

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Railroad Depot/Welcome Center
Lavonia, GA
April 27, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 27, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Railroad Depot/Welcome Center in Lavonia, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Lavonia.

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
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
James Grogan
Rex Farmer
J.B. Jones
Sam Norton
George Wangemann

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Sam Norton, seconded by Bill Chafin, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman informed the Executive Committee that the Local Elected Officials (LEO) met earlier this month and elected new officers. The new Chief Local Elected Official (Chairman of the group) is Thomas Bridges (Franklin County) and Jimmy Hooper (Banks County) as Vice Chairman.

The GMRC Ridge Road Office had a water leak in the wall of two of the offices and these offices are out of commission. The carpet had to be removed and in the process there was mold found in the padding and on one wall. The insurance company is testing the padding for asbestos. A cleaning crew came in and secured the mold and removed the carpet and padding. Estimates are being done on the pipe repairs, wall repairs, and replacing the carpeting. It is according to the total of the estimates for all the work and how much the insurance will cover as to how we will proceed with the repairs. Since this building belongs to the City of Gainesville, we are working with Angela Sheppard about possibility of the City helping with this expense. According to our contract the RC is responsible for all repairs.

Congressman Doug Collins has signed a letter in favor of funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission program in the President's budget.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) – Welding \$57,585.00

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee was activated in March and met prior to this meeting. Rex Farmer, Nominating Committee Chairman reported that the Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2017-2019: James Grogan, Chairman; Bill Chafin, Vice Chairman; and George Wangemann, Secretary. The election will be held at the May Council Meeting and the floor will be opened for other nominations. The new elected officers will serve a two year term beginning on July 1, 2017.

Finance Committee Report

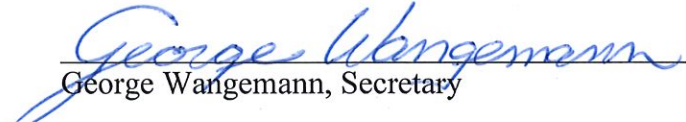
Bill Chafin, Finance Committee Chairman reported that the Committee had met and reviewed 2018 Draft GMRC Budget. The Finance Committee recommended that the Budget be sent to the Executive Committee for their consideration of approval. Documents were passed out and discussed. The Budget is a balanced budget with a total of \$6,389,702. This only includes current contracts that are in progress, not anticipated contracts. The Finance Committee recommended that \$52,000 out of the \$113,000 unallocated funds be set aside for merit salary increases for staff. George Wangemann made a recommendation to send this Draft Budget on to the Council for their review. Rex Farmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Conley and seconded by George Wangemann. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary