

## MINUTES

Middle Georgia Regional Commission  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:00 pm  
175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### BALDWIN COUNTY

Lee Slade  
John Westmoreland  
Derek Williams  
Richard Mullins

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

Charles Westberry  
Paul Chapman

#### HOUSTON COUNTY

John Harley  
George Slappey  
Tommy Stalnaker

#### JONES COUNTY

Frank Duke  
Francis Adams  
Ed Barbee  
William Lee Brown

#### MACON-BIBB COUNTY

Robert Reichert  
Al Tillman  
Juawn Jackson  
Darius Maynard

#### MONROE COUNTY

Richard Bazemore  
Greg Tapley  
Melvin Lawrence

Eric Wilson

#### PEACH COUNTY

Martin Moseley  
James Khoury  
Barbara Williams

#### PULASKI COUNTY

Jenna Mashburn  
Henry Cravey

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

Walter Rocker  
Lyn Romine  
Gary Sanders  
Billy Webster  
Daniel Kelhoffer

#### TWIGGS COUNTY

Shannon Hart  
Ken Fowler

#### WILKINSON COUNTY

Marty Dominy  
Michael Gotell

#### MIDDLE GEORGIA

James Vaughn  
Nancy Nash  
Charles Sims

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Shavonda Hill - Field Representative for Sanford Bishop

STAFF PRESENT:

Tiffany Andrews – Director of Workforce Development

Matt Beal - GIS Analyst

Greg Boike – Director of Public Administration

Kevin Brown – Attorney

Jen Doran – Office Manager

Sara Dusenberry - Government Services Specialist

Matt Garvin – Director of Finance

Michelle Grembowski – Director of Technology Services

Terrilyn Hannah – Director of Workforce Development

Marissa Jackson - Government Services Specialist

Selentria Kendrick – Senior MFP Transitions Coordinator

Brent Lanford – Deputy Director

Susan Landfried - Government Services Specialist

Laura Mathis – Executive Director

Kim Stanton – Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Robert Reichert called the April 11, 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 30 voting and 8 non-voting members.

OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Macon-Bibb County Council Member Juawn Jackson gave the invocation and the Council followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Welcome

Council Chairman Robert Reichert welcomed everyone to the April 11, 2019, Council meeting.

c. Introduction of New Members/Guests

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

Shavonda Hill - Field Representative for Sanford Bishop

Laura Mathis introduced a new staff member, Tiffany Andrews, Director of Workforce. Ms. Mathis also introduced Selentria Kendrick who works in the Aging Department. Ms. Kendrick is the Senior MFP Transitions Coordinator who works with nursing home transitions.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2019, Council meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the March 14, 2019, Council meeting. They were unanimously approved on a motion by Greg Tapley and second by Gary Sanders.

b. Old Business

None

c. New Business

i. Local Assistance Requests

Marissa Jackson presented the following local assistance requests that have been received since the March Council meeting:

**Community:** Baldwin County  
Project Description: Assistance with the preparation of a Community Policing Development Program grant application.

**Community:** City of Forsyth  
Project Description: Assistance with administrative support for the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition.

**Community:** City of Hawkinsville  
Project Description: Assistance with submitting a grant for revitalizing a public recreation park.

**Community:** Macon-Bibb County  
Project Description: Assistance with administrative support for the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition.

**Community: Monroe County**

Project Description: Assistance with applying for a 2019 CDBG application for health department renovations.

**Community: Wilkinson County**

Project Description: Assistance with updating the fiscal analysis report for assessing and implementing a Freeport Exemption Tax in Wilkinson County.

**Community: Wilkinson County**

Project Description: Assistance developing a financing plan for sewer construction.

Ms. Jackson also reported on several projects which were previously approved and have been completed since the March meeting.

- Five Community Development Block Grants were submitted to DCA on April 1, 2019.
- Three Revitalization Area Strategy Applications were submitted to DCA on April 1, 2019.
- Five Land and Water Conservation Grants were submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources on April 5, 2019.
- Two students in the Nursing Program were selected to complete their clinicals abroad. This is their last project before they graduate in December.

