

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

City Hall
Cumming, GA
April 30, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 30, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Cumming, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Cumming.

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
Bill Black
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Rex Farmer
Lamar Paris
George Wangemann

GMRC Staff Present

W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant
Becky Sievers, Finance Director
Adam Hazell, Planning Director
Kevin Tallant, GMRC Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 26, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Chafin, seconded by Rex Farmer, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

At the March Council Meeting, Chairman Norton reactivated the Nominating Committee. The Committee consists of Committee Chairman Rex Farmer, Lamar Paris, J.B. Jones, Leslie George, Gerald Voyles, and L.J. Harrison. The Committee is to secure nominations for the new Council Officers and present them to the Council at the next meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that the Aerial LiDAR Orthophotography project (Phase I) has been completed on time. At this time, deliverables are being worked on and will be available October, 2015. Mr. Lewis commended Faith Bryan for the excellent job of managing this large project.

Ben Hames, Deputy Executive Director of Department of Economic Development-Workforce Division visited the RC office last month. He spent several hours with John Phillips and WD Board Chair Andrea Gibby and toured some of our most unique workforce projects. They visited Northeast Georgia Medical Center (Project SEARCH), DOL Career Center (One Stop) and was briefed on the RYDC (GED) project.

Department of Audit and Accounts' Auditors have been performing an audit on the GMRC. They have been working with our employees this week and will have their final meeting with staff on Friday to outline their concerns and findings. This Audit primarily focuses on Planning services. Each RC is to be audited at least every four years.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ethics Panel Appointments

According to the Ethics Bylaws, an Ethics Panel should be established with two appointments by the Council Chairman and one from the Council. Last month, Chairman Norton appointed Joel Cordle and Bill Stewart as his two appointments. Dean Scarborough will recommend Phyllis Ayers as the Council Appointment at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

FY15 Budget Amendment

The FY15 Budget needs to be amended due to the fact that the RC had acquired two contracts since the FY15 Budget was approved. A contract with DHS for the Transit Services and the Aerial LiDAR Orthophotography contract needs to be added to the Budget. This will increase the FY15 Budget by \$2,902,485. The Executive Committee recommended to send this on to the Full Council.

CLEO Report

Mike Berg, Chairman of the Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO) reported that the CLEOs met to discuss the Workforce Investment Act changes that will take effect on July 1, 2015. Resulting from this meeting, two motions were made to approve the reauthorization of Area II management area and also name GMRC as the fiscal agent for Workforce Development. It was voted not to make the Board composition changes until next year.

Regional Work Program Update

Adam Hazell discussed the Regional Work Program Update which was emailed to the Executive Committee previously for their review. It is time to update the RC's Work Program and this includes what the RC has accomplished during the last year and the projected accomplishments for the next five years considered under our contract with DCA. The RC continues to work with DCA toward consolidation of the CEDS document but, since the Federal EDA has administered new standards for the CEDS process, DCA would like to receive this year's update during the spring. This Resolution is to submit the Regional Work Program Update to DCA for their review. Mike Berg made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Bill Black. Motion carried unanimously.

FY16 Budget

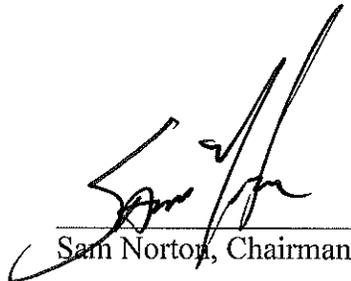
Bill Chafin, Finance Committee Chairman stated the total Budget is \$5,075,048, which is a decrease of \$1,526,047 due to no carry over funds for WD. Dues increased by \$11,105 due to changes in 2013 Census figures. The RC has 14 full-time employees and WD has 19 full-time and one part-time employee. The Budget also includes a 3% COLA increase for all employees, changes in reclassification of the WD Supervisor and Case Manager positions, and an addition of one WD full time position to be added in January 2016 (1/2 year). The reclassifications will help to better align the salary of employees in each department. WD has the money in their budget for these changes. Mike Berg made a motion to approve and send to the Council for their consideration. Motion was seconded by George Wangemann. Motion carried unanimously.

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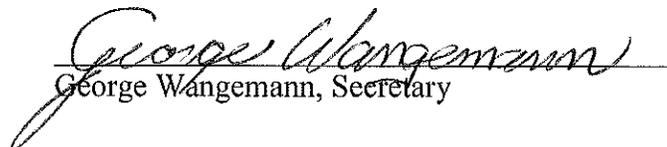
May meeting will be at Dawsonville Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary