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TO: COUNCIL, THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2017

The Regional Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission held its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday June 22, 2017 at the Sharpsburg Town Hall in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Peter Banks called the meeting to order after noting that a quorum was established. He then asked Mr. Briar Johnson to give the invocation; afterwards Chairman Banks 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. Tim Lassetter, Chairman, Coweta County  
Mr. Clayton Hicks, Council Member, City of Newnan  
Mr. Steve Stripling, Non-Public Member, Coweta County  
Mr. Lee Boone, Chairman, Heard County  
Mr. Denney Rogers, Mayor, City of Ephesus  
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. Charlene Glover, Mayor, City of Greenville  
Ms. Faye Perdue, Non-Public Member, Meriwether County  
Mr. Briar Johnson, Chairman, Pike County  
Mr. Bobby Blalock, Mayor, City of Zebulon  
Mr. Fred Roney, Non-Public Member, Pike County  
Mr. Raymond Ray, Commissioner, Spalding County  
Mr. Douglas Hollberg, Council Member, City of Griffin



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Mr. Charles Jones, Non-Public Member, Spalding County  
Mr. Richard English, Jr., Commissioner, Troup County  
Mr. Jim Thornton, Mayor, City of LaGrange  
Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., Non-Public Member, Troup County  
Mr. Norman Allen, Chairman, Upson County  
Mr. J. D. Stallings, Mayor, City of Thomaston  
Ms. Sallie Barker, Non-Public Member, Upson County  
Dr. Maggie Shook, Governor's Appointee  
Mr. Ed Bledsoe, Governor's Appointee  
Mr. John Rainwater, Lt. Governor's Appointee

#### Regional Council Members Absent

Mr. Robert Henderson, Sr., Chairman, Butts County  
Mr. John Edwards, Governor's Appointee

#### Guests Present

Ms. Lynne Riley, Commissioner, Department of Revenue  
Mr. Daniel Regenstein, Department of Revenue  
Mr. Winston Skinner, Newnan newspaper  
Ms. Corinne Thornton, Department of Community Affairs  
Mr. Tavoires Edwards, Transportation Manager, Coweta County  
Mr. Brett Smith, Congressman Drew Ferguson's office  
Ms. Karen Mathiak, District 73, Georgia House of Representatives

#### Staff Present

Mr. Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director  
Ms. Peggi Tingle, Administrative Services Director  
Ms. Amanda Turner, Senior Accounting Tech  
Ms. Kim Bennett, Senior Accounting Tech  
Mr. Robert Hiett, Governmental Services Division Director  
Ms. Hope Blakely, HR Generalist  
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director  
Ms. Belinda Jones, Georgia Cares Coordinator  
Ms. Emily Rogers, AAA Program Manager  
Ms. LeeAnn Davis, AAA Fiscal Coordinator  
Ms. Kim Dutton, Planner  
Mr. James Abraham, Planner



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Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner  
Mr. Sam Mukoro, GIS Planner  
Ms. Dawn Burgess, Office Administrator, Workforce Development  
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Banks asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves. Afterwards, he thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Chairman Banks advised the members that the minutes from the February 23, 2017 meeting needed to be approved. Dr. Maggie Shook made the motion to approve the February 23, 2017 minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Irvin Trice and carried unanimously.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Banks advised the members that he wanted to move his report until after the Transportation Update.

#### REPORT FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The chairman welcomed Ms. Lynne Riley, the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) commissioner, and asked her to begin her presentation. Commissioner Riley began her Power Point slide presentation, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Riley gave brief descriptions of the various functions of the Department of Revenue. She advised the members to visit the DOR's website (<https://gtc.dor.ga.gov>) and register to be notified when their individual income tax returns have been received to safeguard against identity theft or fraudulent filings. She answered a few questions and Chairman Banks thanked her for the information and for attending the meeting.

