

TO: PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

FROM: MR. DUSTIN KORITKO, CHAIRMAN, PLANNING AND
PROJECTS COMMITTEE
THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PLANNING AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning and Projects Committee held a meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022. The meeting was held at the Turin Town Hall in Turin, Georgia. Committee Chair Dustin Koritko welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. Mr. Greg Wright gave the invocation; afterwards, Committee Chair Koritko led the committee members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken and the following individuals attended:

Planning and Projects Committee Members in Attendance

Mr. Kevin Hemphill, Non-Public Member, Carroll County
Mr. Dustin Koritko, Council Member, City of Newnan
Mr. Greg Wright, Non-Public Member, Coweta County
Mr. Lee Boone, Chair, Heard County
Ms. Kathy Knowles, Non-Public Member, Heard County
Ms. Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Commissioner, Spalding County
Mr. Doug Hollberg, Mayor, City of Griffin
Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., Non-Public Member, Troup County
Ms. Adrienne Shales, Non-Public Member, Upson County

Additional Three Rivers Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Terry Nolan, Non-Public Member, Butts County

Guests in Attendance

Mr. Donald Cuttie, Mayor, City of Luthersville
Ms. Corinne Thornton, Office Director of Regional Community Services, Department of Community Affairs

Staff Present

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul, Executive Director
Ms. Angela Jackson, Administrative Services Director
Ms. Kim Bennett, Deputy Administrative Services Director
Ms. Mandy Nicholson, HR Manager
Ms. Jan Perez, Secretary, Administrative Services
Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director
Mr. Paul Jarrell, Planner
Ms. Shari Selch, GIS Planner
Ms. Joy Shirley, AAA Director
Ms. Emily Rogers, Deputy AAA Director
Mr. Tommy Kennedy, Transit Program Director
Ms. Stephanie Glenn, Workforce Development Director
Ms. Stephanie Matthews, Deputy Workforce Development Director
Ms. Dawn Burgess, Office Administrator, Workforce Development
Ms. Kedra Banning, Youth Services Manager, Workforce Development
Mr. William Danny Mitchell, Business Services Manager, Workforce Development

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2022 MINUTES (action item)

Committee Chair Koritko advised the members that the minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting needed to be approved. Mr. Curtis Brown, Jr., made the motion to approve the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes; it was seconded by Mr. Lee Boone. Committee Chair Koritko asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (action item)

Committee Chair Koritko advised that a motion was needed to approve the agenda. Mr. Brown, Jr. made the motion to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Ms. Kathy Knowles. Committee Chair Koritko asked if there was any discussion; hearing none, he called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

ROADWAY ELEMENT VALIDATION AND MAPPING PROGRAM (REVAMP)

Mr. Paul Tanner, REVAMP Liaison for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) presented this portion of the agenda. Mr. Tanner advised that REVAMP was formerly named MAP-21. The program seeks to capture data elements important to local, state and federal governments. REVAMP is a unified communication strategy for the twelve (12) areas within the state of Georgia; these 12 areas align with the regional commissions. Mr. Tanner gave a brief review of Phase 1 and 2 of REVAMP as well as the duties of the counties and municipalities to notify GDOT in connection with the addition of streets, abandonment of streets, etc. REVAMP is noted to be an “innovative” approach that supports asset management and safety programs on all levels (local, state and federal) as well as focuses on data quality.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tanner’s presentation, Ms. Jeannie Brantley introduced the newest Planning staff member, Ms. Shari Selch; Ms. Selch is the GIS Planner for Three Rivers Regional Commission.

TRRC BROADBAND TASK FORCE UPDATE

Mr. Paul Jarrell presented this portion of the agenda. He advised the members that the final GBDI (Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative) rules will be posted soon. Both Mr. Jarrell and Ms. Corinne Thornton noted that additional funding is available and encouraged everyone to check into the funding and apply.

TRRC COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) FULL UPDATE

Ms. Jeannie Brantley presented this portion of the agenda. She reminded everyone that a committee and stakeholder advisory group needed to be established; this was previously mentioned during the May Planning and Projects Committee meeting. She asked the committee members to submit names of individuals from their respective areas that could serve on the advisory group. She would like the group to begin meeting very soon and the goal is to have the CEDS process completed by September 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Kirk Fjelstul presented this portion of the agenda. He advised that one (1) topic that everyone agreed upon was that the members need more information on the programs that TRRC offers. Today's "spotlight" is on the Aging Program with Ms. Joy Shirley and Ms. Emily Rogers providing information about the various programs under Aging's "umbrella." The Aging Program is experiencing a 50% increase in requests/calls for services due the aftermath of COVID-19. Ms. Shirley advised that the state of Georgia has twelve (12) AAA programs and that there are 622 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in the United States. Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (TRAAA) administers programs for senior citizens, caregivers, disabled individuals, and grandparents raising grandchildren. It was reiterated that there is a rapidly growing need for services. Individuals should call the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 1-866-854-5652 for information about available services, resources in the region, to be screened for services, etc. Both Ms. Shirley and Ms. Rogers gave a brief description of the services offered under the Aging Program, and they encouraged the members to contact the ADRC for additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was presented under this portion of the agenda.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Committee Chair Koritko advised that the Planning and Projects Committee will meet on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; more details will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Koritko adjourned the meeting after receiving a motion from Mr. Brown, Jr. and a second from Mr. Kevin Hemphill.

Dustin Koritko, Chairman
Planning and Projects Committee