

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Funopolis Family Fun Center  
Banks County  
April 21, 2016

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 21, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the Funopolis Family Fun Center in Banks County. The meeting was co-hosted by City of Homer and Banks 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 Chafin  
Rex Farmer  
Leslie George  
Lamar Paris  
George Wangemann

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 31, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by James Grogan, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis could not attend due to a death in his family. Heather Feldman, Interim Deputy Executive Director informed the Council that several RC staff attended the ARC/EDA Conference in Washington in April. Some of the topics were federal investments in the Appalachian Region, financing growing enterprises, making power work, and revolving loan programs.

Workforce Development has been approved by the US Department of Labor for their development of a four year mechatronics apprenticeship program with IMS Gear located in

Gainesville. Our WD Department will be the first to implement this program and also the first to be federally funded.

Ms. Feldman thanked Bill Chafin, Finance Committee, and the Finance Department staff for all their hard work on the 2016 GMRC Budget.

Also the Economic Development staff has been very busy completing and submitting the ARC and CDBG applications to DCA. Notification will be sent out in August as to which ones were funded.

Several upcoming events are the Annual Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Conference held in Savannah; the Summer City/County Managers meeting to be held June 1<sup>st</sup> at Helen City Hall; and the GMRC Legislative Appreciation Dinner to be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Dawson County Middle School.

#### Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there was one check written during the month of April which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.)

#### OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Consideration of the 2016 GMRC Budget

Bill Chafin, Finance Committee Chairman stated the Finance Committee previously reviewed the draft 2016 Budget and recommended it be sent to the Executive Committee. The Budget was previously emailed to the Executive Committee members for their review. This Budget includes one new position for Workforce Development and does not include a cost-of-living increase.

Leslie George made a motion to pass the draft 2016 GMRC Budget on to the Council for their review at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Rex Farmer and motion carried unanimously.

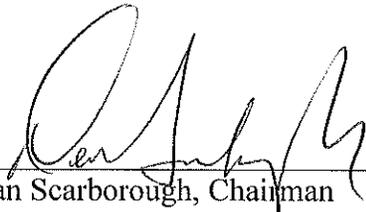
#### Sealcoat/Striping for GMRC Office Parking Lot

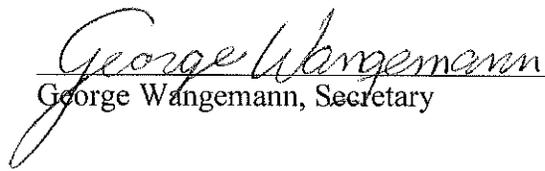
The parking lot at the GMRC Ridge Road office is in need of repairing. Several companies have been contacted to look at the parking lot to see whether it would need to be repaved or just sealcoated and restriped. The RC also met with Brent Cook with DOT for their opinion. He stated the parking lot did not need to be repaved, just sealcoated. The funding for this project is available in capital expenses. GMRC received four bids for sealcoating and restriping. Advanced Paving came in the lowest at \$3,300. It was suggested that someone check out some of the parking lot repairs that this company has done.

Bill Chafin made a motion to go with Advanced Paving for the sealcoating and striping of the parking lot. James Grogan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Lamar Paris made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

  
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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

  
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George Wangemann, Secretary