

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Forsyth Conference Center  
Cumming, GA  
July 30, 2015

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 30, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the Forsyth Conference Center in Cumming, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by Forsyth County Commission.

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  
James Grogan, Vice-Chairman  
George Wangemann, Secretary  
Mike Berg  
Bill Black  
Bill Chafin  
Jim Conley  
Leslie George  
Lamar Paris

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 25, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Mike Berg, seconded by Leslie George, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Danny Lewis reported that development in our region is running rampant. The Kubota expansion on GA 365 in the largest development in Georgia and is located in our region. There is also tremendous work going on in Dawson and Forsyth Counties. This means new jobs for our region. Mr. Lewis commended Lamar Paris for doing the best job of using social media to keep people in his county informed as to what is going on in Union County.

Becky Sievers and the Finance Department have been swamped with changing banks, changing auditors, and being trained on the new accounting software. Changing accounting software is a major endeavor by itself. Mr. Lewis commended these ladies for their hard work.

Mr. Lewis and Peggy Lovell have begun to work with the attorney, Wendy Kraby on establishing a 501(c)(3) for the Friends of Georgia Mountains account. This is the account that is used for Annual Meeting and other Council expenses. They hope to have it set up by the December meeting.

Heather Feldman and Adam Hazell are working on a project of combining the Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) and the Regional Plan documents. This will be the first combined document for any of the Regional Commissions.

The GMRC needs sponsors for the Council Meetings for 2016. If you can sponsor one of these meetings, please let Peggy Lovell know.

#### Checks that Exceed \$25,000

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

T&T Transportation (DHS Transit)  
Quantum Spatial (Aerial/LiDAR Project)  
GMEBS (Health, Dental, Life Ins.)  
T&T Transportation (DHS Transit)

Mr. Lewis stated that most of the checks over \$25,000 that were written during this past year were to T&T Transportation. These checks were for the DHS Transit program and he reminded the Committee that the Council voted to not renew the DHS contract for FY16 due to liability issues in the contract that were pointed out by the Auditors.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Committee Appointments

Chairman Scarborough sent out an email with the new 2015-16 Committee Appointments listed. Council Members were asked to respond if they would not be able to serve on the committees for the next year as appointed. Chairman Scarborough stated that he did not hear from anyone and thanked everyone for being willing and agreeing to serve.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

The August Council Meeting will be sponsored by the City of Hartwell with the location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.



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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

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George Wangemann, Secretary