

## MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
Annual Meeting  
Thursday, October 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m.  
Claystone Park, Lake Tobesofkee, Macon, GA

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Adams, Jones County  
Dick Bazemore, Monroe County  
C. L. Brooks, Wilkinson County  
Paul Chapman, Crawford County  
Henry Cravey, Pulaski County  
Charles Cook, Crawford County  
John Harley, Houston County  
Shannon Hart, Twiggs County  
Clifford Holmes, Houston County  
Melvin Lawrence, Monroe County  
Bill Millians, Baldwin County  
Edd Norris, Monroe County  
Chuck O'Neal, Bibb County  
Matt Poyner, Baldwin County  
Robert Ray, Crawford County  
James Richardson, Peach County  
Becky Smith, Crawford County  
Jimmy Smith, Twiggs County  
Alfredia Walker, Peach County  
Melvin Walker, Peach County  
Charles Westberry, Crawford County  
Barbara Williams, Peach County

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Alice Adams	Andrail Adams	Catherine Anderson
Farley Anderson	Tiffany Andrews	Joey Ashcraft
Lynn Ashcraft	Jimmy Autry	Al Baggarly
Jan Baggarly	Brooks Bailey	Karen Bailey
Lindsay Bailey	Othilla Bailey	Jansen Balisi
Kevin Barkley	Hal Baskins	Arnita Beavers
James Beavers	Daryl Bentley	Robert Betzel
Charles Bishop	Bobby Blasingame	Mantrell Blount
Chuck Boling	Jackie Boling	Meredith Boone
Angela Brooks	Ashley Brown	Deeda Brown
W. L. Brown	Charles Brumbelow	Terannie Brumbelow
Juanita Bryant	Raabia Budhwani	James Bumpus
Renee' Bumpus	Robert Burnham	John Cannon
Ruby Cannon	Brenda Carroll	David Carter
Doris Carter	Martha Carter	Don Carter
Brenda Chapman	Thad Childs	Diehl Clifton

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Ed Clifton	Beth Collins	Charlotte Collins
Larry Collins	Charles Coney	John Conn
Barbara Cook	Vera Cook	Butch Copelan
Connie Copelan	Jonathan Corso	Carla Cox
Jake Cox	David Davis	Barbara Dean
Jeff Dean	Terri Denison	Freddie Densley
Sylvia Densley	Cynde Dickey	Robert Dickey
Michael Dodd	James Dodson	Robin Doster
Rosemarie Drake	Oretha Dudley	Amber Duff
Mark DuPree	Melba Eady	Terry Eady
Tyler Eady	Chris Edwards	Holli Edwards
Miller Edwards	Bubber Epps	Katherine Epps
Dorothy Evans	Shelagh Fagan	Patti Faircloth
Jimmy Faircloth	Helen Fetrow	Cindy Flesher
Jay Flesher	Miller Fluellen	Dan Forrester
Berry Frank	Trey Gavin	Denise Goodman
Jeff Goodman	Benny Gray	Andrea Griner
Charles Hall	Ezell Hall	Jesse Hall
Ruby Hamb-Holmes	Ben Hamrick	Debbie Hamrick
Rhonda Hamrick	Bill Hamrick	Shirley Harley
Sekema Harmon	Lauren Harris	John Hartmann
Kris Hattaway	Chris Hill	Jimmy Hinson
Frank Hollis	Earline Hollis	Vicki Horne
Debbie Horton	Judy Hotle	Lloyd Hotle
Brenda Howard	Gloria Huang	Ben Hubbard
Ben Hulbert	Tim Ingram	Bryan Isgett
Carol Jackson	Lisa Jackson	Latoya Jones
Jane Jossey	Paul Jossey	Erin Keller
Marty Koplín	Regina Lamar	Catherine Lawrence
Steve Lawson	Becky Lee	Mildred Lindsey
Kevin Lipford	Blake Lisenby	Basil Lue
Stephen Masteller	David Matthews	Alton Mattox
Martha McAfee	David McCoy	Ralph McMullen
Tommy Meeks	Charles Miller	Lynn Miller
Walt Miller	Kristi Minor	Micah Mole
Tonya Mole	David Moore	Eugene Moore
Lynn Murphy	Pat Muse	Ken Neil
Christa NeSmith	Phillip NeSmith	Janelle Norris
Doris Ogletree	Ralph Ogletree	Carol O'Neal
June Parker	Nancy Peed	Hope Pendergrass
Karen Pennamon	Ray Pippen	Cloyce Pittman
Chuck Pittman	Sandi Ragsdale	Giles Ragsdale
Nikki Randall	Michael Reeves	Harriet Reid

