

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION DINNER

Dawsonville City Hall
Dawsonville, Georgia
May 30, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Council held its Annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Dawsonville, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Stovall called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to this event. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He noted that there are a few items of business on the agenda before we recognize our legislators.

WELCOME AND LOCAL INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Berg, Dawson County Commission Chairman, welcomed everyone to Dawson County. Mr. Berg recognized Dawson County Commissioners Jimmy Hamby, James Swafford, and Julie Hughes Nix; new County Manager Cindy Campbell; Doris Cook and Will Wade, Dawson County Board of Education; Michele Hester, Dawson County Community News; and Kim Bolm, Dawson County News and Advertiser. Mayor James Grogan, City of Dawsonville welcomed everyone to the Dawsonville City Hall. He extended an invitation to tour the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame and the new moonshine exhibit. He recognized from the City of Dawsonville Mayor Pro-tem Chris Gaines; Attorney Dana Miles; and also Gary Barr, Russ Chambers, Trampas Hansand, and Christie Haynes.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/DINNER

L.J. Harrison gave our devotion, invocation, and followed with the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for any comments regarding the minutes of the April 25th meeting. Kevin Tallant made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by J.B. Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Process of FY14 GMRC Budget

The 2014 GMRC Proposed Budget was previously reviewed by the Finance Committee and they recommended it be passed along to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Budget and recommended it to the Full Council for their review. The Budget would be emailed next week to all Council Members and copies were available that night for Council Members that do not have email. Council Members were asked to review the Budget and if they have any questions, to contact Becky Sievers or Danny Lewis. The Budget will be presented to the Council for their consideration at the June meeting.

Election of Officers

Chairman Stovall recognized Rex Farmer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Farmer stated that at the March Council Meeting, the following nominations were presented to the Council for their consideration: Sam Norton (City of Dahlonega), Chairman; Dean Scarborough (Stephens County), Vice Chairman; and George Wangemann (City of Gainesville), Secretary.

Chairman Stovall stated that these nominations come as a recommendation from the Nominating Committee. Charlie Auvermann made a motion to open the floor for any other nominations and was seconded by Peter Hill. Motion carried unanimously. There being no other nominations, a motion was made by Will Wade to close the nominations from the floor and was seconded by J.B. Jones. Chairman asked for discussion on the nominations, there was none. Chairman Stovall stated that this slate of officers comes as a motion from the Nominating Committee. Chairman Stovall called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously. New officers will take office in July and will serve a two year term. The Chairman congratulated our newly elected officers.

Chairman Stovall also recognized all previous GMRC Council Chairman that were present.

Transit Update

Adam Hazell, Director of Planning, reported the RC received a contract from DHS for transit services provided within our region. There are still a few questions that need to be clarified by DHS on our responsibilities. Our part of involvement in the contract would be to act as the contracting party and then process invoices. Service providers have been given the same contract for delivering the rural services for 2014. This would bring more money into our counties and most are ready to get this service started. This contract will be email to you this month. If you have any questions, please contact the RC office.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Update to Regional Agenda

Mr. Hazell stated that the RC, just like the local governments, must complete an update to their Regional Plan. This includes projects that are accomplished through the DCA contract. This

year, we are beginning to merge the Regional Plan and the Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) document so that in the future we will only have to update one document. This document contains a list of targeted projects for the next five years. If anyone has any questions regarding this document, please contact the RC Office or if you know of new projects or ideas that need to be accomplished, it is not too late to add those. This document will be emailed to the Council this month for their review before we submit it to DCA for their review and comments.

PROGRAM

Dean Scarborough, 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 Congressmen, Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, State Senators and Representatives, and their aides for our area were all invited to attend. Mr. Scarborough introduced the following legislators who were in attendance and allowed each of them time to make comments:

Bobby McMillin – Aide from Sen. Saxby Chambliss' Office
Bill Kokaly – Aide from Congressman Doug Collins' Office
Senator Jack Murphy – District 27
Senator John Wilkinson – District 50
Senator Steve Gooch – District 51
Representative Mark Hamilton - District 24
Representative Geoff Duncan – District 26
Representative Alan Powell – District 29

Chairman Stovall 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.

Executive Director Danny Lewis recognized Terry Mathews with Mathews and Maxwell. Mr. Lewis stated that during the legislative session, he forwards to the Council about once a week a legislative update from Mathews and Maxwell as to what has gone on during the week. Mr. Mathews and Scott Maxwell work as our counterparts at the Capitol with the state GARC organization. Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Mathews for working for us and also for attending tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

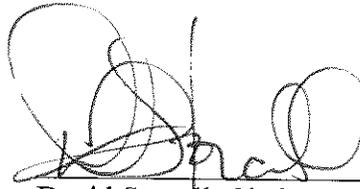
The June RC Council meeting will be hosted by Union County and City of Blairsville at the Union County Farmers Market and Cannery.

DOOR PRIZES

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.



David Stovall, Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary

**GMRC COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET
2012-2013**

COUNTY	COUNCIL MEMBER	7/26/12	8/30/12	9/27/12	10/25/12	11/15/12	12/7/12	1/31/13	2/28/13	3/28/13	4/25/13	5/30/13	6/27/13
BANKS	Danny Maxwell	(N/A)	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	
	Jerry Payne	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	
	Leslie George	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P(R)	
	Mike Berg	A	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	
DAWSON	James Grogan		(N)P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Charlie Auvermann	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
	Brian Tam							(N)P	P	P(R)	P	P	
	Ralph Perry	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	E	P	
FORSYTH	Vacant												
	David Strickland							(N)P					
	Ralph Owens	P(R)	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Gerald Voyles	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	
HABERSHAM	Sonny James		(N)P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	
	Audrey Turner	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	
	Vacant												
	Dick Mecum							(N)P	A	A	E	P	
HALL	George Wangemann	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	
	Deborah Mack	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	
	Bill Myers	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	
	Tray Hicks	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	
LUMPKIN	Bill Chafin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
	Chris Dockery							(N)P	A	P	A	P	
	Sam Norton**	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	J.B. Jones	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	

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RABUN	Stan Darnell	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Debbie Chisholm	P (R)	P (R)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	
	Douglas Wayne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P (R)	
STEPHENS	Dean Scarborough	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Ron Seib	P	P (R)	P	A	P	P	A	P	P (R)	P	A	
	L.J. Harrison	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	
TOWNS	Bill Kendall	P	A	P (R)	A	P (R)	P	P (R)	P (R)	P	A	P (R)	
	Andrea Gibby	P (R)	A	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	
	David Stovall*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
UNION	Lamar Paris	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	
	Jim Conley	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
	Mitch Griggs	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	
WHITE	Travis Turner	P	(R) P	A	A	P	P	P	P (R)	P	P (R)	P (R)	
	Annie Sutton	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
	Bill Black	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	
GOV APPT.	Rex Farmer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Paul Kreager	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	
	Will Wade	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
SPEAKER APPT.	Vacant												
	Peter Hill	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	

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

* Chairman
** Vice Chairman
*** Secretary