

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

White County Senior Center
Cleveland, GA
July 25, 2013

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 25, 2013, 5:00 p.m. at the White County Senior Center in Cleveland, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by White County.

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
George Wangemann, Secretary
Mike Berg
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
Rex Farmer
Leslie George
L.J. Harrison
J.B. Jones
Bill Black
Lamar Paris
David Stovall

GMRC Staff Present

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Norton asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 27, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Chafin, seconded by L.J. Harrison, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Danny Lewis thanked the out-going GMRC Officers for their dedication and service and congratulated the three new Officers.

Mr. Lewis stated that the GMRC hosted the Economic Development Directors from our region at the GMRC office. They are in the process of trying to set up a meeting with Senator Frank Ginn, State Chairman and Senator Steve Gooch, Vice Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. The group would like to discuss economic development problems that are in our area. This meeting would consist of the 13 Economic Development Directors from our area, Senator Ginn, Senator Gooch, Paul Chambers with AT&T, and Rope Roberts with Georgia Power.

Danny Lewis, John Phillips, and Becky Sievers met with staff from Three Rivers RC to discuss how we handle some of the WD procedures. When GMRC took over the Workforce Development operation, we reached out to some of the other RCs that had the WD program at that time to see how they handled their financial and day-to-day operations of their program. Our staff met with Northeast Georgia RC to get information on different areas of the program. This week, some of Three Rivers' staff came and met with John and Becky to do the same. There are three RCs in the state that are in the process of taking over WD.

Faith Bryan is working on the Mt. Hope Cemetery's GIS project in Dahlonega.

Mr. Lewis talked with Habersham County about possibly assisting them with finding a replacement for their County Manager position. This is a service that the RC does at no charge.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Council Committee Appointments

Chairman Norton thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the Committees. Each Council Member is assigned to at least one Committee. All Committee Chairmen will serve on the Executive Committee. The Chairman's job is to keep their Committee involved. Chairman Norton has a concerned effort to trim down Committee meetings and do as much electronically as possible.

Council Training

The staff is working on a training session for all the Council Members that have never attended one. Two sessions will be held on September 11th and September 18th at the GMRC Office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Chairman Norton encouraged everyone that could to attend one of these sessions.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Norton stated that the Executive Committee needed to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition. Leslie George made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session allowed by OCGA 50-14-4 and motion was seconded by J.B. Jones. Motion was unanimous.

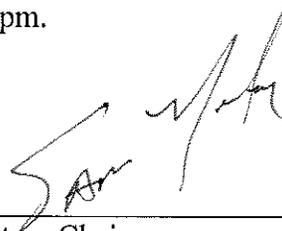
After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Chafin and was seconded by Lamar Paris to end the Closed Executive Session and that the Executive Committee reconvene and at that time the Chairman execute an affidavit stating the subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting. (Affidavit attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

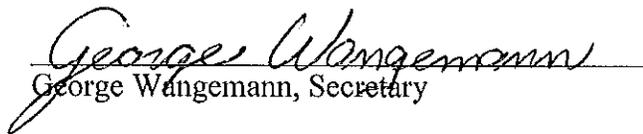
Samantha O'Day with Workforce Development will be at the Council Meeting tonight to give details on the Cruisin' for Coats program that they are coordinating. Collection boxes have been placed in each county in our region and the coats that are collected will be redistributed back in that county.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was recessed to the Council Meeting at 5:55 pm.



Sam Norton, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oath, Sam Norton, 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 25th day of July, 2013.

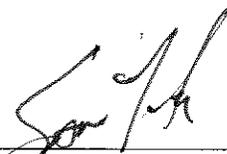
6) That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

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 25th day of July, 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 25th day of July, 2013.



Chair, GMRC Council

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 25th day of July, 2013



Notary Public