

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Funopolis Family Fun Center
Banks County
February 27, 2014

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 27, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the Funopolis Family Fun Center in Commerce, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Banks County and City of Homer.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

Sam Norton, Chairman
Dean Scarborough, Vice Chairman
Mike Berg
Jim Conley
J.B. Jones
Rex Farmer
George Wangemann

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, Attorney
Adam Hazell, Planning Director
John Phillips, Workforce Development Director

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Chairman Norton asked to amend the order of the Agenda to cover New Business first.

NEW BUSINESS

FY15 DHS Transit Contract

Adam Hazell, Director of Planning, stated that the RC has been assisting Department of Human Services (DHS) with the rural transit services throughout the region. Our role in the process is the RC serves as a contractor with DHS and subcontracts with the local governments who are the transit providers. The RC processes the invoices. DHS has approached the RC to see if we want to continue doing these services for the next FY year. If so, The Council would need to approve for the RC to provide DHS with a letter of intent. Then we would bring the actual contract back to the Council in May or June after everything is finalized.

Regional Plan Update

Mr. Hazell stated that last year, the RC merged the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Work Plan and the CEDS document and submitted the Updated Regional Agenda to DCA. DCA sent it back to us and we made a few cosmetic changes, resubmitted it, and DCA approved it at the end of the year. The document is now on the table for adoption by the Council.

Rex Farmer made a motion to recommend the Regional Plan Update to the Council for approval. Motion was seconded by J.B. Jones and motion carried unanimously.

Department of Labor Data Sharing Agreement of Workforce Development

John Phillips informed the Executive Committee that when Workforce Development left DOL and went under the Governor's Office of Workforce Development some items the DOL singularly handled did not transfer. One of these is a computer data system that WD uses to qualify people into the program and follow them through the program by using their Social Security numbers. The Governor's Office of Workforce Development does not have this computer system. The RC needs to sign a one year contract with DOL to utilize this program at the cost of \$4,000-\$5,000, according to the amount of usage.

Motion was made by Jim Conley to sign this contract with DOL for the use of this computer data system. Motion was seconded by Dean Scarborough and motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 21, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by George Wangemann, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Norton stated that the Executive Committee had a lot to do and accomplish at this meeting. The RLF will be meeting immediately following this meeting.

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that Avery Niles, Commissioner of Georgia Juvenile Justice would be our speaker for this month's program.

Faith Bryan would be addressing the Aerial Flyover. Request for proposals have been sent out for the 2015 Aerial Photography and LiDAR project for the 26 counties in the North Georgia area. For those counties outside of our region, the neighboring Regional Commission has agreed for GMRC to conduct business in their regions. This project will be in four different Regional

Commission areas. The participating counties are looking for 6" pixel resolution photography in the non-forested areas and 1" pixel resolution photography in the forested areas. For six of the counties LiDAR will be re-flown in order to capture the area with the most change, specifically those with major transportation corridors and heavy development. This project will total \$1.5 million.

Faith is also working on a big cemetery project in Stephens County. She previously won a national award for one of her cemetery projects.

OLD BUSINESS

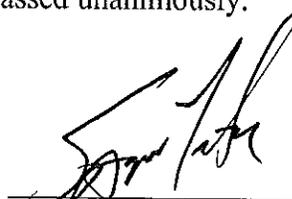
Discussion of Organization of Ethics

Kevin Tallant, GMRC Attorney, discussed with the Executive Committee the process that the RC would need to go through for the RC to become an "Organization of Ethics" through the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The RC would need to send an information sheet to GMA, adopt a resolution identifying the five ethic principals and an amendment to the RC Bylaws to establish these ethic principals within the Bylaws framework. There would also need to be a Board of Ethics created to hear ethics complaints, provide for potential penalties of ethics violations, and an appeal procedure. He explained that any Bylaw amendment has to be put before the Council at least ten days before the amendment can be adopted. The Council will be voting on this at the March Council Meeting. This would need to be passed no later than April in order to get it to GMA by the deadline. There are four other RCs that are Organization of Ethics.

Chairman Norton stated that he feels that this organization is already an Organization of Ethics but this just makes it official.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dean Scarborough to recess to the Council Meeting at 5:20 pm. Motion was seconded by George Wangemann and passed unanimously.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary