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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia**

**Summary
April 25, 2018**

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 15 Counties)
A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Barry Waters, City of Ft. Gaines
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County,
RVRC Chair
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
Harry Lange, Harris County
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion Co.
Jason Hoch, Schley County
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee Co.,
RVRC Secretary
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Mickey George, Macon County
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County

Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Randy Howard, Sumter County,
RVRC Vice Chair
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG
Tony Kennedy, Webster County
Walt Rosso, Cusseta-Chattahoochee Co.

Members Not Present

Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman Co.
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion Co.
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee
Jeanie Barteel, City of Cordele
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert

Tameka Harris, Taylor County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Others Present

Elaine Gillispie, Congressman Bishop's
Representative
Amy Boney, Director Lighthouse
Children's Advocacy Center
Denise Grier
Justin Johnson
Debbie Stone, City of Lumpkin

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Dir.
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Rick Morris, Planning Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Jim Livingston, Comm. & Eco. Dev. Dir.
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Janice West, WIOA Director
Joel Hanif, Community Developer
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

Clinton Perry, Jr. brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any visitors. He then asked Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Secretary, to lead the council in prayer and Randy Howard, Vice Chair, then lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 28, 2018 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Chair Perry, requested a motion to approve the March 28, 2018 council minutes. Barry Waters, Ft. Gaines, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

LightHouse-CAC (Children’s Advocacy Center)

Maggie McGruther, Sumter County, introduced guest speaker Amy Boney, Director of LightHouse Children’s Advocacy Center. Ms. Boney gave a slideshow presentation explaining how the LightHouse Children’s Advocacy Center provides services for children that are victims or suspected victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, witness to violence, commercialization and sexual exploitation and other cases requesting assistance by law officials and DFACS.

Resolution to Enter Contract with DHS for the Provision of Regional Hunger Coalition Services*

Katie Howard, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, requested council approval to enter into a contract with the Department of Human Services for the Provision of Regional Hunger Coalition Services.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to approve the resolution; Walt Rosso, Cusseta Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of Care Coordination Contract*

Katie Howard, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, requested council approval of the Care Coordination Contract.

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County, made a motion to approve the contract; Walt Rosso, Cusseta Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Transmittal of the 2018-2022 Regional Plan*

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner, presented the Regional Plan for council review and requested approval to submit the 2018-2022 Regional Plan to the Department of Community Affairs. She noted that there would be more additions and corrections before the plan will be submitted. Ms. Cullen asked that all comments on the plan be submitted by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Barry Waters, Ft. Gaines, made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment; Patricia Goodman, Randolph County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Budget Amendment*

Emily Chambers, Finance Director, presented a Budget Amendment. She explained that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the amendment before the council meeting and recommended approval of the amendment. Emily then requested council approval of the Budget Amendment.

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

Staff Reports

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer, Katie Howard, AAA Director, Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Development Director, Janice West, WIOA Director, and Gerald Mixon, Planning Director, gave staff reports for their department.

Ms. Cullen announced that the May meeting would be the Legislative Luncheon and would be held at the Josh Gibson Center.

Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, moved to adjourn; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion.