

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Railroad Depot/Welcome Center
Lavonia, GA
March 31, 2016

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, March 31, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at the the Railroad Depot and Welcome Center in Lavonia, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Lavonia and Franklin County.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present
Dean Scarborough, Chairman
James Grogan, Vice-Chairman
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
J.B. Jones
Sam Norton
Lamar Paris

GMRC Staff Present
W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Kevin Tallant, Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 25, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by James Grogan, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Danny Lewis announced August 9th would be his retirement date. He will be retiring after 43 years in government work. He and Shiryl will be moving to Greenville, SC to spend more time with their sons and their families. He stated that he never enjoyed a job any better than the one with the RC and is pleased with where the organization is going.

Heather Feldman was named Interim Deputy Executive Director and has been training for the Executive Director's duties to help make this a smooth transition after the new Executive Director is hired. She was the only internal employee that applied for the position.

Jim Dove, President of Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC) and Zach Johnson, Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) will be our speakers for tonight's program.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were five checks written during the month of March which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.)
Quantum Spatial – Aerial LiDAR Project
NGTC – Welding
NGTC – Tuition
NGTC - Books

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Update to Regional Work Program

Planning Director Adam Hazell will be presenting to the Council the Annual Update to the GMRC Regional Work Program which was previously emailed to them for their review. He will ask the Council to consider approval of the transmittal of this document to DCA for their review. Bill Chafin made a motion to move this item to the Council for approval. Sam Norton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

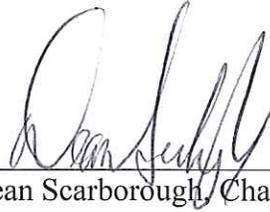
Chairman Scarborough stated that the Executive Committee needed to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Bill Chafin made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session allowed by OCGA 50-14-4 and motion was seconded by Jim Conley. Motion was unanimous.

After discussion, Bill Chafin made a motion to recommend to the Council to raise Heather Feldman's salary \$1,000 per month for the position of Interim Deputy Executive Director. James Grogan seconded and motion carried unanimously.

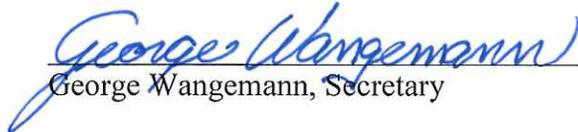
A motion was made by Bill Black and was seconded by J.B. Jones to end the Closed Executive Session and that the Executive Committee reconvene and at that time the Chairman execute an affidavit stating the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. (Affidavit attached)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oath, Dean Scarborough, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

5) I was the presiding officer of an Executive Committee meeting of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission held on the 31st day of March, 2016.

6) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

7) The subject matter of the closed meeting held on the 31st day of March, 2016, which was closed for the purpose(s) of: Personnel Real Estate Litigation as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

8) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-17-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 31st day of March, 2016.

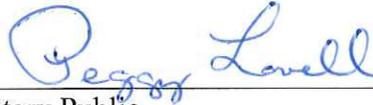


Chair, GMRC Council

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 31st day of March, 2016





Notary Public