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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, Georgia
Summary
November 29, 2017

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 14 Counties)
A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Clinton Perry, Jr. Taylor County, RVRC Chair
Danny Blackmon, Georgetown-Quitman County
Debbie Stone, Stewart County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County
Mickey George, Macon County
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Richard McCorkle, Marion County
Shirley Ann Christian, City of Fort Gaines
Tameka Harris, Taylor County
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, ACCG
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tony Kennedy, Webster County
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Members Not Present

Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman County
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
Harry Lange, Harris County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County

Jason Hoch, Schley County
Jayson Griffin, Macon County
Jeanie Barteel, City of Cordele
Jim Lawrence, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph County
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart County
Knox Blackmar, City of Talbotton
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County

Others Present

Don Morgan, Attorney at Law
Russell Lipford, & David McCoy, CPAs
Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC
Sean Roche, & Natalie Lee, Michael Baker International
Kenny Miller, Public Safety Technical Specialist
Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue's Representative
Sarah Lee Crumbs, Georgetown-Quitman County Family
Connections Coordinator
Angela Farley, Harris County AAA Advisory Council
Lindsey Glisson, Deputy Clerk of Council, Muscogee County
Mary Day, Muscogee County
Tommy Day, Muscogee County

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Tammy Collins, Finance Officer
Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Allison Slocum, Senior Planner
Mariyana Kostov, GIS Specialist
Jarrod McCarthy, Community Developer/Mobility Manager

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Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Clinton Perry, Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and recognized Kathy Burns, Senator Perdue's Representative. Mr. Perry then asked Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Secretary, to lead the council in prayer. Randy Howard, Vice Chair led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 25, 2017 council meeting that was mailed or emailed to council members the previous week, for their review.

There being no additions or changes, Clinton Perry, Chair, requested a motion to approve the October 25, 2017 council minutes. Melvin Crimes, Webster County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mary Day Complaint*

Clinton Perry, Jr., Chair, explained that the Executive Committee had met before the council meeting to review and consider the complaint made by former employee Mary Day. Mr. Perry said the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Council was to deny the claim and to take no further action with regard to her claim. Melvin Crimes, Webster County requested an explanation of the claim to the council. Don Morgan, Attorney, then explained that Ms. Day had filed a claim, demanding \$450,000, for perceived injustices – race discrimination & age discrimination. He noted that Ms. Day had previously filed a Charge of Discrimination against the River Valley Regional Commission with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Mr. Morgan said the EEOC denied that claim.

Mr. Perry, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to accept the recommendation; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Review and Approval of FY2017 Independent Audit Report*

Russell Lipford, CPA, and David McCoy, CPA, from the auditing firm of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC attended the meeting to review the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report compiled by the River Valley Regional Commission finance staff and independently audited by their firm. Mr. Lipford said the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is going to receive a copy of the audit for consideration for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The RVRC received an unmodified opinion by the auditing firm. Mr. Lipford explained that an unmodified opinion is the highest opinion possible.

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Clinton Perry, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept the FY2017 Independent Audit Report. Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to accept the FY2017 Independent Audit Report; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Next Generation 911 Overview

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, introduced Natalie Lee, Michael Baker International. She gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the impact of GIS technology on E911 systems. Telephone companies will no longer be involved in the data collection for the E911 system. The responsibility will be transitioned to local governments in 2020.

Resolutions Authorizing Applications for Section 5304, 5310 and 5311 Funding*

Jarrold McCarthy, Mobility Manager, requested approval to submit an application for Section 5311 funding for Mobility Management funding for the 16-county area. Mickey George, Macon County made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5311 funding; Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Jarrold requested approval to submit an application for Section 5304 funding for a Transit Plan for Clay County. The plan will look at possible benefits of Clay County partnering with Pataula Transit. Terrell Hudson, Dooly County made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5304 funding; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Jarrold also requested approval to submit an application for Section 5310 funding to Department of Human Services for transit service in eleven counties. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to approve submittal of an application for Section 5304 funding; Tameka Harris, Taylor County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Update on the Regional Plan

Allison Slocum, Senior Planner, reported on progress made toward completion of the Regional Plan. She noted that in June 2018 the council is going to receive the plan for adoption. Allison also requested everyone log into the website <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPDYJPH> and complete the survey. She explained this information is going to help define the Work Program for the next five years and insure efficient provision of services to the RVRC communities.

Staff Reports

Staff reports were presented by Katie Howard, AAA Director; Gerald Mixon, Planning Director; and Emily Chambers, Finance Officer for their departments.

ADJOURN

Clinton Perry announced the next council meeting date is January 24, 2018. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. There being no further business to come before the council, he requested a motion to adjourn. Evelyn Turner-Pugh, Muscogee County, made a motion to adjourn; Melvin Crimes, Webster, seconded the motion. The meeting then adjourned.