



www.rivervalleyrc.org

Columbus Office

710 Front Avenue, Suite A
P. O. Box 1908
Columbus, GA 31902
Phone (706) 256-2910
Fax (706) 256-2908
TDY (706)256-2944

Americus Office

228 West Lamar Street
Americus, GA 31709
Phone (706) 256-2910
Fax (229) 931-2745
Fax (229) 931-2917

**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Marion County Commission Office
Minutes Summary
October 26, 2016**

Members Attending/Representing

(Representing 16 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County
Bruce Hill, City of Oglethorpe
Cecil "Butch" McMickle, Marion County
Chip Jones, Stewart County
Clinton Perry, Jr., Taylor County, RVRC Chair
David Kinsey, Georgetown-Quitman County
Debbie Stone, Stewart County
Doug Etheridge, Harris County
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee County
Dr. Edward Lee, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Fred Gordon, Muscogee County
George Moore, Webster County
Harry Lange, Harris County
James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion County
Jason Hoch, Schley 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
Lee Hubbard, Clay County
Maggie McGruther, Sumter County
Melvin Crimes, Webster County

Mickey George, Macon County
Mike Speight, Crisp County, RVRC Secretary
Nelson Brown, City of Americus
Pam Jordan, Talbot County
Patricia Goodman, Randolph County
Randy Howard, Sumter County
Richard Morris, Georgetown-Quit. Co., RVRC Vice Chair
Shirley Ann Christian, City of Fort Gaines
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County
Tom Queen, Taylor County
Tommy McKenzie, Macon County
Wally Summers, Sumter County

Members Not Present

Barry Whitley, City of Butler
Carlton Wilson, City of Ellaville
Clark Henderson, Crisp County
Evelyn Turner Pugh, Muscogee County
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot County
Greg Barineau, Schley County
Hobby Stripling, City of Vienna
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee County
Steve Whatley, City of Cuthbert
Ralph Brown, City of Buena Vista
Rebecca Chambers, City of Hamilton
Richard McCorkle, Marion County

Staff Present

Patti Cullen, Executive Director
Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer
Katie Howard, AAA Director

Rick Morris, Planning Director
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
Jim Livingston, Community & Economic Director
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Others Present

Abby Cox, Director of the Division of Aging Services,
Department of Human Services
Kathy Burns, Field Rep. for Senator David Perdue
Laura Gower, Field Rep. for Johnny Isakson
Janet Joiner, City of Vienna

Edwina Turner, Stewart County
Vickie Wainwright, City of Butler
Russ Kern, Webster County
Representative Patty Bentley, District 139

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Clinton Perry Jr., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed guest and council. Richard Morris, Vice Chair, led the council in prayer and Mike Speight, Secretary, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of Minutes*

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 28, 2016 council meeting. There being no changes to the minutes, Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Harry Lange, Harris County, seconded the motion. Chair Perry asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns; there being none the motion passed unanimously.

Regional Approach to Tax Evaluations

George Moore, Webster County Board of Commissioners Chair, said Webster County would like to pursue having a regional tax appraiser for the counties that may be interested. A meeting was held October 13, 2016 to gauge the interest of other counties. Another meeting will be held immediately following the November 16, 2016 RVRC Council meeting.

A Blue Print for Change: The Future for Aging Services

Abby Cox, Director of the Division of Aging Services, Department of Human Services, updated the council about the future for aging services in the State of Georgia such as the budget, senior hunger, social isolation and poverty.

Staff Reports

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Jim Livingston, Community and Economic Development Director; Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director; and Rick Morris, Planning Director presented staff reports for their departments.

Other Business

Patti Cullen, Executive Director, reviewed the Department of Audits report on Regional Commissions and asked if any of the counties and cities were having problems or concerns with the RVRC performance to please let her know.

Clinton Perry, Chair, reminded everyone of the GARC Annual Conference to be held November 2-4 on St. Simons.

Adjourn

Chair Perry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Speight, Crisp County. The meeting adjourned.