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
Danny Hoyte, Chattahoochee
Doug Etheridge, Harris
Eddie Daniels, Vienna
Harry Lange, Harris

James Morton, Chattahoochee
James R. “Bump” Welch, Marion
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, Dooley
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, Dooley
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

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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.