

## MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
Anderson Conference Center, Macon, Georgia

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Mullins, Baldwin County  
Denese Shinholster, Baldwin County  
Johnny Westmoreland, Baldwin County  
Charlie Westberry, Crawford County  
John Harley, Houston County  
Clifford Holmes, Houston County  
George Slappey, Houston County  
Francis Adams, Jones County  
Ed Barbee, Jones County  
Frank Duke, Jones County  
Jimmy Roberts, Jones County  
Chris Weidner, Jones County  
Yolanda Latimore, Macon Bibb County  
Jim Manley, Macon Bibb County  
Robert Reichert, Macon Bibb County  
Dick Bazemore, Monroe County  
Greg Tapley, Monroe County  
James Vaughn, Monroe County  
Eric Wilson, Monroe County  
James Khoury, Peach County  
James Richardson, Peach County  
Barbara Williams, Peach County  
Billy Webster, Putnam County  
Kathryn Epps, Twiggs County  
Shannon Hart, Twiggs County  
Charles Brack, Wilkinson County  
Marty Dominy, Wilkinson County  
Mark Dupree, Wilkinson County

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Jonathan Alderman  
Telina Allred  
Paul Allen  
Mantrell Blount

Catrice Allen  
Frank Austin  
Al Baggarly  
Chuck Boling

Jan Baggarly  
Chris Barroso  
David Ballengee  
Jackie Boling

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Ron Bonds	Jennie Brack	Joel Braun
Rachel Bowman	Justin Bradley	Brenda Broach
Dairlyn Brown	Terry Eady	Chris Howard
Deeda Brown	Melba Eady	Duane Howell
Gregory Brown	Kelsee Eady	Advick Ingram
Kevin Brown	Jessica Eady	Jeffrey Jackson
Richard Brown	Chris Edwards	Jonathan Jackson
W. L. Brown	Bubber Epps	Daniel Jenks
Charles Brumbelow	Brenda Floyd	Heather Jenks
Terannie Brumbelow	Donald Floyd	Anissa Jones
Jennifer Bryant	Dan Forrester	Neidra Jones
Juanita Bryant	Janice Foster	Anita Kapoor
Bob Burnham	Tom Glover	Marie Keith-Winters
Wayne Byers	Thane Good	Chris Kersey
Angela Carpenter	Robert Gordon	Wendall Kersey
J.D. Carpenter	George Greer	Carlos Labrador
Brenda Carroll	Andrea Griner	LeJeanna Labrador
Lindsey Carswell	Myrtle Habersham	Regina Lamar
Don Carter	Alex Habersham	Sam Leavitt
Cherise Cartwright	James Hagins	Gary Lee
Doug Chance	Jessie Hall	Tonja Lee
Valorie Chance	Ezell Hall	Daniel Lentz
Henry Childs	Tina Harbuck	Chris Lockhart
Thad Childs	Buddy Harden	Elaine Lucas
Vivian Childs	Linda Hardin	Jarod Lovett
Ken Clark	Kim Harley	Cynthia Marlow
Myrna Cofield	Shirley Harley	James Marshall
Maryjane Colson	Howard Harper	Gerri McCord
William Colson	Charity Harris	Chris McCorkendale
John Conn	Larry Harris	Darlene McLendon
Candy Conn-McMahon	Dinah Harrison	Thomas McMichael
Jonathan Corso	Rusty Haygood	Kevin McNary
Emily Davis	Dennis Herbert	Lesley McNary
Freddie Densley	Peggy Herbert	Shannon McNeal
Sylvia Densley	Chris Hewett	Brandon Mercer
Joyce Denson	Susan Hewett	Charles Miller
Robert Dickey	Hayes Hofstader	Lynn Miller
Katie Dobson	George Hogan	Johnnell Minifree
Lyle Drew	Adrienne Holloway	Carol Minifree
Bonnie Duke	John Howard	Leighanne Mitchell
Debbie Dupree	Tara Howard	

Keith Moffett  
Alyssa Moreland  
Harry Murray  
Pat Muse  
Jerry Myers  
Joe Nabhan  
Joe Richardson  
Frances Roberts  
Ned Sanders  
Darrie Schlesinger  
Larry Schlesinger  
Steve Schwartz  
Phil Shannon  
Val Shannon  
Judy Sherling  
Ron Shipman  
Darienne Shuler  
Chris Simmons  
Jeff Simmons  
Kim Simmons  
Terry Smith  
Todd Smith

Charonne Morrison  
Ophelia Mullins  
Ralph Nix  
Stuart Pippin  
Chris Poje  
Syrie Price  
Ashton Smithwick  
James Solomon  
Will Stanford  
Eddie Stephens  
Eva Stephens  
Al Stewart  
Spencer Strickland  
Jeff Surles  
Fran Tapley  
Pat Topping  
David Tufts  
Norma Tufts  
Paul Upshaw  
Larry Walker, III  
Dale Washburn  
Donna Washburn

Julian Mullis  
Mary Parham-Copelan  
Janie Reid  
Jason Renfroe  
Dan Reuter  
Sarah Richardson  
Marge Webster  
Elaine Westberry  
Janice Westmoreland  
Chuck Williams  
Loretta Williams  
Sarah Williams  
Wade Williams  
Yvonne Williams  
Mary Wilson  
Louise Wimberly  
George Wynn  
Tim Yates  
Greg Ziesenshene  
Keith Ziobron

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Robert Reichert called the 2018 Annual Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Welcome

Council Chairman Robert Reichert welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission at Goodwill's Anderson Conference Center.

b. Introduction of Special Guests

Chairman Reichert 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 78<sup>th</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing.

Chairman Reichert extended a very special thank-you to Goodwill's Anderson Conference Center staff for making the facility available on very short notice and preparing it for our use.

Chairman Reichert thanked the Mid-Life Chryslers for the entertainment that was provided and Cast-Iron Catering for the meal that was prepared.

c. Recognition of Sponsors

Chairman Reichert 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 McCorkendale with Hargray Fiber stated they were proud to be a presenting sponsor. Hargray Fiber and ComSouth Powered by Hargray is a facilities-based provider of telecommunications and entertainment services through multiple platforms.

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 26 years.

Gold sponsor representatives from Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, AT&T, Advanced Disposal, Clark Nexsen, Cogentes, ESRI, Seyfarth & Shaw, LLP, Georgia Power, Metro 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.

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

Tom Glover with Cogentes stated that they are proud to be a sponsor. Cogentes is a local IT company based in Milledgeville that provides technical support services to manage IT systems to local governments.

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

Marie Keith-Winters 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.

Chairman Reichert thanked all 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 13, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the September 13, 2018, Council meeting and they were unanimously approved on a motion by Clifford Holmes and second by Billy Webster.

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 Billy Webster and seconded by George Slappey.

c. Schedule of Meetings

Chairman Reichert asked for approval of the meeting schedule for calendar year 2019. The meeting schedule was unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Brack and seconded by John Harley.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Reichert said that 2018 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 at the registration table.

Chairman Reichert stated that the Regional Commission has successfully met all its contractual obligations. The FY 2018 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 we are 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 7 – 9 in Savannah.
- b. The next Council Meeting November 1, 2018.

#### INVOCATION

Chairman Reichert recognized three members of the Georgia General Assembly that are retiring this year. Two of the three members were present at the meeting. In their own unique ways, they have been champions for the region and supportive of the Regional Commission. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Bubber Epps, House District 144 and Buddy Harden, House District 141.

Chairman Reichert called on Clifford Holmes, Regional Commission Council member to give the invocation.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The business portion of the 2018 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 for food, fun, and fellowship.