

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
COUNCIL MEETING
ATHENS HOLIDAY INN
NOVEMBER 15, 2012
NOON**

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Council was held on Thursday, November 15th at Noon at the Athens Holiday Inn. Chairman Jim Joiner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Bridges, Robert
Eisenman, Emily
Houston, Lamar
Lyon, Tommy
Palmer, Bill
Finch, Charles
Bicknell, Hunter
Joiner, Jim
Nalls, Billy
Gandy, Roy
Ainslie, Andy
Roseberry, Jerry
Davis, Melvin
Ivie, Charles
Harden, Amrey
Pittard, Billy
Boggs, Ronnie
Johnson, Jesse
Little, Kevin
Roberts, Roy

Members Absent:

Yearwood, Danny
Graham, Ernie
Denson, Nancy
Guest, Larry
Sanders, Bud
Wright, Glenn
Cox, Alan
Thurman, Larry
Dove, Anthony
Blackmon, Jody
Perriman, Fred
Brooks, Stenette
Morgan, Kathy
Turner, Frank
Thompson, Greg
Knight, Harry
Lee, Kay
Lewis, Vince

Associate Members Present:

Ouzts, Buddy
Seymour, Joel

Guests Present:

Matt Bidwell
Pat Graham
Jim Hussey
Marsay Simpson
Barton Lowrey
Spencer Frye
Kathy Papa
Beth Brown

Staff Present:

Jim Dove, Executive Director
Mott Beck, Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, Comptroller
Burke Walker, Director of Planning & Government Services

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Joiner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He welcomed members, guests, and staff. He asked for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Such a motion was made by Commissioner Kevin Little and seconded by Mayor Jerry Roseberry. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Joiner reminded everyone that the meeting would be a condensed version in order to accommodate the Department of Community Affairs video conference pertaining to E-Verify policies and procedures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit & Finance: Committee members met prior to the Council meeting to review the financial statements for the four-month period ending October 31, 2012. A review of the Account balances indicated that the Regional Commission continues to experience a sound financial condition, with cash and near cash assets exceeding total liabilities, excluding the capital lease obligation, by \$712,000. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$3,240, and financial activity for the four-month period was approximately 1/3rd of the FY2013 Budget. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Amrey Harden and seconded by Mr. Billy Nalls. The motion carried unanimously.

Program of Work: The Program of Work Committee met prior to the Council meeting to review the following technical assistance request for the month:

1. **CITIES OF SOCIAL CIRCLE AND GOOD HOPE** – Production of GIS maps and information materials for a Road Share Project. This project partners with Walton Wellness who will provide the \$2,000 NEGRC fee. Additional funding will be provided by NEGRC's Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contract.

Based upon recommendation from the Executive Director, a motion to approve the technical assistance request for the month for inclusion in the FY2013 Program of Work, effective November 15, 2012, was made by Mr. Lamar Houston and seconded by Mr. Joel Seymour. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning & Government Services (PGS): The Committee met prior to the Council meeting to discuss and take action on one item. As reported at last month's meeting, the Regional Rural Transit Plan was completed in July 2012 and made available for public review. After review and discussion, the PGS Committee recommends that the Council adopt the Plan by resolution. The resolution was presented, and a motion for its adoption was made by Commissioner Tommy Lyon and seconded by Mayor Roseberry. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At this time, Executive Director Dove introduced Jesse Johnson whose name was submitted by Oglethorpe County Commission Chairman Billy Pittard to fill the position of Private Sector representative on the Council. There being no objection from Council members, Mr. Johnson will be placed on the roster, effective immediately. He also expressed appreciation to Council members who will not continue to serve on the Council due to leaving office. He also welcomed State Representative-Elect Spencer Frye to the meeting.

Staff from the Governor's Office of Workforce Development was in the office on the week of October 29th to perform an audit of the Workforce Development Division. In the exit interview, they reported there were only minor findings. They also indicated that the Regional Commission's Workforce Development Division was the most organized of all the entities they have audited to this point.

Director Dove invited everyone to attend the video conference at 1:30 p.m. at headquarters regarding the immigration law update. Governor Deal has placed considerable emphasis on this matter and reached out to the Regional Commissions to assist in spreading the word.

The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions held its annual conference at St. Simons on November 7th – 9th. The content of the conference was excellent. Speakers included U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, noted Journalist Maria Saporta, GDOT Planning Director Toby Carr, Ross King and Paul Radford, Mike Beatty, and many others. The Regional Commission was represented by seven Council members and seven staff.

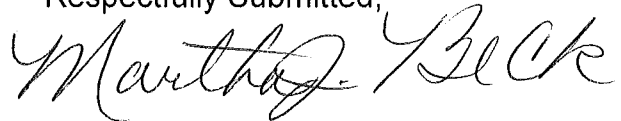
OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meet was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha J. Beck
Executive Assistant