

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

North Georgia Technical College – Blairsville Campus
Blairsville, GA
July 26, 2018

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 26, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at the North Georgia Technical College – Blairsville Campus in Blairsville, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Union County and City of Blairsville.

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
Sam Norton
Bill Black
Thomas Bridges
Bill Chafin
Jim Conley
J.B. Jones
Lamar Paris
George Wangemann
Angela Whidby

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 June 28, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Bill Chafin, seconded by Sam Norton, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Scarborough stated that the RC is already working on securing sponsors for 2019 Council meetings. Several have already been secured, but if anyone is interested in sponsoring one month, please let the RC know.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman thanked the Executive Committee and Council for approving the new GMRC Travel Policy. Mandatory training for all staff has been completed.

As the Chairman stated, the RC has begun securing sponsors for the GMRC Council meetings for 2019. In looking at the dates, the October 2019 meeting will fall on October 31st which is Halloween. Ms. Feldman asked the Committee their thoughts as to whether to move the meeting to the fourth Thursday instead of the last Thursday. Bill Chafin made a motion to move the October 2019 meeting to the 24th instead of the 31st. Angela Whidby seconded and motion carried.

Also, the Legislative Appreciation Meeting is normally held in May. Last year there was some discussion as to changing the month or doing away with this meeting. The Committee stated that this year's event went well this year and had better attendance and suggested we need to hold May open for it. Dawson County usually sponsors this meeting.

Ms. Feldman informed the Committee that she and Bill Chafin, Finance/Audit Committee Chair, had talked regarding sending out a RFP for the auditing services. The RC is currently in our fourth year with Rushton and Company. Since the Council approved the new Finance Policies, it states that we will go out for bid every three years. We feel that it would be in our best interest to send out a RFP this fall for our audit.

Ms. Feldman announced in the Workforce Board meeting that WorkSource has surpassed the 10,000 mark on the number of people that have come onboard the Career Coaches (mobile training units) for some type of services. The total of actions performed on the units, such as filling out or updating resumes, has surpassed 21,000. The units are making a difference in our region into trying to get people back in the workforce.

Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

GMEBS – Life & Health	\$ 30,138.25
North Georgia Technical College – Summer Tuition	\$ 50,532.00
Lanier Technical College – Summer Tuition	\$ 26,395.52
North Georgia Technical College - Youth Instructors March-Mary	\$ 28,656.68
ERISS – SARA System	\$ 37,300.00
GMRC – Accrued Leave for WS Staff	\$ 70,922.44

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Committee Report


Angela Whidby, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, reported the Committee meet previously and discussed entertainment, door prizes, and overall meeting arrangements. The Annual Meeting will be on December 7th at the Dillard House Conference Center. She emphasized that Council members each need to start working on sponsors for the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next month's meeting will be in Forsyth County. Rope Roberts will not be speaking, but Commissioner Riley will doing the program.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.



Dean Scarborough, Chairman



George Wangemann, Secretary