#### REPORT FROM BUDGET COMMITTEE

##### Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018) Budget

Chairman Banks asked Mr. Clayton Hicks to present the Budget Committee's report. Mr. Hicks advised the members that the Budget Committee met earlier today and that each council member has a copy of the FY 2018 budget. He began by discussing the fiscal year 2018 budget (FY 2018). He noted that it was "still a wild guess", but that state law requires that a budget be

adopted and in place by July 1<sup>st</sup> and that the TRRC staff does not have final contracts until the middle of August or early September. Mr. Hicks explained that the TRRC staff reviews past expenses for all of the programs and makes an “educated guess” regarding the new budget. He then advised the members that the Budget Committee members wanted to submit the FY 2018 budget to the full council for approval. Chairman Banks asked Mr. Hicks if he wanted to make that motion. Mr. Hicks made the motion to approve the FY 2018 budget; it was seconded by Ms. Charlene Glover and carried unanimously.

#### Revised Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 2017) Budget

Mr. Hicks advised the members that the revised FY 2017 budget contained last minute adjustments since we still had a few more days in the FY 2017 calendar. He noted that the Budget Committee wanted to submit the revised FY 2017 budget for the council’s approval. Mr. Jim Thornton made the motion that the council approve the revised FY2017 budget; it was seconded by Mr. Steve Stripling and carried unanimously. Chairman Banks thanked the Budget Committee members for their service.

#### THREE RIVERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Robert Hiatt presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that their packets contained a contract and agreements summary that was for their review and consideration. The Workforce staff has reviewed the contracts and have recommended that they be approved and placed into the FY 2018 budget. The Workforce Development office is in the process of updating and changing some providers; this information is listed under “Recommendations” on the summary sheet. Workforce Development must also shift some of the career case management personnel to the West Georgia Technical College locations in LaGrange, Newnan and Carrollton. Some of the Workforce’s youth providers are being changed in Heard and Troup Counties. During the earlier Workforce Development Board meeting, the members completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures for High Demand Career Initiative (HDCI) effort. Mr. Hiatt explained that HDCI involves a series of phases where Workforce will work with leading employment sectors in our region; the first (1<sup>st</sup>) employment sector is manufacturing. Workforce will begin a discussion on employment needs in the manufacturing sector as well as develop a partnership and resources to move forward and maintain this relationship. Healthcare and Logistics are two (2) of the other HDCI subject areas that are due for discussion in the future. After a competitive selection process, the Workforce Board approved the LaGrange Troup County Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the process for our region. It was noted that business and training contracts were recommended for approval and Mr. Hiatt asked the council for their concurrence regarding this matter. Ms. Kay Pippin made the motion; it was seconded by Ms. Donna Armstrong-Lackey and carried unanimously.

### Workforce Roles & Responsibilities Agreement

Mr. Hiatt mentioned that the Workforce Roles and Responsibilities Agreement was first discussed during April's council meeting, but could not be voted on since there was not a quorum. Mr. Hiatt gave a brief explanation of this agreement and advised the members that he recommended the approval of the agreement. Mr. Jim Thornton made the motion to approve the Workforce Roles & Responsibilities Agreement; it was seconded by Mr. Bobby Blalock and carried unanimously.

### TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mr. Hiatt also presented this portion of the agenda. He noted that there were several transportation contracts (i.e. Georgia Department of Human Services for several counties in our jurisdiction; Third Party Operator with Transition Commute Solutions; Coweta County's administrative agreement, etc.) that needed to be renewed. These contracts are renewed on a yearly basis and he asked for the council's concurrence to approve the contracts. Mr. Fred Roney made the motion to approve the contracts; it was seconded by Mr. Tim Lassetter and carried unanimously.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Banks stated that Mr. Lanier Boatwright was retiring on June 30, 2017 and that he "would like to present farewell gifts to our executive director. We all appreciate your service and will miss you here...we wish you all the very best upon your retirement. Thank you for your service." He presented Mr. Boatwright with two (2) gifts and Mr. Boatwright was given a standing ovation by the council members, staff and audience members. Mr. Boatwright thanked everyone and stated "I appreciate the support that you have given me all these years."

