

MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission
Council Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Adams, Jones County
Dick Bazemore, Monroe County
Charles Brack, Wilkinson County
Paul Chapman, Crawford County
Henry Cravey, Pulaski County
Marty Dominy, Wilkinson County
Frank Duke, Jones County
Kathryn Epps, Twiggs County
Alan Foster, Putnam County
John Harley, Houston County
Shannon Hart, Twiggs County
Clifford Holmes, Houston County
Brent Lowe, Crawford County
Melvin Lawrence, Monroe County
Bill Millians, Baldwin County
James Richardson, Peach County
Walter Rucker, Putnam County
Denese Shinholster, Baldwin County
George Slappey, Houston County
Becky Smith, Crawford County
Jimmy Smith, Twiggs County
Billy Webster, Putnam County
Charlie Westberry, Crawford County
Charles Williams, Twiggs County
Eric Wilson, Monroe County
Tim Young, Pulaski County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rusty Adams	Tony Allred	Alexia Bain
Dana Adams	Alonzo Allen	Marlon Baldwin
Kate Adams	Donna Asbell	David Ballengee
Stephen Adams	T'umbia Ashmon	Sharylle Ballengee
Trevor Addison	Roger Bacon	Lauren Barber
Jennie Akers	Al Baggarly	James Baxter
Telina Allred	Jan Baggarly	Patty Bentley

Darryl Bentley
Daniel Bergoffen
Shelly Berryhill
Jennie Brack
Judieth Braswell
Sterling Braswell
W. L. Brown
Deeda Brown
Terannie Brumbelow
Charles Brumbelow
Bob Burnham
Adrienne Carey
Doris Carter
Lori Chalmers
Brenda Chapman
Thad Childs
Adrienne Cloud
Jonathan Corso
Jessica Cox
Scott Cox
Debra Cox
Sandy Cravey
John Cravey
Kent Cummins
Tomieka Daniel
Carlos DeSilva
Cole Davis
George Davis
David Davis
Freddie Densley
Sylvia Densley
Cynde Dickey
Robert Dickey
Michael Dodd
Dori Dowd
Sandra McDonald
Bobby Melton
Lee Mertins
Tonya Mole
Joseph Mosley
Ophelia Mullins
Jerry Myers
Valerie Myers
Randy Nichols

Lyle Drew
Bonnie Duke
Kristal Dunn
Terry Eady
Melba Eady
Kelsee Eady
Jessica Eady
Andrew Eck
Chris Edwards
Bubber Epps
Patti Faircloth
Jimmy Faircloth
Dorothy Ferguson
Helen Fetrow
Lori Fincher
April Finley
Jay Flesher
Cindy Flesher
Pam Flournoy
Dan Forrester
Janice Foster
Denise Goodman
Jeff Goodman
Michael Greenwald
Carolyn Guy
Myrtle Habersham
Alex Habersham
Janice Hall
Jessie Hall
Ezell Hall
John Hall
Benson Ham
Bill Hamrick
Rhonda Hamrick
Tina Hancock
Lynn Miller
Charles Miller
Susan Miller
Ralph Nix
Nadia Osman
H. Phillip Paradise
Lindsay Parker
Jessica Patenaude
Bob Ray

Tanisha Hancock
Selinda Handsford
Elizabeth Hardin
Rob Hathcock
John Hartmann
Derick Hayes
Chris Hewett
Susan Hewett
Shavonda Hill
George Hogan
Patricia Hogan
Rosa Holmes
Kenneth Huff
Stephanie Hyman
Tim Ingram
Jonathan Jackson
Sam James
Lleyton Kane
Anita Kapoor
Priscilla Kittles
Brooks Lastinger
Sherri Lastinger
Catherine Lawrence
Eugene Leaks
Ann Lear
Gary Lee
Lisa Lee
Bryant Longshore
Jarod Lovett
Brandi Lowe
Angie Luna
Linda Manis
Gail Mansfield
Cynthia Marlow
Martha McAfee
Johnnell Miniffee
Carol Miniffee
Leighanne Mitchell
Sarah Richardson
Theresa Robinson
Rebecca Rocker
Andrew Ross
Helen Rutledge
Ned Sanders

Darrie Schlesinger

Larry Schlesinger

Paul Schwindler

Katherine Scott

Phil Shannon

Val Shannon

Judy Sherling

Kelly Shields

Ron Shipman

Darienne Shuler

Aundrea Simmons

Chantea Smith

Beulah Smith

Jack Smith

Patty Smith

Terry Smith

Diane Smith

James Solomon

Robert Solomon

Eddie Stephens

Eva Stephens

Jeff Surles

Stephanie Surles

Dede Thibodeaux

Carol Thomas

Joretta Thomas

Tim Thomas

Ahmed Thorpe

Stacy Tolbert

Todd Tolbert

Barbara Towles

Terry Towles

Andrew Turnage

Paul Upshaw

Nick Vaughn

Virginia Villatoro

Tony Ussery

Romona Vaifale

Elaine Wall

Frank Wall

Marion Waller

Mike Wallis

Marge Webster

Wanda West

Terry Schwindler

Elaine Westberry

Charles Whatley

Doretha Whipple

Mary Ann Whipple-Lue

Joel Wiggins

Nelson Williams

J C Williams

Steve Williams

Annie Williams

Yvette Williams

Clif Wilkinson

Mary Wilson

George Wynn

G. W. Young

Tim Young

Betty Young

Nancy Young

CALL TO ORDER

Council Secretary Dick Bazemore called the 2017 Annual Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Welcome

Secretary Bazemore welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission at Lake Tobesofkee.

b. Introduction of Special Guests

Dick Bazemore recognized some long-time friends, supporters, and special guests that were in attendance: Officials from the Economic Development Administration Atlanta Regional Office, State Senators and Representatives from the region, Congressional Field Representatives and Representatives from both the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Labor.

Colonel Lyle Drew, Commander of the 78th Air Base Wing of Robins Air Force Base thanked the Regional Commission for the opportunity to be a part of this event and is proud to support the work of the Regional Commission. Colonel Drew gave a brief description on the mission and the responsibilities of the 78th Air Base Wing.

Mr. Bazemore extended a very special thank-you to Macon-Bibb County Mayor Robert Reichert, Lake Tobesofkee and Macon-Bibb Facilities Management and Recreation staff for making the facility available and preparing it for our use.

c. Recognition of Sponsors

Dick Bazemore gave a special thanks to the sponsors for their generous contributions and support. He stated that without each of them, the event would not have been possible.

Chris Edwards with McNair, McLemore and Middlebrooks, a presenting sponsor, gave a few remarks. He is proud to have been working with the MGRC for over 25 years.

Gold sponsor representatives from Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, Advanced Disposal, Clark Nexsen, ESRI, Seyfarth & Shaw, LLP, Georgia Power, Morris Bank and Southern Equipment were invited to the podium to briefly tell about their organization.

Jerry Lovett with Advanced Disposal stated that they are proud to be a sponsor. Advanced Disposal provides collection, transfer, disposal and recycling operations and are environmentally responsible and committed.

Nick Vaughn with Clark Nexsen stated that they are proud to be a sponsor. Clark Nexsen is an architecture engineering design firm in Macon.

Ron Shipman with Georgia Power stated that they are proud to be a sponsor and to be part of the Middle Georgia region, on behalf of all of the employees at Georgia Power.

Rob Hathcock with ESRI stated that they are proud to be a sponsor. ESRI builds ArcGIS, the world's most powerful mapping, and spatial analytics software.

Jeff Surlles with Southern Equipment reported that they are proud to be a sponsor and appreciate the hard work of the Regional Commission. Southern Equipment performs demolition work and cleans up properties purchased by the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Secretary Bazemore thanked all of the sponsors and mentioned that they will be featured on the Regional Commission website. He also recognized the Regional Commission staff for their commitment to excellence and service to Middle Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

a. Approval of September 14, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes

Secretary Bazemore noted that the Agenda was posted at the registration table. There were no corrections to the minutes of the September 14, 2017, Council meeting and they were unanimously approved on a motion by John Harley and second by Marty Dominy.

b. Local Assistance Requests

There were several requests from member governments for assistance, which staff reviewed and recommended for Council approval. The Chairman called for a motion approving these local assistance requests. The local assistance requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Frank Duke and seconded by Billy Webster.

c. Resolution of Certification that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund is being operated according to policies and procedures

Secretary Bazemore asked for approval of a resolution certifying that the EDA Revolving Loan Fund is being operated according to adopted policies and procedures. The resolution for the EDA

Loan Fund was unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Brack and seconded by John Harley.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Chairman's Remarks

Secretary Bazemore said that 2017 has proven to be among the most productive years of providing services to Middle Georgia cities and counties. He encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report, which provides a more extensive overview of the Commission's activities for the year. Annual reports were in the gift bags and also at the registration table.

Secretary Bazemore stated that the Regional Commission has successfully met all of its contractual obligations. The FY 2017 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 will continue to have major challenges as they struggle with transportation needs, water resources, clean air, education, and fiscal constraints. Ultimately, many of these will require regional solutions, but he is confident that with good leadership, cooperation, and commitment we can be successful. He thanked everyone for continued support and leadership of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. GARC Annual Meeting will be held November 8 – 10 at St. Simons Island.
- b. The next Council Meeting November 16, 2017.

INVOCATION

Secretary Bazemore called on James Johnson, Regional Commission staff member to give the invocation.

Following the invocation and the brief ceremony, dinner was served.

ADJOURNMENT

The business portion of the 2017 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 for food, fun, and fellowship.