

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

First United Methodist Church Fellowship
Homer, Georgia
February 22, 2018

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship in Homer, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Town of Homer and Banks County Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present
George Wangemann, Secretary
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones

GMRC Staff Present
Heather Feldman, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

Due to there not being a quorum present, no action was taken at this meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the January 25, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting were tabled until next month.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman last month discussed with the Executive Committee the Department of Audit and Accounts (DOAA) report that had been received. Even though GMRC was not audited last year, the RC was still rated. With the findings that was discovered with the RCs which were audited, it is really being pushed for each RC to adopt the State travel policy. This is not due to anything that GMRC has done wrong, they just want everyone to go by the same rules.

Regarding funding, GMRC receives the lowest amount of State funding which is mainly through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Department of Transportation (DOT) contracts. Ms. Feldman had discussed with Rusty Haygood, DCA Deputy Commissioner if there

was any possibility of additional funding. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) will be presenting a webinar regarding what will be coming down the turnpike for Federal funds. We have received notification that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant was approved at the regular rate. WorkSource on the other hand has had a 10% reduction in funds for their budget. Some funding is still up in the air as to whether or not there will be any cuts.

At the last Georgia Association of Regional Commission (GARC) Executive Directors meeting, it was reported that there is a representative in the southwest region that is digging into a lot of previous audits. His intentions is to lobby to the legislators to get the dues that are paid to the RCs to be voluntary, not mandated. This is where part of our funding comes from. We need our Council Members and elected officials to call our legislators and promote what GMRC does our cities and counties in our region.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were three checks written during the months of February which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.) – Dec.	\$25,637.00
Aerial Photography Project Initiation and Start-up (1/2 payment of amount due)	\$57,838.54
University of North Georgia - Tuition	\$50,036.55

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

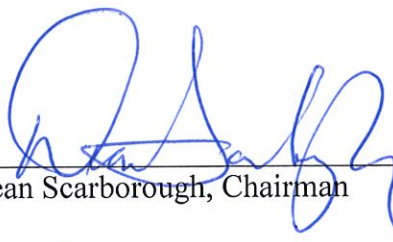
NEW BUSINESS

Organization of Ethics Recertification

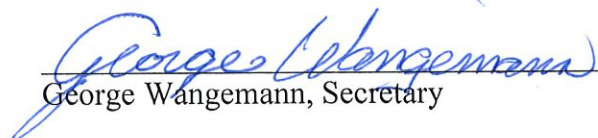
Ms. Feldman stated that in 2014, the Council authorized and adopted a Resolution for the RC to be designated as an Organization of Ethics by Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). This was a four year certification and the RC is up for recertification. Ms. Feldman read the Resolution. Just wanted to bring this before the Council to see if they desire to recertify.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary