

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dawsonville City Hall
Dawsonville, GA
May 30, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 30, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Dawsonville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Present

David Stovall, Chairman
Sam Norton, Vice Chairman
L.J. Harrison, Secretary
Mike Berg
Rex Farmer
Dean Scarborough

GMRC Staff Present

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Stovall asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 25, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Rex Farmer, seconded by Mike Berg, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Stovall reported that he had attended, along with Danny Lewis and Adam Hazell, a meeting in Sky Valley to discuss doing strategic and long range planning for their city. Adam Hazell will be working on this project with the City.

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Danny Lewis stated that there are several Legislators attending tonight's meeting and we are trying to devote as much time as possible to them. Some of the new Legislators were unable to attend due to their training session that is being held at Callaway

Gardens. Mr. Lewis reported that this year for the Legislators gift, the RC was able to find a local craftsman from Toccoa that makes nice hand carved wooden pens. They will receive one of these as a thank you gift from the RC.

OLD BUSINESS

FY14 GMRC Budget Review

The FY14 Budget has already been approved by the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee has had it this month for their review process. The GMRC dues rate remains at \$1.10 and is based on the 2011 population census. The Indirect Rate is down slightly this year, but the Fringe Rate had increased due to the projected premium changes with the new health care law. A five percent reduction in revenue funds has been built in due to notification from ARC, EDA, DCA, DOT, and WIA of this cut in funds. This Budget has a recommendation for a three percent salary increase for all employees (31 Full-time and 3 Part-time). Mr. Lewis stated that his biggest concern for the upcoming year is insurance premiums. The RC has been told that they could possibly see a 60% increase.

Mr. Lewis commented that the Workforce Development budget is a part of the GMRC budget. Workforce Development is a department in the Regional Commission and John Phillips is the Director of that department. It is no longer a separate budget.

Dean Scarborough made a motion to approve the FY14 Budget as presented and pass it onto the Council for their review. Motion was seconded by Sam Norton and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis discussed with the Executive Committee the time frame that is currently used for reviewing and approving the Budget. The Budget goes to the Finance Committee for consideration in April, the Executive Committee in May, and the Council in June allowing each a 30-day review timeframe for each. Mr. Lewis stated that the Budget goes into effect on July 1 and with it being approved by the Council at the end of June, if the Council felt that changes needed to be made to the Budget before approval, there would be no time. He would recommend that the Executive Committee look at the Bylaws and consider changing the review time period

Sam Norton made a motion to look into changing the review time period. Dean Scarborough seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

RLF Update

Sam Norton, RLF Loan Committee Chairman, reported that the RLF Committee has met prior to this meeting and approved another loan. The RLF Program has had a significant amount of activity during the last few months and has approved several loans. At this time, it has 11 active loans and the Committee has talked about getting some of our sequestered money back into active status, so that the RC can loan it out.

Mike Berg made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session (50-14-3(b)1B) to negotiate to purchase or dispose of leased property. Motion was seconded by Sam Norton. Motion passed.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Leasing of Property

Mike Berg made a motion to exit from Executive Session and was seconded by Sam Norton. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Update to Regional Agenda

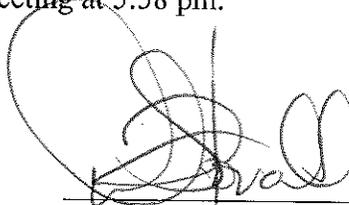
Adam Hazell reported that next month will be asking the Council to approve our Regional Plan Update. The RC, just like the local governments, must complete an update to their Regional Plan each year. This includes projects that are accomplished through the DCA contract. We are in the process of merging the Regional Plan and the Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) document so that in the future we will only have to update one document. We would be the first RC to combine our Regional Plan and CEDS document. This document contains a list of targeted projects for the next five years. If anyone has any questions regarding this document, please contact the RC Office or if you know of new projects or ideas that need to be accomplished, it is not too late to add those.

Transit Program

Department of Human Services (DHS) has sent GMRC a contract for transit services provided within our region. There are still a few questions that need to be clarified by DHS on our responsibilities. Legacy Link, which would be a service provider, is also meeting tonight regarding this contract. Our part of involvement in the contract would be to act as the contracting party and then process invoices. This would bring more money into our counties and most are ready to get this service started. This contract would bring in 25 cents per trip which is projected out as \$56,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was recessed to the Council Meeting at 5:58 pm.



David Stovall, Chairman



L.J. Harrison, Secretary

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oath, David Stowell, 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 30th day of May, 2013.

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 30th day of May, 2013, 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 30th day of May, 2013.



Chair, GMRC Council

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 30th day of May, 2013

PEGGY LOVELL
NOTARY PUBLIC, HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 18, 2015


Notary Public