

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall
Helen, Georgia
February 23, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 1:30 p.m. immediately following the Council Training at the City Hall in Helen, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Helen.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the Council Training.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for any comments regarding the minutes and attendance report for the January 26, 2017 meeting. Bill Chafin made a motion to accept the minutes and attendance report as presented and was seconded by J.B. Jones. Motion carried unanimously. (Attendance report attached)

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman welcomed and introduced our new Council Members – Billy Thurmond, Dawson County; Todd Levent, Forsyth County; Thomas Bridges, Franklin County; Natalie Crawford, Habersham County; Richard Higgins, Hall County; and Cliff Bradshaw, Towns County. She welcomed them aboard and stated the RC looks forward to working with them.

Faith Bryan, Information Specialist Director, was congratulated on the new 2018 Aerial Photography and LiDAR project. Ms. Bryan conducted an information meeting on January 30th at the GMRC Office and had a packed house. As of today, 30 commitment letters have been received. This project will be larger than the one in 2015.

The two WorkSource mobile training units have been rewrapped as part of the statewide branding effort. Congratulations to John Phillips and the WorkSource staff for coming up with the new design for the wraps for the units. The new design includes a winding road with the slogan, "The Road to Success goes through Georgia Mountains".

The GMRC Department Heads met with the new Dawsonville City Manager, Bob Bolz to explain the services which the Regional Commission has to offer to our cities and counties.

Thank you to Mayor Ralph Owens and City Manager Charles Cawthon for hosting the quarterly City/County Managers meeting on February 22nd at the Lavonia Depot. This is a time of great time of fellowship and discussion of best practices for our city and county managers that attend.

Financial Report

Andrea Newson, Director of Finance presented the Financial Report for January. The Cash Position as of January 31, 2016 showed a bank balance of \$1,213,876, receivables of \$141,408 and payables of \$7,520, with an uncommitted cash balance of \$1,347,764. The Revenue Expenditure Report for the period of July 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017 indicated the Actual Revenue Income of \$2,802,935, Expenditures of \$2,790,674, with 50 percent of the budget being expended for the fiscal year. Jim Conley made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Ken Schubring. Motion carried unanimously. The Council decided during the Council Training to only present the Financial Report quarterly which is required by the Bylaws and to change the formatting of the report.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

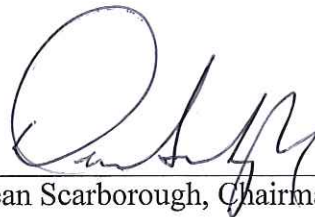
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next month's Council meeting will be on March 30th in the City of Cornelia with the location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

**GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2016-2017**

COUNTY	COUNCIL MEMBER	7/28/16	8/25/16	9/29/16	10/27/16	11/17/16	12/2/16	1/26/17	2/23/17	3/30/17	4/27/17	5/25/17	6/29/17
BANKS	Danny Maxwell	P (R)	A	P	P (R)	P	P	A	A				
	Jerry Payne	A	P (R)	P	P	P	P	P (R)	P				
	Leslie George	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P				
	Billy Thurmond							(N) P	P				
DAWSON	James Grogan	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P				
	Charlie Auvermann	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Todd Levent							(N) P	P				
	Chuck Welch	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
FRANKLIN	Robert Long	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P				
	Thomas Bridges							(N) P	P				
	Ralph Owens	P	P (R)	P	P	A	P	A	P				
	Gerald Voyles	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P				
HABERSHAM	Natalie Crawford							(N) P	A				
	Audrey Turner	P	P	P	P (R)	P (R)	P	P (R)	P				
	Ken Schubring	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Richard Higgins							(N) P (R)	A				
HALL	George Wangemann***	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P				
	Deborah Mack	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P				
	Ricky Carter	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Tray Hicks	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	A				
LUMPKIN	Bill Chafin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Chris Dockery	P	P (R)	A	P (R)	P (R)	P	P (R)	P				
	Sam Norton*	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P				
	J.B. Jones	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P				

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RABUN	Greg James	P (R)	P (R)	A	P (R)	P (R)	P	P (R)	A				
	Debbie Chisholm	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	A				
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P				
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough**	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	David Austin	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	P				
TOWNS	Connie Tabor				(N)P	A	A	E	P				
	Cliff Bradshaw							(N)P	A				
	Andrea Gibby	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	A				
UNION	David Stovall	A	P (R)	P	P	P (R)	P	P (R)	P				
	Lamar Paris	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P				
	Jim Conley	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Mitch Griggs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A				
WHITE	Travis Turner	P (R)	A	P	P (R)	P (R)	P	P (R)	P				
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P				
	Bill Black	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P				
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
	Angela Whidby			(N)P	P	P	P	P	A				
LT. GOV. APPT. SPEAKER APPT.	Will Wade	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	A				
	Vacant												
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P = PRESENT A = ABSENT R = REPRESENTED V = VACANCY E = EXCUSED N = NEW MEMBER

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary