

MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission
Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT

BALDWIN COUNTY

Bill Millians
Richard Mullins
Denese Shinholster

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Charles Westberry
Paul Chapman
Brent Lowe
Becky Smith

HOUSTON COUNTY

George Slappey
Tommy Stalnaker

JONES COUNTY

Jimmy Roberts
Frank Duke
Chris Weidner
Francis Adams

MACON-BIBB COUNTY

None present

MONROE COUNTY

Edd Norris
Richard Bazemore
Melvin Lawrence

MIDDLE GEORGIA

James Vaughn
Nancy Nash

PEACH COUNTY

Martin Moseley
James Khoury
James Richardson
Barbara Williams

PULASKI COUNTY

Tim Young
Butch Hall
Henry Cravey
Lee Slade

PUTNAM COUNTY

Billy Webster
Alan Foster
Walter Rucker

TWIGGS COUNTY

Katherine Epps
Shannon Hart

WILKINSON COUNTY

Marty Dominy
Mark Dupree
Charles Brack
Emma Bacon
C. L. Brooks

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Tom McMichael – Houston County Commissioner

Trevor Addison – Putnam County Commissioner

Andrew Ross, Field Representative for Senator Johnny Isakson

Tonya Mole, Field Representative for DCA

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Mathis – Executive Director

Brent Lanford – Deputy Director

Kevin Brown – Attorney

Jen Doran – Office Manager

Britt Aliperti- Government Services Specialist

Greg Boike – Director of Public Administration

Brittany Bullock - Government Services Specialist

Jasmine Campbell - Government Services Specialist

Matt Garvin – Director of Finance

Michelle Grembowski – Director of Technology Services

Julie Hall - Director of Area Agency on Aging

Terrilyn Hannah – Director of Workforce Development

Kimberly Lowe - Government Services Specialist

Robert O’Neill – GIS Analyst

Kayleigh Sullivan - Government Services Specialist

Kim Stanton – Executive Assistant

Marsellas Williams - Government Services Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Butch Hall called the May 11, 2017, meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Kim Stanton indicated that a quorum was present with 22 voting and 14 non-voting members present.

OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Crawford County Council Member Paul Chapman gave the invocation and the Council followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Welcome

Council Chairman Butch Hall welcomed everyone to the May 11, 2017, Council meeting.

c. Introduction of New Members/Guests

Council Chairman Butch Hall acknowledged the following guests at the Regional Commission Council Meeting:

Tom McMichael – Houston County Commissioner
Trevor Addison – Putnam County Commissioner
Andrew Ross, Field Representative for Senator Johnny Isakson
Tonya Mole, Field Representative for DCA

Tommy Stalnaker, Chairman, Houston County Board of Commissioners recognized Houston County Commissioner, Tom McMichael on receiving the Emory Greene Leadership Award at the 2017 Annual ACCG Conference; this is the highest award presented by ACCG. First established in 1990 to honor the legacy of Bibb County Commission Chairman Emory Greene, there have been five recipients from Middle Georgia.

Among his many other contributions, Commissioner McMichael was a founding member of the Development Corporation of Middle Georgia serving as the President until 2007 and continues service as a member. In addition, he represented Houston County on the Regional Commission for a number of years and served as Chairman for four years guiding the transition from Regional Development Center to Regional Commission.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2017, Council meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the April 13, 2017, Council meeting. They were unanimously approved on a motion by Mark Dupree and second by Billy Webster.

b. Old Business

None

c. New Business

i. Local Assistance Requests

Jasmine Campbell presented the following local assistance requests that have been received since the April Council meeting:

Community: Baldwin County

Project Description: Assistance with preparation and submission of a FEMA Fire Prevention Grant application.

Community: City of Centerville

Project Description: Assistance with conducting a housing study for the City of Centerville.

Community: Crawford County

Project Description: Assistance with conducting a fee permit schedule comparison of similar counties

Community: Crawford County

Project Description: Assistance with conducting a personnel count in the Tax Assessor's office in other counties similar to Crawford County and a brief overview of their duties for Appraiser I thru IV.

Community: Crawford County

Project Description: Assistance with preparing and recommending resumes for the Crawford County Development Authority Executive Director's position.

Community: City of Forsyth

Project Description: Assistance with amending the City Personnel Manual as related to the CVB.

Community: City of Fort Valley

Project Description: Assistance to Investors Management Company with data for a Transformational Communities application.

Community: City of Fort Valley

Project Description: Assistance with activities for the City of Fort Valley's Annual Retreat.

Community: City of McIntyre

Project Description: Assistance with applying for technology grants for the City of McIntyre.

Community: City of Perry

Project Description: Assistance with submitting a Kaboom Playground Grant that would upgrade and renovate the current playground at Creekwood Park.