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### MAP-21

Mr. Boatwright presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that a MAP-21 informational sheet was located in their packets. Each state and department of transportation has the responsibility of providing information related to transportation within their jurisdiction. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has contracted with the regional commissions to handle this project on GDOT's behalf. The TRRC staff has started the process and provided traffic control information, types of traffic devices used in the area, etc. Mr. Boatwright asked the members to contact Mr. Sam Mukoro, GIS Planner, if they had any questions regarding this program.



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### Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

Mr. Boatwright advised the members that the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program notices were first mailed in January and that a promotional training session has been held. Invitation and training information should be issued next month with a technical training workshop to be held in October. The local governments will be notified about the training once the details have been confirmed. The LUCA program should begin in February.

### REPORT FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Chairman Banks advised the members that the Search Committee would like to present their report during an Executive Session since the report is confidential. He reminded the council that once the Search Committee provided their report and answered questions, the council would need to make their decision and go back into a regular meeting. Once the regular meeting begins, the council will need to make their decision known and vote on their choice as well as proceeding with the remaining agenda items. Mr. Trice made the motion that the council go into Executive Session; it was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried unanimously. The TRRC staff and audience members were asked to leave the room in order for the council to hear the Search Committee's report.

After forty-five (45) minutes, the TRRC staff and audience members were asked to return to the meeting. Chairman Banks began by asking the council members "to approve the action that we took in the Executive Session by signifying 'aye' (majority voted in favor); all opposed, same sign (no dissenting votes)." He announced that it was a unanimous decision and thanked the members for their actions. Ms. Pippin commented, "I apologize, but we have media in the room and I believe we're supposed to state what the content of the motion was." Chairman Banks indicated that the legal requirement was met, but that he would announce the council's decision. What we did in the Executive Session was to ask that we appoint Mr. Robert Hiatt as the Interim Executive Director and that the Search Committee would continue the process of seeking the best qualified candidate for our executive director.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was presented during this portion of the agenda.



#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Shirley Marchman invited the members to the Thomas A. Dorsey Birthplace Festival in Villa Rica. The festival is free and will be held June 23-24, 2017; the event will include music, barbecue, and fireworks. Ms. Marchman shared that this festival was in its twenty-third (23<sup>rd</sup>) year and that Dr. Dorsey had written *"Take my Hand, Precious Lord"* and *"Peace in the Valley."*

Mr. Hicks announced that today's meeting would be his last meeting as a TRRC council member; he has asked the City of Newnan to replace him on the council. He remarked "after serving on this board from the very beginning and two (2) to three (3) years before that...we've talked about the need for change and I think that a lot of that needs to start at the top. So, I think that it's time for fresh leadership from the City of Newnan." Chairman Banks added "thank you for being vice chairman and we'll accept it with regret." The council members and staff gave Mr. Hicks a round of applause for his service and support to the council.

Mr. Denney Rogers stated "I want to brag on an employee that's here today. We had a problem with a Census map. We turned ours in, things happened and Mr. Sam Mukoro was working on it up until the last day that it had to be turned in. And he left a Memorial Day (staff) party...it was Memorial Day weekend...he left the gathering, drove to Ephesus and we sat down and worked on the map. He didn't have to do that and I want to publicly thank him and I want it in the minutes that Sam Mukoro went out of his way to help us." Chairman Banks thanked Mr. Mukoro for his work and the council gave him (Mr. Mukoro) a round of applause.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Chairman Banks announced that the next meeting would be August 24, 2017. The meeting location is the Sharpsburg Town Hall and the meeting time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Banks adjourned the meeting after receiving a motion from Ms. Sallie Barker.



Faye Perdue, Secretary