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**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
January 22, 2019
10:30 A.M.
Minutes Summary**

Members Attending

(Representing 14 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Waters, Ft. Gaines
Bruce Hill, Oglethorpe, RVRC Secretary
Carvel Lewis, Quitman
Chip Jones, Stewart
Danny Blackmon, Quitman
Doug Etheridge, Harris
Dr. Edward Lee, Chattahoochee
Harry Lange, Harris

James Morton, Chattahoochee
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion
Jayson Griffin, Macon
Jeanie Bartee, Cordele
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee,
RVRC Vice Chairman
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph
Kevin Brown, Buena Vista
Knox Blackmar, Talbotton
Matt Gunnels, Marion

Melvin Crimes, Webster
Mickey George, Macon
Nelson Brown, Americus
Randy Howard, Sumter, RVRC
Chairman
Richard McCorkle, Marion
Tameka Harris, Taylor
Terrell Hudson, Dooly
Tony Kennedy, Webster
Wally Summers, Sumter

Members Not Attending

Barry Whitley, Butler
Clay Jones, Sumter
Damon Hoyte, Chattahoochee
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot

Ernest Jenkins, Clay
Greg Barineau, Schley
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart
Maggie McGruther, Sumter

Pam Jordan, Talbot
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp
Skip Henderson, Muscogee
Steve Whatley, Cuthbert
Tom Queen, Taylor

Others Present

Jack Tinkler, Regions Bank
Jennifer Andrews, Regions Bank
Joyce Deasy, Regions Bank
Bill Twomey, ACCG
Janice Jarvis, Sumter County
Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue's
Representative

P. J. Waldrop, Senator Perdue's
Deputy Chief of Staff
Laura Gower, Senator
Loeffler's Representative
Tammie Jones, Cong. Bishop's
Representative
Paul Farr, SGTC
Cynthia Carter, SGTC
Rebecca White, Randolph

Shonda Blair, Taylor County
Susan Gallagher, New Horizons
Debbie Stone, Lumpkin
Janet Joiner, Vienna
Sarah Lee Crumbs, Quitman
Family Connections
Edwina Turner, Stewart Family
Connections
James Davenport, Clay County

Staff Members

Jim Livingston, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer

Katie Howard, AAA Director
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Janice West, WIOA Director

Grant Richardson, Community
Development
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Chattahoochee | Clay | Crisp | Dooly | Harris | Macon | Marion | Muscogee
Quitman | Randolph | Schley | Stewart | Sumter | Talbot | Taylor | Webster

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WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Randy Howard, Sumter County, RVRC Chairman, brought the regular meeting of the River Valley Regional Council to order at 10:30 a.m. He welcomed council members and visitors. Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County, RVRC Vice Chair, gave the invocation and Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe, RVRC Secretary, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Livingston, Executive Director, told the council that two members of the RVRC community had passed away since the last council meeting. He asked for a moment of silence to remember Gail Simpson, RVRC staff member for 25 years, and Rebecca Chambers, Mayor of Hamilton, and council member for 15 years.

MINUTES*

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 20, 2019 council meeting which were either mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review. The minutes were included in the council packet for review.

There being no changes or additions Randy Howard, Chairman, requested a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 council minutes.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

FRAUD PREVENTION AWARENESS

Jim Livingston, Executive Director, introduced guests Jack Tinkler, Commercial Relationship Manager; Joyce Deasy, Treasury Management; and Jennifer Andrews, Treasury Management Officer from Regions Bank. Ms. Deasy gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation explaining how to protect business and personal bank accounts and transactions.

DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYEE’S BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 (PER O.C.G.A.)*

Jim Livingston, Executive Director, explained that the RVRC is required, by the Department of Community Affairs, to disclose if any employee has had any business transactions with local governments within the region. He reported that no employee has indicated any business transactions with local governments.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested permission to notify DCA (Georgia Department of Community Affairs) that there were no employee business transactions to report.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to grant the request to notify DCA of this information; Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PLANNING GRANT*

Jim Livingston, Executive Director, presented and explained a resolution to apply for a Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment Planning Grant. The resolution was included in the council packet for review.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested a motion for council approval of the resolution to apply for a Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment Planning Grant.

Melvin Crimes, Webster County, made a motion to approve the resolution; Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

GARC COLLABORATION, COORDINATION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT RESOLUTION*

Jim Livingston, Executive Director presented and explained a resolution to collaborate, coordinate and support the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions. The resolution was included in the council packet for review.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested a motion for council approval of the GARC Collaboration, Coordination and Mutual Support Resolution.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to approve the resolution; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO FY21 CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF AGING SERVICES*

Katie Howard, AAA Director, presented and explained a resolution for the RVRC to enter into a contract with the Department of Human Services to provide Aging Services to the 16-county region. The resolution was included in the council packet for review.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested a motion for council approval of a resolution to enter into a contract with the Department of Human Services for the provision of aging services for FY21.

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee, made a motion to approve the resolution; Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR AAA PROVIDERS FOR 2021-2025*

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, explained that Request for Proposals for Service Providers had been reviewed and providers recommended. She noted no new service providers had submitted RFPs. The provider list was included in the council packet for review.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested approval of the selected service providers for 2021-2025. James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee, made a motion to approve the providers recommended; Melvin Crimes, Webster, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT 1

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer, explained Budget Amendment 1 had been presented to the Executive Committee and that it had been recommended for approval. Emily then explained the amendment changes to the council. The budget amendment was included in the council packet for review.

Randy Howard, Chairman, requested a motion for council approval for Budget Amendment 1 to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

Carvel Lewis, Quitman County, made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 1; Dr. Edward Lee, Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

STAFF REPORTS

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Katie Howard, AAA Director; Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director; Grant Richardson, Community Development; Janice West, WIOA Director; and Gerald Mixon, Planning Director, presented staff reports for their departments.

ADJOURN

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to adjourn; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.