Ms. Campbell also reported on several recent projects.

- Middle Georgia is one of three Area Agencies on Aging in Georgia to teach evidence-based health and wellness program sustainability. Based on this collaborative effort, two Middle Georgia staff members will provide training to the Area Agency on Aging in Sylva, North Carolina next month. This program is anticipated to grow over time generating revenue for the state and the participating Area Agencies on Aging.
- The City of Irwinton was awarded a Georgia Department of Transportation Multimodal Safety and Access Grant in the amount of \$19,565 for sidewalk improvements.
- Workforce Development has provided the following count of participants that have completed their training this program year
 - Middle Georgia State University
 - 4 undergraduates; Early Education, Information Technology, Nursing
 - 1 graduate – Information Technology
 - Central Georgia Technical College
 - Nursing and Dental Hygiene
 - RESA / TAPP
 - 6 GRACE Certifications

The local assistance requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Lee Slade and second by Mark Dupree.

ii. Resolution in Recognition of Service by Frank Malloy

Julie Hall stated that for the past ten years Frank Malloy, a news anchor with 13 WMAZ, has supported the Senior Expo. Given this significant volunteer commitment, staff has prepared a resolution of recognition and appreciation for Mr. Malloy.

WHEREAS, Frank Malloy has provided many years of faithful and dedicated service to the older citizens of Middle Georgia consistently attending and participating in the annual Senior Expo event hosted by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in recognition of the Older American's Act; and

WHEREAS, Frank is a true servant leader, often setting aside a very busy work schedule to allow time for personal contact, including one-on-one conversations and photo requests; and

WHEREAS, Frank exhibits continuous support and community engagement bringing attention to the needs for service and positive improvements within the region; and

WHEREAS, Frank provides an example of excellence in public service through fair and ethical journalism with compassion and generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission wishes to express its great appreciation to Frank Malloy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission Council and staff commends Frank Malloy for his 10 years of service to the community, in particular, the older citizens of the Middle Georgia region by participating in the annual Senior Expo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission extends its sincere thanks for his dedication, generosity, and support and issues a standing invitation to Frank Malloy to continue supporting the event for many years to come.

The resolution recognizing Frank Malloy was unanimously approved on a motion by Billy Webster and second by Gregory Tapley.

iii. Approval of Department of Human Services Transportation Contract Awards for FY 2018

Matt Garvin reported that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) has been awarded funding from the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) for the purpose of providing transportation services to eligible clients as part of the Section 5310 Coordinated Transportation Program. The program provides vital public transportation services to all 11 counties in the region.

Currently, MGRC subcontracts out these transportation services to two providers: Macon-Bibb Economic Opportunity Council (Macon-Bibb EOC) and Quality Trans, Inc. (Quality). After considerable discussion between the providers and DHS, staff recommends extending contracts to both Macon-Bibb EOC and Quality to provide the transportation services for Fiscal Year 2018.

Approval of the Department of Human Services Transportation Contract as presented was unanimously approved on a motion by Marty Dominy and second by Melvin Lawrence.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Quarterly Financial Report for Period ending March 31, 2017

Matt Garvin presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2017. Mr. Garvin reported that that State Revenues are at 45 percent of budgeted revenues, local revenues stand at 57 percent of the budgeted revenues, federal revenues are at 48 percent of the budgeted revenues, and expenditures are at 63 percent of budgeted expenditures.

Mr. Garvin stated that no action is required by the Council.

b. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Mathis presented the Executive Director's report with updates since the April meeting.

- The Executive Committee met earlier today to discuss some needed changes to the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Policies. No action was taken.
- The merger of the SBA 504 Program with Capital Partners is complete as of May 4, 2017.
- Staff continues to work on the 2017-2022 CEDS, a series of stakeholder meetings that will be held at the Regional Commission office, starting tomorrow morning at 9:00 am.
- The MGRC is soliciting proposals for the CDSME (aging program) and two initiatives under the OEA Program and anticipate contract recommendations for the June Council meeting.
- Staff is working on the FY 2018 Budget and Work Program in addition to the usual items associated with the change in fiscal year. The MGRC has received the employee benefits renewal proposals and are completing the evaluation of options that Northwestern Benefits provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Senior Day Expo on May 18, 2017, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.
- b. Budget, Audit & Personnel Committee Meeting May 25, 2017, 8:30 (subject to change)
- c. 100th Anniversary for the Old Jail in Gordon on Saturday, May 13, 2017.
- d. Georgia Peach Festival on June 3, 2017, in Byron and June 9 -10, 2017 in Fort Valley.
- e. 2017 Jug Fest on May 20, 2017, in Crawford County.
- f. Next MGRC meeting June 8, 2017.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the May Council meeting was adjourned until June 8, 2017.