

TO: COUNCIL, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 22, 2015

The Regional Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission held its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, 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. Mike Beres 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
Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey, Non-Public Member, Carroll County
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. John Rainwater, Lt. Governor's Appointee

Regional Council Members Absent

Mr. Roger McDaniel, Chairman, Butts County
Mr. Tim Lassetter, Commissioner, Coweta County
Mr. Irvin Trice, Non-Public Member, Lamar County
Mr. John Edwards, Governor's Appointee
Mr. Denney Rogers, Mayor, City of Ephesus
Mr. James Bray, Mayor, City of Greenville
Mr. Raymond Ray, Commissioner, Spalding County
Mr. Steve Hudson, Commissioner, Upson County
Ms. Laurie Holmes, Non-Public Member, Upson County
Ms. Maggie Shook, Governor's Appointee
Mr. Ed Bledsoe, Governor's Appointee

Guests Present

Mr. Dick Ford, Mayor of Moreland
Ms. Janet Hyde, Community Development Director, City of Villa Rica

Staff Present

Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director
Mr. Robert Hiatt, Governmental Services Director
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Arnold introduced Mayor Ford and Ms. Hyde and thanked them for attending the meeting.

He also noted that since the quorum was lost during the last meeting (August 27th), business could not be conducted and there are no minutes to approve from that meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appointment of Audit Review Committee

Chairman Arnold appointed the following individuals to the Audit Review Committee:

Mr. Hays Arnold	Mr. Bobby Frazier	Ms. Faye Perdue
Mr. Richard English	Mr. John Edwards	Mr. Mike Beres
Mr. Clayton Hicks		

AGING PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Joy Shirley presented this portion of the agenda. She advised the members that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for facilities services was completed every four (4) to five (5) years and that it was time to do this procedure again. Ms. Shirley mentioned that advertising would be in the newspapers next week; the bidders' conference will be held in December and the contract will be awarded in January, 2016. Public hearings are scheduled to be held at the senior centers in Griffin (December 8) and Newnan (December 15).

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

RouteMatch Software Contract

Mr. Robert Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He mentioned that a staff member needed to attend a RouteMatch dispatching software training session; the cost is \$1,000. Mr. Hiatt would like for one (1) staff member to attend this session and then train the other transportation staff on the updated software. Mr. Hiatt asked for the council's consideration in approving the training contract. Mr. Peter Banks made the motion to approve the training contract; it was seconded by Mr. Richard English and carried unanimously.

Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Authorizing Resolution and the Section 5316/5317 JARC Grant Resolution

Mr. Hiatt advised the members that two (2) authorizing resolutions need their approval. One resolution is for the Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Program (Butts, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, and Upson); this is an annual grant and the grant application packet must be submitted by November 30, 2015. The second resolution is for the Section 5316/5317 JARC Grant Program; this is the "mobility manager" program and concerns promoting the transit program to the various areas in our jurisdiction and to help people understand how it works as well as how to access the program. The Section 5316/5317 JARC grant application packet must also be submitted by November 30, 2015. Chairman Arnold asked the members for a motion to support the resolutions. Mr. Clayton Hicks made the motion to approve the resolutions; it was seconded by Mr. Banks and carried unanimously.

Bus Buy Back

Mr. Hiatt announced that an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) began in 2012, which allows the counties to purchase the transit vans/buses before they become a part of the state surplus. Several buses were recently turned in to GDOT; Spalding County asked the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) staff to purchase the buses on their (Spalding County's) behalf from GDOT. Spalding County will reimburse TRRC for the cost of the vans and the title transfer fees. Mr. Hiatt added that \$18,000 (per GDOT documentation) was the total cost for the four (4) vehicles; he asked the council members for their approval to make the vehicles purchases and transfers. Mr. Fred Roney made the motion to approve the bus buy back and it was seconded by Mr. Bennie Horton. Before a further vote, council members asked if Spalding County will purchase the buses from TRRC and was assured that Spalding County

wanted the buses and will purchase them. Chairman Arnold called the vote into question and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Arnold advised the members that in order to handle pending business matters, the agenda items requiring a vote were moved around. He then asked Mr. Hiett if there were any additional items that needed to be voted on and was told that there is one (1) item under the Three Rivers Workforce Development Discussion portion. The chairman advised Mr. Hiett to proceed with any matters that required a vote and that we could talk about any other transportation related items after all voting matters were handled.

THREE RIVERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

New Funding and Grant Award

Mr. Hiett mentioned that \$2.5 million in new funding has been received and that \$350,000 in grants was available to the Workforce Development program. In an earlier meeting, the Workforce Board voted and approved the acceptance of the grant. Mr. Hiett asked the council members for their approval to sign the grant and return the paperwork to the state. The chairman asked for a motion; Ms. Kay Pippin made the motion to approve the grant and it was seconded by Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey. Chairman Arnold called the question and it was carried unanimously.

