 years)

VC3 PRESENTATION – CLOUD COMPUTING OPTIONS

Mr. Dale Graver and Ms. Catherine Anderson presented this portion of the agenda. Mr. Graver provided background on VC3 along with the fact that the company has over 160 local government clients from across the state. He explained “cloud computing” and advised that cloud computing is more reliable and more secure than traditional computing options. VC3 provides licenses, support, hardware, backup support and with VC3 you only pay for what you need; Mr. Graver indicated that there is never the need to purchase a personal computer or server again. The council members were encouraged to ask Mr. Graver and Ms. Anderson questions after the meeting was adjourned.

It was noted that during the VC3 presentation, three (3) council members (Dr. Maggie Shook, Mr. Richard English, and Mr. Doug Hollberg) had to leave before the meeting was concluded; the quorum was lost and no business could be conducted.

AGING PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Shirley presented this portion of the agenda. She advised the members that budget information was included in their packets, a copy which is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. She mentioned that there is a difference of \$58,483.00 in the FY 2016 budget and the FY 2016 revised budget and that there were some federal cuts involved in the revision.

THREE RIVERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Robert Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that Workforce has received grants for several of their programs, such as Dislocated Worker, Rapid Response and the Adult Programs. The Workforce Board has approved the signing of the grant documents and returning them to the state

Mr. Hiatt also provided the members with material, a copy which is attached hereto , concerning the eligibility updates for the Adult Services and Youth Services Programs; he advised that he wants the council to be aware of the adjustments concerning eligibility.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

RouteMatch Software Training Contract

Mr. Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the council that he would like to send a staff member to be trained on updates concerning the RouteMatch Software program, but due to losing the quorum, no action could be taken concerning this matter.

Transit Issues

Mr. Hiatt told the members that there were several issues concerning the transit program. Transition Commute Solutions became the new transportation provider on July 1, 2015. Several public transit vehicles became inoperable within a two (2) week period; the vehicles experienced air conditioning or mechanical problems. Several of these vehicles were wheel chair accessible, so the disabled rider population was affected. The counties were quickly advised of the problems with the transit buses. (Mr. Hiatt had advised the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in April, 2014, that several new vehicles needed to be purchased, but GDOT did not respond in 2014.) GDOT has been made aware of the (vehicle) problems, but procurement procedures have also been delayed. Mr. Hiatt was notified today that Spalding County's vehicles will be available in early September. Spalding County's transportation program should be available very soon; the other counties' transportation programs are up and running.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lease Agreement with City of Griffin

Mr. Boatwright presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that at their last meeting, the City of Griffin passed the agreement to reduce the lease by one (1) year; it will end in July, 2016. This will save \$30,000 in payments; this money can be used to make improvements to the North Hill Street office location. The Griffin office building has several basic as well as cosmetic matters that need to be completed. It was also noted that we need to adhere to the Historic Preservation Committee's rules and regulations.

Insurance

Effective September 1, 2015, Three Rivers RC employees' health insurance will be provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield (through the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia). This change will save \$80,000 in the first year.

Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC)

Mr. Boatwright advised the members that the annual GARC Conference is scheduled for November 4-6, 2015; the conference will be held at the King & Prince Beach and Golf Resort in St. Simons Island. The TRRC will pay the registration fee for any council members that are interested in attending the conference. He asked for the members to contact Ms. Jan Perez if they would like to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kathy Knowles reminded the council that in the past the council had voted to receive a per diem for attending the meetings. She asked if the per diem needed to be paid to individuals that left the meetings early before business is conducted or concluded. She does not agree with paying the per diem to any individual that leaves the meeting before business has been concluded. Mr. Lee Boone agreed, stating that, "I know how critical it is to achieve quorum...and I think that any member that leaves before business has been concluded, they should not receive per diem." The issue of consensus was mentioned with Chairman Arnold stating that, "I don't like to operate on consensus. We have open meetings for that very purpose..that they be open meetings to comply with the rules and regulations and I think that's the appropriate way to operate. I agree...I think that...I was counting as each person would get up and leave...and I saw what was happening. It's a shame. Mr. English did tell me that he had to leave earlier and Doug (Hollberg), also told me that he was going to have to get away." Mr. Boatwright stated, "Dr. Shook said the same thing." Chairman Arnold stated that "(it) is a very good point." Ms. Knowles mentioned placing this on the agenda for the next meeting and Mr. Boatwright indicated that the question would be asked for everyone to read when the next agenda is sent out to the members. Ms. Kay Pippin mentioned considering a brief executive summary annual report were mailed to all of our boards, individually, and comments made about attendance in terms of attending meetings,..this is kind of an out of the way spot and an easy to not come to meeting if you're really busy, but if it's important enough for us to be here then we need to have accountability to the people that we represent." Mr. Boatwright advised that an attendance roster is sent to the county commission chairmen and mayors of each of the governments at the end of the calendar year; he also added that an executive summary of this meeting will be completed since we did not have a quorum and that the issue will be presented during the next meeting. Mr. Bobby Frazier questioned, "if we have a quorum and people have already said that they need to leave (early), can we move some of these things up (on the agenda)? "Absolutely, you're absolutely correct," replied Chairman Arnold. "I think that we need to address these things from a time issue and anything that needs to be voted on should be placed number one (1) on the agenda. I agree with that. We can do that in-house. It doesn't take a vote to do that...we can manage that in-house."

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman Arnold mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Shirley) Marchman recently celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary.

The Town of Turin will celebrate their 125th anniversary on August 29th. The council members have been invited to attend the festivities.

The City of Flovilla will celebrate their 130th anniversary on October 10th with various festivities beginning at 10:00 a.m.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 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.

Faye Perdue, Secretary