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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia
Minutes Summary
February 28, 2018

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 15 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
Jason Hoch, Schley County
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County, RVRC Secretary
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Tameka Harris, Taylor County
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Janice West, WIOA Director
Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Dev. Dir.
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Members Not Present

Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC Chair
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Jeanie Bartee, City of Cordele
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Mickey George, Macon County
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Randy Howard, Sumter County, RVRC Vice Chair
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Tony Kennedy, Webster County
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Others Present

Berneta Haynes, Georgia Watch, Director
Elaine Gillispie, Congressman Bishop's Representative
Laura Gower, Senator Johnny Isakson's Representative
Sarah Lee Crumbs, Georgetown-Quitman Co. Family
Connections Coordinator
Edwina Turner, Stewart Co. Family Connections Coordinator
Lindsey Glisson, Deputy Clerk of Council, Muscogee County
Candy Head, Georgia Department of Labor
Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin
Vickie Wainwright, City of Butler
Paul Farr, South GA Technical College
Jamie Barnes, Muscogee County

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Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and recognized visitors. He then asked Harry Lange, Harris County, to lead the council in prayer and he then lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2018 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, requested a motion to approve the January 24, 2018 council minutes. Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Georgia Watch: An Overview

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, introduced guest speaker Berneta Haynes, Director of Equity and Access at Georgia Watch. Ms. Haynes gave a slideshow presentation explaining Georgia Watch which is an advocate for all Georgia consumers on matters that impact their quality of life through education, advocacy and policy development. She said Georgia Watch focuses attention on communities/people that need a champion, particularly those most affected by predatory business practices, high cost of utilities and healthcare, and restricted access to the civil justice system.

Resolution to Enter Into FY19 Contract with DHS for the Provision of Aging Services

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, presented a resolution for approval to enter into a FY19 contract with the Department of Human Services for the provision of aging services. The resolution was include in the council packets.

Pops Barnes requested a motion to approve the resolution to enter into the FY19 Department of Human Services contract for the provision of aging services. Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, made a motion to approve the request to approve the resolution; Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of Job Descriptions

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, presented job descriptions that were updated to meet the Department of Human Service contract requirements. She explained that education requirements were updated for some positions and job duties were also redistributed for some positions due to staff turnover. Patti explained that the Executive Committee had reviewed the job descriptions at their last committee meeting and had recommended approval.

Pop Barnes, Secretary, requested a motion to approve the AAA job descriptions. Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County, made a motion to approve the AAA job descriptions;

Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. With a show of hands, the motion passed with no opposition.

Staff Reports

Katie Howard, AAA Director; Allison Slocum, Senior Planner; Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director; Janice West, WIOA Director; and Emily Chambers, Finance Officer presented staff reports for their departments.

ADJOURN

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, explained that due to unforeseen circumstances at the prison Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, was not able to attend the meeting and Randy Howard, Vice Chair, was in Atlanta at the state capitol lobbying for Broadband and E-911 issues.

There being no further business to come before the council; the meeting then adjourned.