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**RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Marion County Commission Office**  
**February 26, 2019**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**Minutes Summary**

**Members Attending**

(Representing 14 Counties)

A.J. Rivers, Crisp County  
Barry Waters, Ft. Gaines  
Barry Whitley, Butler  
Chip Jones, Stewart  
Damon Hoyte, Chattahoochee  
Danny Blackmon, Quitman  
Doug Etheridge, Harris  
Eddie Daniels, Vienna  
Harry Lange, Harris

James Morton, Chattahoochee  
James R. "Bump" Welch, Marion  
James Davenport, Clay  
Jayson Griffin, Macon  
Jeanie Bartee, Cordele  
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee, RVRC  
Vice Chairman  
Jimmy Babb, City of Lumpkin  
Jimmy Bradley, Randolph  
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart

Knox Blackmar, Talbotton  
Maggie McGruther, Sumter  
Melvin Crimes, Webster  
Mickey George, Macon  
Skip Henderson, Muscogee  
Tameka Harris, Taylor  
Terrell Hudson, Dooly  
Tom Queen, Taylor  
Tony Kennedy, Webster  
Wally Summers, Sumter

**Members Not Attending**

Bruce Hill, Oglethorpe, RVRC Secretary  
Carvel Lewis, Quitman  
Clay Jones, Sumter  
Dr. Carole Rutland, Muscogee  
Dr. Edward Lee, Chattahoochee  
Freeman Montgomery, Talbot  
Greg Barineau, Schley

Greg Dominy, Ellaville  
Julie Brown, Hamilton  
Kevin Brown, Buena Vista  
Matt Gunnels, Marion  
Nelson Brown, Americus  
Pam Jordan, Talbot

Randy Howard, Sumter, RVRC  
Chairman  
Richard McCorkle, Marion  
Sam Farrow, Jr., Crisp  
Steve Whatley, Cuthbert

**Others Present**

Mary Jane Salter, Andrew College  
Kathy Burns, Rep. for Sen. Perdue  
Laura Gower, Rep. for Sen. Loeffler  
Tammye Jones, Rep. for Cong. Bishop  
Cynthia Carter, South Georgia Tech.

Al Harris, South Georgia Tech.  
Shonda Blair, Taylor Co. Dev. Auth.  
Regina McDuffie, Macon  
Mac Moye, Stewart  
Chris Kelly, Rep. for Cong. Bishop  
John Brent, Harris

Steve Sanders, Dooly  
Chief Cobb, Butler  
Carlton Wilson, Ellaville  
Janice Jarvis, Sumter  
Rayetta Volley, Sumter  
Ronald Crozier, Clay

**Staff Members**

Jim Livingston, Executive Director  
Sarah Walls, Assistant Director  
Emily Chambers, Finance Officer

Katie Howard, AAA Director  
Rick Morris, Planning Director  
Gerald Mixon, Planning Director

Janice West, WIOA Director  
Becky Holmes, Office Manager

Chattahoochee | Clay | Crisp | Dooly | Harris | Macon | Marion | Muscogee  
Quitman | Randolph | Schley | Stewart | Sumter | Talbot | Taylor | Webster

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## **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County and RVRC Vice-Chair, brought the regular meeting of the River Valley Regional Council to order at 10:30 a.m. He welcomed council members and visitors. He then gave the invocation and Harry Lange, Harris County, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES\***

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 26, 2020 council meeting which were either mailed or emailed to council members the previous week for their review. The minutes were included in the council packet for review.

There being no changes or additions Jerry “Pops” Barnes, RVRC Vice-Chair, requested a motion to approve the February 26, 2020 council minutes.

Harry Lange, Harris County, made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

## **RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED OLDER GEORGIAN AWARD RECIPIENT**

Kathy Burns, Field Representative of Senator Perdue, presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Senator Perdue honoring Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee County and RVRC Vice-Chairman, as the recipient of the Distinguished Older Georgian Award.

## **RURAL AMERICA SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT**

Mary Jane Salter, Andrew College, gave a presentation explaining the Rural America Smithsonian Exhibit and how it came to be held in the City of Cuthbert. She highlighted the many positive projects that have materialized due to the exhibit. She also had available for everyone the publication “Crossroads: Change in Rural Georgia”.

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING AREA PLAN UPDATE FY2021\***

Katie Howard, Area Agency on Aging Director, presented the Area Agency on Aging Area Plan Update as required by the Department of Aging Service. She included in the council packet the Area Plan Update information which listed goals for FY21.

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, RVRC Vice-Chair, requested a motion to approve the FY2021 Area Agency on Aging Area Plan Update. Terrell Hudson, Dooly County, made a motion to approve the plan as presented; James Morton, Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Katie then updated the council with a presentation explaining the many services that are available through the Area Agency on Aging to area Seniors.

## **Staff Reports**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Emily Chambers, Finance Officer; Sarah Walls, Assistant Executive Director; Rick Morris, Planning Director, and Janice West, WIOA Director; presented staff reports for their departments.

## **ADJOURN**

Wally Summer, Sumter County, made a motion to adjourn; Melvin Crimes, Webster County, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.