Chief Elected Officials Meeting

The Chief Elected Officials Meeting is slated for October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.; it will be held at the Sharpsburg Town Hall. Mr. Hiett advised that there is a quorum for this meeting with fourteen (14) out of twenty (20) stating that they will attend; eleven (11) members are needed for the quorum. New officer elections are on the agenda for the meeting that night.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (part 2)

Inland Ports

Mr. Hiett provided the members with a Georgia state map; this map relates to information that he received concerning a "Network Georgia" plan. The Ports Authority wants to develop a series of inland ports, with the state being divided into six (6) regions; however, the Ports Authority has not released a great deal of information. Mr. Hiett spoke of the "win-win" for our region if an inland port was placed in one of our counties. We have favorable factors for such a project to be located in our area, such as access to a major container seaport, Class 1 railroad, Foreign Trade Zone status, etc. He encouraged the members to talk with one another and others about this project for the possibility of an inland port in our area.

Export-Import Highway Meeting

Chairman Arnold and Mr. Hiett mentioned that a formal Export-Import Highway meeting was recently held. Both noted that it was well attended by about twenty-eight (28) elected officials;

the main purpose was to present to the potential project plans to the various communities. The participants are eager to have another meeting very soon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Consideration of Cloud Computing

Chairman Arnold and Ms. Peggi Tingle advised the council that Mr. Boatwright was unable to attend today's meeting due to a medical issue that he recently experienced. Mr. Boatwright has had surgery, it was successful and he may be away from the office another week. Chairman Arnold mentioned that this was the second (2nd) time in thirty-eight (38) years that Mr. Boatwright has missed a council meeting. Per the chairman, "That is pretty phenomenal for someone to go thirty-eight years and miss two meetings. We offer our prayers for Lanier to have a speedy and full recovery." Chairman Arnold has also had this same medical issue, the same surgery, and the same treatment in order to fully recover his eyesight.

Ms. Tingle advised the members that Mr. Boatwright wanted to report on the Cloud Computing and talk with them concerning this matter; unfortunately the matter needs to be tabled since he has the documentation and details with him and he is unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Arnold stated that he didn't think that a motion was needed to table the matter and that it would be discussed at the December meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of Quorum

Chairman Arnold mentioned that the council had some discussion about the quorum at the August meeting. He asked for three (3) volunteers to sit on a committee to discuss quorum issues and to solve this problem. The chairman advised the members that he tried to avoid this quorum issue by moving up the agenda items requiring a vote. Ms. Beth Hadley, Mr. Douglas Hollberg, and Mr. Clayton Hicks volunteered to staff this committee. It was noted that if the quorum does change, we may have to check policies, procedures, etc., so that these various components are in alignment with one another as well as these potential changes must be brought before the council members for their review and approval.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Hollberg commended the chairman and Mr. Hiatt on the recent Export-Import Highway meeting. He stated that it was a "good" meeting with the chairman agreeing. Chairman Arnold added that it was an "inspiring" presentation and that he hopes to have Mr. K.C. Conway make a future presentation to the council. He also added that we need to let our state representatives know the importance of the Export-Import Highway to our area. The chairman added that in Mr. Conway's opinion is that this is the biggest transportation project to come along in twenty (20) years and that he (the chairman) agrees with this sentiment.

Ms. Hadley mentioned that the Bullock House was lost to a fire several months ago, but that it is reopening early November in a different location on the main street in Warm Springs. She advised that this will be a tremendous boost to Warm Springs as well as to Meriwether County. There are still plans to host a candlelight tour during the weekend before Thanksgiving.

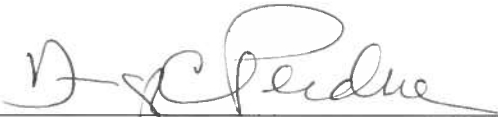
Ms. Kay Pippin advised the members that the late Airman Kcey Ruiz was welcomed home to the City of Jackson and Butts County on Tuesday, October 13th. Airman Ruiz was killed in a October 2nd plane crash near the Afghanistan border. City officials were notified one day prior to the airman's procession arriving in the area. City officials, Butts County Sheriff's Department talked with other communities and pulled together an enormous welcome home for Airman Ruiz and her family. Other communities sent police and fire vehicles to the area and over 2,000 people lined the streets to show their respect for the Ruiz family. Ms. Pippin thanked the other communities that helped with this event.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 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