

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION DINNER

Dawson County Middle School
Dawsonville, Georgia
May 26 2016

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its Annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dawson County Middle School in Dawsonville, Georgia. This meeting was sponsored by Dawson County Commission and Dawson County Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to this event. He thanked everyone for their attendance and noted there are a few items of business on the Agenda before the legislators are recognized.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

L.J. Harrison gave our devotion, invocation, and followed with the pledge of allegiance. In observance of Memorial Day, Mr. Harrison recognized and thanked all attendees that have served for our Country. Doug Wayne also presented all Vietnam Veterans with a pin for their service.

WELCOME AND LOCAL INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Berg, Dawson County Commission Chairman, welcomed everyone and thanked them for visiting Dawson County and thanked our Legislators for attending. Mr. Berg thanked Sandra Bottoms for the wonderful meal that was served. He also recognized Dawson County Commissioners Jimmy Hamby, James Swafford, Sharon Fausett, and Julie Hughes Nix; County Manager Randall Dowling; GMRC Council Members representing Dawson County, Charlie Auvermann and Peter Hill; and Mr. Berg's wife, Jane. Will Wade recognized Dawson County Board of Education Members Doris Cook, Karen Armstrong; and Elaine Wilson.

Chairman Scarborough thanked Dawson County Board of Commissioners and Dawson County Board of Education of for hosting our Legislative Appreciation Meeting and Dinner.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Vice-Chairman Dean Scarborough recognized special guests Kathy Papa, Department of Community Affairs; Cheryl Smith, Georgia Department of Economic Development; and Paul Chambers, AT&T.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for any comments regarding the minutes and attendance report for the April 21, 2016 meeting. Doug Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes and attendance report as presented and was seconded by David Strickland. Motion carried. (Attendance report attached)

OLD BUSINESS

FY17 GMRC Budget

The 2017 GMRC Proposed Budget was previously emailed to the Council for their review process. The Budget comes as a recommendation from the Finance Committee and Executive Committee for the Council's consideration. The total Budget for the Regional Commission, including WD, is \$5,650,372. The fringe rate is 43.32. There is an increase in Dues in the amount of \$15,688 due to the 2014 Reapportionment Censes Figures from DCA. The Budget includes 34 full time employees and one part time. This Budget includes adding one full time Case Manager position to Workforce Development. Mr. Chafin asked if there were any questions regarding the Budget.

Bill Chafin submitted a motion from the Finance Committee to adopt the 2017 Fiscal Year Budget as presented electronically to the Full Council including a 3% cost of living adjustment for all staff. Sonny James seconded and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Search Committee Appointments

Chairman Scarborough informed the Council that he had appointed an Executive Director Search Committee. Members were selected throughout the region and all have agreed to serve on this Committee. The Committee will meet sometime in June. Members are Sam Norton, Committee Chairman; Jim Conley, Charlie Auvermann, Bill Chafin, David Strickland, and Dean Scarborough.

PROGRAM

Lamar Paris, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, thanked everyone for attending and thereby showing our appreciation and support to the legislators that serve our 13 county region. The U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, State Senators and Representatives, and their aides for our area were all invited to attend. Mr. Paris

introduced the following legislators who were in attendance and allowed each of them time to make comments:

- Representative Lee Hawkins - District 27
- Representative Dan Gazaway – District 28
- Representative Kevin Tanner - District 9
- Joel Katz – Aide from Congressman Doug Collins’ Office
- Amy Turner – Aide from Senator Johnny Isakson’s Office
- Andrew Seaver – Aide from Senator David Perdue’s Office

Todd Edwards with Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and Terry Matthews with Matthews and Maxwell were in attendance and gave a brief report.

Mr. Paris thanked each of the legislators and aides for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend this meeting. He stated that the RC appreciated them being a friend to the Commission, but also wanted them to know that the RC was their friend. A gift was presented to each legislator as a token of our appreciation.

Chairman Scarborough asked if the Council Members that their legislator was not here tonight, if they would pick up their gift and personally deliver it to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

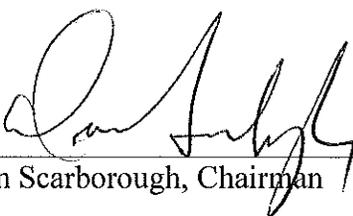
The Summer City/County Managers meeting will be hosted by City of Helen at the City Hall on June 1st. Georgia Municipal Association will be sponsoring this meeting. All cities and counties were encouraged to attend.

DOOR PRIZES

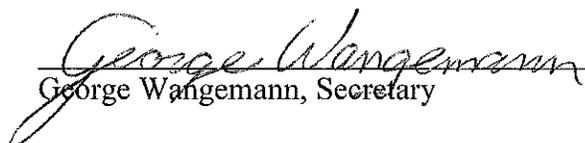
Door prizes were provided by Dawson County and were awarded to the lucky winners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2015-2016

COUNTY	COUNCIL MEMBER	7/30/15	8/27/15	9/24/15	10/29/15	11/19/15	12/4/15	1/28/16	2/25/16	3/31/16	4/21/16	5/26/16	6/30/16
BANKS	Danny Maxwell	P (R)	P	P (R)	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Jerry Payne	P	P (R)	P	A	P (R)	P	P (R)	P	P	P	P	
	Leslie George	P	P	P	P	P	P	P (R)	P	P (R)	P	A	
DAWSON	Mike Berg	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	
	James Grogan**	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
	Charlie Auermann	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
FORSYTH	Brian Tam	A	A	P	P (R)*	A	P (R)	P (R)*	P	P	P (R)*	P (R)	
	Welch, Chuck			P (N)	P	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	
	Robert Long								P (N)	P	P	P	
FRANKLIN	David Strickland	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P (R)	P	P	P	
	Ralph Owens	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	
	Gerald Voyles	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
HABERSHAM	Sonny James	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	
	Audrey Turner	A	P	P	P	P (R)	P	P	P	P	P (R)	P	
	Ken Schubring	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
HALL	Dick Mecum	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P (R)	P	P (R)					
	George Wangemann***	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	
	Deborah Mack	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	
HART	Ricky Carter	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	
	Tray Hicks	A	P	A	A	P	P	P (R)	P	A	P	A	
	Bill Chafin	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
LUMPKIN	Chris Dockery	A	P	A	P	A	P	P (R)	P	P	P (R)	P	
	Sam Norton	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	A	P	A	P (R)	
	J.B. Jones	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	

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RABUN	Greg James	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	P	P (R)	P (R)	A	P (R)	P (R)	
	Debbie Chisholm	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	A	P	
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough*	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	David Austin	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	L.J. Harrison	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	
TOWNS	Bill Kendall	A	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	P	P (R)	P (R)	P (R)	A	A	
	Andrea Gibby							P	P	A	A	P	
	David Stovall	P	P	A	P (R)*	P	P	P	A	P	P	P (R)*	
UNION	Lamar Paris	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	
	Jim Conley	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	
	Mitch Griggs	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	
WHITE	Travis Turner	P (R)*	A	P	P (R)*	A	P	P (R)*	P	P (R)*	P	P (R)*	
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Bill Black	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
		V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
	Will Wade	P	A	P	E	A	A	P	P	P	A	P	
SPEAKER APPT.		V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
	Peter Hill	P	A	A	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	

P = PRESENT A = ABSENT R = REPRESENTED V = VACANCY E = EXCUSED N = NEW MEMBER * = PROXY

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary