

## MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### BALDWIN COUNTY

Lee Slade  
John Westmoreland  
Richard Mullins  
Derek Williams  
Denese Shinholster

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

Brent Lowe  
Paul Chapman

#### HOUSTON COUNTY

John Harley  
George Slappey

#### JONES COUNTY

Frank Duke  
Francis Adams  
Ed Barbee  
Chris Weidner  
William Lee Brown

#### MACON-BIBB COUNTY

Robert Reichert  
Juawn Jackson  
Darius Maynard  
Dominque Johnson

#### MONROE COUNTY

Greg Tapley  
Eric Wilson

Richard Bazemore  
Melvin Lawrence

#### PEACH COUNTY

Martin Moseley  
James Khoury  
Barbara Williams

#### PULASKI COUNTY

Jenna Mashburn  
Henry Cravey  
James Colson

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

Billy Webster

#### TWIGGS COUNTY

Ken Fowler  
Kathryn Epps  
Shannon Hart

#### WILKINSON COUNTY

Michael Gotell  
Charles Brack  
Marty Dominy  
Emma Bacon

#### MIDDLE GEORGIA

James Vaughn  
Nancy Nash  
Charles Sims

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Bubber Epps - Georgia State Representative, District 144

Slayten Carter - Field Representative for Austin Scott

Daniel Rhoades- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership

Jamie Cook- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership

Tonya Mole - Field Representative for DCA

Greg Ziesenhene - Field Representative for Senator David Perdue

Shavonda Hill - Field Representative for Sanford Bishop

Ray Clark – The Clark Group

James Collins – Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Gray

STAFF PRESENT:

Matt Beal - GIS Analyst

Greg Boike – Director of Public Administration

Kevin Brown – Attorney

Jen Doran – Office Manager

Sara Dusenberry - Government Services Specialist

Nicole Gaither – Wellness/RN

Matt Garvin – Director of Finance

Michelle Grembowski – Director of Technology Services

Julie Hall - Director of Aging

Terrilyn Hannah – Director of Workforce

Marissa Jackson - Government Services Specialist

Susan Landfried - Government Services Specialist

Brent Lanford- Deputy Director

Laura Mathis – Executive Director

Sheila Milikin – MFP Transitions Coordinator

Kim Stanton – Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Robert Reichert called the January 10, 2019, meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Kim Stanton reviewed the attendance log and indicated that a quorum was present with 25 voting and 14 non-voting members.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Monroe County Council Member Eric Wilson gave the invocation and the Council followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Welcome

Council Chairman Robert Reichert welcomed everyone to the January 10, 2019, Council meeting.

c. Introduction of New Members/Guests

Council Chairman Robert Reichert acknowledged the following guests at the Regional Commission Council Meeting:

Bubber Epps - Georgia State Representative, District 144  
Slayten Carter - Field Representative for Austin Scott  
Tonya Mole - Field Representative for DCA  
Greg Ziesenhene - Field Representative for Senator David Perdue  
Shavonda Hill - Field Representative for Sanford Bishop  
Ray Clark – The Clark Group  
James Collins – Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Gray

Laura Mathis introduced a new staff member, Susan Landfried, Government Services Specialist. Ms. Mathis also introduced Nicole Gaither and Sheila Milikin who work in the Aging Department. Ms. Gaither is the Wellness Coordinator/ RN and Ms. Milikin works with nursing home transitions.

Ms. Mathis recognized Brent Lanford for his dedicated 25 years of service at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Among his many other duties, Mr. Lanford is responsible for GIS and the network for the Regional Commission. He is a valuable team member.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dan Rhoades, Chief Operations Officer and Jamie Cook, STEM Outreach and Workforce Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership announced that Middle Georgia was the winner of the “Great American Defense Community” designation for 2019. This honor comes from the Association of Defense Communities and is national recognition for the quality of life for service members and military families. One of the projects that was included in the application was the work to address encroachment, which the Regional Commission through the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, has been very involved in. James Vaughn, Chairman of the Georgia

Joint Development Authority reported on the encroachment purchases around the base and the partnership with Georgia Power.

Mr. Cook reported that the STEM program allows him to visit various schools and inform students of the importance of technology and to build the next generation of STEM workforce.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2018, Council Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 1, 2018, Council meeting. They were unanimously approved on a motion by Billy Webster and second by Ed Barbee.

- b. Report from the Executive Committee

Committee Chair Dick Bazemore reported that under our Bylaws, the Executive Committee serves as the Loan Review Committee for the loan programs of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. The Executive Committee met today to consider a loan servicing request for one of the loan programs operated by the Regional Commission.

Committee Chair Bazemore reported that the committee approved the request which does not modify the existing loan. This is presented for information only; no action is required by the Council.

- c. Old Business

None

- d. New Business

- i. Council Member Appointments

Council Chairman Robert Reichert reported on the 2019 Council appointments that have been received since the November meeting.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

Paul Chapman - County Member

Jay Andrews – Municipal Member

Charles Westberry – Non-Public Member

Brent Lowe – Associate Member

Hill Bentley - Associate Member

**HOUSTON COUNTY**

Tommy Stalnaker - County Member

John Harley - Municipal Member

George E. Slappey - Non-Public Member

Randy Toms - Associate Member

Clifford Holmes - Associate Member

**JONES COUNTY**

Chris Weidner - County Member

Ed Barbee - Municipal Member

William Lee Brown - Non-Public Member

Francis Adams - Associate Member

Frank Duke - Associate Member

**MACON-BIBB COUNTY**

Robert Reichert - County Member

Al Tillman - Municipal Member

Dominique Johnson - Non-Public Member

Juawn Jackson - Associate Member

Darius Maynard - Associate Member

**MONROE COUNTY**

Gregory Tapley - County Member

Eric Wilson - Municipal Member

Richard Bazemore - Non-Public Member

Melvin Lawrence - Associate Member

Lynn Miller - Associate Member

**PEACH COUNTY**

Martin Moseley - County Member

Barbara Williams - Municipal Member

James Khoury - Non-Public Member

James Richardson - Associate Member

LeMario Brown - Associate Member

**PULASKI COUNTY**

Jenna Mashburn - County Member  
Henry E. Cravey III - Municipal Member  
Tim Young - Non-Public Member  
Butch Hall - Associate Member  
James Colson - Associate Member

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Billy Webster - County Member  
Walter Rocker - Municipal Member  
Vacant - Non-Public Member  
Gary Sanders - Associate Member  
Vacant- Associate Member

**TWIGGS COUNTY**

Ken Fowler - County Member  
Charles Williams - Municipal Member  
Shannon Hart - Non-Public Member  
Kathryn Epps - Associate Member  
Tracy Jackson - Associate Member

**WILKINSON COUNTY**

Michael Gotell - County Member  
Charles Brack - Municipal Member  
Marty Dominy - Non-Public Member  
Scotty Lewis - Associate Member  
Emma Bacon - Associate Member

Martin Moseley made a motion to accept the Council appointments. The motion was seconded by Charles Brack and unanimously approved.

Council Chairman Robert Reichert reported that several members are leaving the Council; he expressed his appreciation to them for their service.

Brooks Bailey – Pulaski County  
C.L. Brooks – Wilkinson County  
Mark Dupree – Wilkinson County  
Stephen Hersey – Putnam County

Yolanda Latimore – Macon Bibb County  
Jim Manley – Macon Bibb County  
Edd Norris – Monroe County  
Jimmy Roberts – Jones County  
Paul Van Haute – Putnam County

Council Chairman Robert Reichert made a motion for a resolution of recognition and appreciation. The motion was seconded by Ken Fowler and unanimously approved.

ii. Local Assistance Requests

Greg Boike presented the following local assistance requests that have been received since the November Council meeting:

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| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>Baldwin County</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant application.                      |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Byron</b>   |
| Project Description: | Assistance with developing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan.           |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Danville</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with submitting a FEMA grant for generators.  |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Eatonton</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing an application for Rural Zone Designation.                           |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Eatonton</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing a 2019 Community Development Block Grant application.                |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Eatonton</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing a Request for Proposals for a fire tanker truck.                     |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Forsyth</b>   |
| Project Description: | Assistance with creating a Pay Plan for the City of Forsyth.                                   |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Fort Valley</b>   |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing an application for a Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) grant. |
| <b>Community:</b>    | <b>City of Hawkinsville</b>  |
| Project Description: | Assistance with preparing a 2019 Community Development Block Grant application.                |

- Community:** **Jones County**  
Project Description: Assistance with updating the county's Urban Redevelopment Plan.
- Community:** **Macon Bibb County**  
Project Description: Assistance with updating the economic development impact analysis of River Edge and its affiliate foundation.
- Community:** **Monroe County**  
Project Description: Assistance with developing a business license policy for Monroe County.
- Community:** **Peach County**  
Project Description: Assisting Synergistic with the GIS database for the county's public safety agencies.
- Community:** **City of Perry**  
Project Description: Assistance with updating the Service Delivery Strategy for Houston County.
- Community:** **City of Roberta**  
Project Description: Assistance with applying for an Immediate Threat and Danger Grant.
- Community:** **Town of Toombsboro**  
Project Description: Assistance with preparing a 2019 Community Development Block Grant application.

Greg Boike also reported on several projects, which were previously approved and have been completed, and made some announcements.

- MAP 21 data was submitted for Baldwin County, Jones County, Pulaski County, and Wilkinson County.
- Wilkinson County completed work for a HAZUS Analysis.
- Baldwin County received a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant.
- Jones County Commissioner Sam Kitchens received the 2018 Solar Advocate Award from the Georgia Solar Energy Association.

The local assistance requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Juawn Jackson and second by Dominique Johnson.

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- a. Development of Regional Impact #2873

Greg Boike reported that Macon-Bibb County submitted DRI #2873 for the QuikTrip Store No. 1848 for Macon-Bibb County. MGRC received no responses indicating anticipated adverse



impacts from the development. No action is required by the Council; this is for informational purposes only.

b. Executive Director's Report

1. Disclosure of Business Activity per OCGA 50-8-63

Laura Mathis presented the Executive Director's report with updates since the November Meeting.

- Ms. Mathis reported that all Regional Commission employees are required to disclose business activities of themselves or family members with local governments each year in accordance with OCGA 50-8-63. For 2018, Sheila Milikin and Selentria Kendrick reported business activities in accordance with state law. This is presented for information purposes only.
- Ms. Mathis reported on the potential impact of the government shutdown that could affect middle Georgia citizens and the MGRC. The state is taking precautions so that services to the Aging program, that is part of Human Services, will continue. This situation is being monitored very closely.
- The Georgia Division of Aging Services is implementing a new model to deliver GeorgiaCares services across the state. As part of this change, effective December 31, 2018 Middle Georgia Regional Commission will no longer be providing that service.
- The Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) is an annual Census process and an opportunity for cities and counties to review their legal boundaries to ensure they are correctly recorded. The US Census Bureau is accepting BAS submissions at this time. If more information is needed, local governments should contact Michelle Grembowski.
- GMA and ACCG will be hosting a session on organizing for a 2020 Census Complete Count workshop at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission on March 6, 2019.
- Ms. Mathis reported that Georgia General Assembly will continue working solutions for rural transit and incentives for regionalism. The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions, the statewide association, is working closely with the state on these issues.
- Ms. Mathis reported that the Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Champions, the Commission's regional leadership development program, will launch its fourth class on January 18, 2019. There are 24 participants in the 2019 class from across the region.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. New member council orientation will January 24, 2019 at 4:00 pm.
2. The Budget, Audit & Personnel Committee will meet on January 31, 2019 at 2:30 pm to work on the first budget amendment for FY2019 and other items.
3. The next MGRC meeting will be February 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the January Council meeting was adjourned.