

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Cumming Playhouse  
Cumming, Georgia  
February 23, 2012

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 23, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at the Cumming Playhouse in Cumming, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stovall called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

David Stovall, Chairman  
L.J. Harrison, Secretary  
Mike Berg  
Bill Chafin  
Rex Farmer  
Leslie George  
J.B. Jones  
Paul Kreager  
Kevin Tallant

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 26, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Leslie George, seconded by Bill Chafin, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis stated that Mr. Harris Blackwood, Director of Governor's Office of Highway Safety would speak tonight on the "CarFit" Program. This is a pilot program for the State of Georgia. Faith Bryan will be the GMRC contact and the RC will be administering the grant. This program is designed to teach elderly people how to adjust their car to fit them. These check stations will be performed at festivals, fairs, churches, etc and might be combined with the baby car seat checks at these events.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Annual Meeting Report

Leslie George stated the Annual Meeting Committee met and reviewed the comments from the evaluation forms. The main concern was the length of time. The Committee made changes to the schedule and hope to be finished this year by 9:00 p.m. Information will be sent out earlier this year and we will also cut-off tickets sales at 300. These will be on a first-come first-serve basis. All areas will be tweaked regarding the amount of time spent on each and we will try out best to stay on schedule.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Board of Ethics

Chairman Stovall informed the Executive Committee that the GMRC has received a form from the State Board of Ethics to be completed and signed. Chairman Stovall, Mr. Lewis, and Kevin Tallant, GMRC Legal Counsel have discussed whether or not the GMRC must file this form. This form is mandatory for all public officials. Mr. Tallant stated that he has researched and found that should be filled out by public officials. Each one that serves as a Council Member are not members of the GMRC. State law is written and defined to say that it is the members of the Commission that fall under the requirements to enter these disclosures. Also, that the members of the GMRC are the cities and counties within the Commission's boundaries. As members of the Council, we do not fall within the definition of public official. The state law states that this should also be filled out by state authorities, state commissions, and state boards and the law is clear that Commissions are regional, not state. One of the Regional Commissions is questioning whether or not all RCs should have to file this form. It will be discussed further at the March 1<sup>st</sup> GARC meeting.

### Vehicle Bids

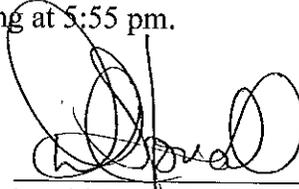
Mr. Lewis reported that the Council had previously approved in the budget to purchase one new vehicle for the fleet. He had contacted the City/County Managers and Chambers of Commerce for information on new car dealerships in the region. Bid packets for a SUV or crossover vehicle are ready and will be sent out next week. This will be brought back to the Committee next month.

### Elections

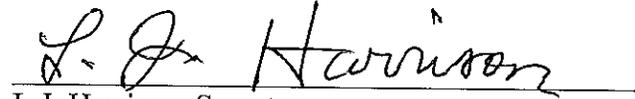
Mr. Lewis stated that the question has been brought up regarding election of officers. According to the Bylaws, an officer may serve three consecutive terms in the current position. Chairman Stovall and L.J.'s term will expire on June 30, 2013 and cannot be reelected to their current position. It was suggest that the new chairman be elected earlier in the year in order for them to shadow the current Chairman on their duties before taking office on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was stated that the Bylaws as unclear on the term of office due to some Council members serve two-year terms and private sector and state appointments serve only a one year-term. The Committee suggested that the Bylaws Committee address clarification on this before the next election.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was recessed to the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm.

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David Stovall, Chairman

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L.J. Harrison, Secretary