The local assistance requests were unanimously approved on a motion by John Harley and second by George Slappey.

ii. One Stop Operator Contract

Terrilyn Hannah reported that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission currently contracts with In the Door, LLC. for the operation of the Macon-Bibb Comprehensive One-Stop, which is located at the Georgia Department of Labor on Mercer University Drive. In the Door, LLC. was selected through a competitive bid process in 2016. The contract has an option to renew for a third year at the same cost of \$119,000. The cost of the contract is shared between the Regional Commission and the WIOA workforce partners who utilize the space and services of the One-Stop.

The contract extension with In The Door was unanimously approved on a motion by Richard Mullins and second by Eric Wilson.

iii. Workforce Economics Contract

Terrilyn Hannah reported that the Macon-Bibb Workforce Development Board voted to engage the services of Workforce Economics for the development of a comprehensive policies and procedures manual for the workforce development program. Presently, there are updates that are needed to the workforce policies to reflect the full implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, new local area procedures, the assignment of workforce development to the Technical College System of Georgia and the state's workforce policies.

The contract approval with Workforce Economics was unanimously approved on a motion by George Slappey and second by John Harley.

iv. Fiscal Agent Designation for GARC

Laura Mathis reported that the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC) has requested that Middle Georgia Regional Commission serve as fiscal agent for the Association effective April 1, 2019. For many years, River Valley Regional Commission served as the Association's fiscal agent association because the Vice-President of the Association, Patti Cullen, was the Executive Director of River Valley. In the GARC current Bylaws, the Vice-President is the treasurer and their Regional Commission is the fiscal agent.

The approval for Middle Georgia Regional Commission to serve as fiscal agent for the GARC was unanimously approved on a motion by George Slappey and second by Juawn Jackson.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. DRI# 2917 and #2918

Greg Boike reported that the City of Forsyth submitted DRI #2917 for Fowler Flemister Cement Plant. MGRC received two comments. No action is required by the Council; this is for informational purposes only.

Mr. Boike also reported that the City of Forsyth submitted DRI #2918 for Reames Concrete. MGRC received two comments. No action is required by the Council; this is for informational purposes only.

b. US Census Programs PSAP & New Construction

Michelle Grembowski gave a brief update that the U.S. Census Bureau activities that are underway: PSAP and New Construction. PSAP is the Participant Statistical Area Program where local governments review the proposed census tract and block boundaries. New Construction is a program to capture new residential construction that may have occurred since LUCA waws

complete or that will be complete by April 2020. Regional Commission staff is available to assist with these programs.

c. Executive Director's Report

Laura Mathis presented the Executive Director's report with updates since the March meeting.

*Rural Transportation*

Ms. Mathis reported that the rural transit program did not move forward in the 2019-2020 General Assembly. State Representative Kevin Tanner will revisit it in the next session.

*Workforce Development Board*

Ms. Mathis reported that the Georgia General Assembly has voted not to transfer the State Workforce Development Board to the Department of Labor; it will remain under the Technical College System of Georgia.

*MAP 21*

Ms. Mathis reported on a possible contractual opportunity with GDOT to expand the resources available for the MAP 21 program that is underway across the state.

*DOAA*

Ms. Mathis reported that Department of Audits and Accountes (DOAA ) is scheduled to be on-site April 15 to conduct validation activities for the performance audit.

*Budget*

Ms. Mathis stated that work is underway on the FY 2020 budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Reichert that there is a vacancy on the Aging Services Committee for Putnam County. Lyn Romine has agreed to serve in this capacity for the remainder of 2019. No action is required by Council.
- The next MGRC meeting will be May 9, 2019, Warren Selby, Middle Georgia Crime Stoppers will be our guest speaker.
- Senior Day Expo – May 30, 2019, at the Miller Murphy Building at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.
- A dedication for eco locomotives at Macon's Brosnan Yard will be April 17, 2019. This is a long standing project of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.

ADJOURN

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