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Marvin Reid	Sarah Richardson	Frances Roberts
Pam Roberts	James Robeson	Theresa Robinson
Josh Rogers	Tony Rojas	Joseph Rumph
Penny Rumph	Gary Sanders	Linda Sanders
Ned Sanders	Michelle Sands	Steve Schwartz
Katherine Scott	Beverly Sewell	David Sewell
Leslie Sewell	Orcatha Swell	Phillip Shannon
Val Shannon	Paul Shealy	Vicki Shealy
Roy Shepard	Thelma Shepard	Bob Singley
Carol Singley	Ashley Slaton	Beulah Smith
Green Smith	Jack Smith	Jackie Smith
Patty Smith	James Solomon	Mike Speight
Bill Stenbridge	Charles Stenner	Eddie Stephens
Eva Stephens	Claire Swain	William Thomas
Karen Thompson	Andrew Thorne	Stephanie Thornton
Randy Toms	Pat Topping	Barbara Towles
Terry Towles	David Tufts	Norma Tufts
Kay Veal	Jay Walker	Jeraldine Walker
John Walker	Mary Walker	Josh Walton
Geri Ward	Elaine Westberry	James Westberry
George Westberry	Doretha Whipple	J.W. Whipple
Nikki Whipple	Mary Ann Whipple-Lue	Jeff White
Nancy White	John Williams	Peter Williams
Steve Williams	Theresa Williams	Mike Windham
Felicia Wright	Tim Young	

OTHERS PRESENT:

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Charlie Westberry called the 2014 Annual Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Welcome

Chairman Westberry welcomed everyone to the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission at Lake Tobesofkee.

b. Introduction of Special Guests

Chairman Westberry recognized the following individuals in attendance: Nikki Randall, Representative of District 142; Robert Dickey, Representative of District 140; Bubber Epps,

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Representative of District 144; Patti Bentley, Representative of District 139; Donovan Head, representing Congressman Austin Scott; Andrew Thorne, representing Congressman Paul Broun; Bill Stembridge, representing Senator Saxby Chambliss; Andrew Blascovich, representing Senator Johnny Isakson; Michelle Sands, representing Congressman Sanford Bishop; General Charles Stenner; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership; Colonel Christopher D. Hill, Commander of the 78<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing and Installation Commander of RAFB; and others representing various state agencies.

Chairman Westberry gave special recognition to the Macon-Bibb County Commission for making the pavilion available for the meeting and to the Lake Tobesofkee staff for their support in the preparations. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Mid-Life Chryslers. Chairman Westberry also recognized Kudzu Catering, owned and operated by Lee Clack, who was responsible for preparing the food.

### c. Recognition of Sponsors

At this time, the Chairman expressed a special thanks to the following sponsors for their generous contributions and support:

#### **GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS**

Central Georgia Joint Development Authority  
Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker  
Georgia Power  
Georgia Small Business Lender  
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Cox Communications  
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Flint Energies  
Georgia Foreign Trade Zone  
Goodwill Industries  
Lisenby and Associates  
Martin Snow, LLP  
Milledgeville-Baldwin County Development Authority  
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#### **BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS**

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Esri  
Exchange Bank  
Forsyth-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce/Development Authority of Monroe County  
GIS, Inc.  
GPServ, Inc.  
Morris Bank  
Ocmulgee, Inc.  
Oconee EMC  
Scana Energy  
SunMark Community Bank  
Tri-County EMC

The sponsors are also listed in the 2014 Annual Report, which was included in the gift bags. Without the support of the sponsors, the Annual Meeting would not be possible. Chairman Westberry offered any of the Gold Sponsors that were present to give a brief presentation of their organization.

Chairman Westberry noted that the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsors will be listed on the Middle Georgia Regional Commission's website beginning Monday.

At this time, the Chairman recognized the MGRC staff for their commitment to excellence and service to the member governments.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

a. Approval of September 11, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman Westberry noted that the Agenda is posted at the Registration Table, and said the Business meeting would be brief. He then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 11 meeting. With no discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

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### b. Local Assistance Requests

There are several requests from member governments for assistance, which staff has reviewed and recommends Council approval. The Chairman called for a motion approving these local assistance requests. The local assistance requests were unanimously approved as presented.

### c. Resolution of Certification that the Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund is Being Operated According to Policies and Procedures

Chairman Westberry then asked for approval of a Resolution No. RC-14-19 certifying that the EDA Revolving Loan Fund is being operated according to adopted policies and procedures. The resolution was unanimously approved as presented.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

### a. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Westberry said this past year has proven to be among the most productive years providing services to Middle Georgia cities and counties. Once again, the MGRC has successfully met all of its contractual obligations. The FY 2014 Audit is already in the draft stage and will be presented at the November Council meeting. The staff expects no findings or material weaknesses to be reported.

Looking ahead, it appears governments at all levels with continue to have major challenges as they struggle with transportation needs, water resources, clean air, education, and fiscal constraints. These will ultimately require regional solutions, and the Chairman stated that everyone can be successful with continued leadership, cooperation, and commitment.

In conclusion, Chairman Westberry encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report which provides a more extensive overview of the Commission's activities for the year.

### b. Special Recognitions

Chairman Westberry recognized the MGRC/Technology Services staff for their work in achieving national recognition from Esri for "Special Achievement in GIS." The MGRC also received two NADO Innovation Award for efforts on the Macon-Bibb consolidation and the Middle Georgia Readiness Analysis.

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The Chairman encouraged attendance at the Digital Economy Summit on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Middle Georgia State College. Technology continues to change the way we live and work. The Summit will introduce some of the new ideas that can have a huge impact in our future.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- RC Council appointments for Non-Public and Associate members are due at the November 13 Council meeting.
- GARC Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 5 - 7 in St. Simons Island, GA.

### INVOCATION

Chairman Westberry called on Dr. James Bumpus to give the invocation. He also asked that everyone remember the family of Deputy Michael Norris in the tragic loss of a fine, young man.

### ADJOURNMENT

The business portion of the 2014 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 for food, fun, and fellowship.